

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 26, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

*Power From Heaven Marches Victorious to
the Ends of the Earth*

Opening Hymn 472, “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
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Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God’s right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING

Psalm of the Day (In Hymnal) Psalm 8A

SECOND READING

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Gospel Acclamation Verse: *Praise God for a living hope: Christ is risen from the dead!*
(Sung – See Pg. 161)

GOSPEL

Hymn of the Day 742, “On Galilee’s High Mountain”

SERMON..... “Jesus’ Ascension Proves His Victory” Acts 1:1-11

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(THURSDAY) – GRADUATION ADDRESS

Hymn 747, “Christ High-Ascended”

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Closing Hymn 474 vv. 1 - 3, “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

SECOND READING: Revelation 19:11-16

St. John sees the ascended Lord as a warrior riding on a white horse fighting against all those who oppose Christ’s gospel and his Church.

I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.

He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ronald Knueppel/Randy Sellnow; next Sunday: Dean Ebert/Mike Pamperin

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY: Today is Fellowship Sunday! All are invited to stay for the refreshments being served immediately following Sunday's worship service. We thank Janet Moldenhauer and the Brian & Cheri Youngbeck Family for hosting today's fellowship hour!

ORGANISTS!! The **June** schedule is hanging on the **SCHOOL** bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

GRADUATION/ASCENSION/RECOGNITION NIGHT: The graduation of St. Matthew's eighth grade class will take (took) place at this evening's (Thursday's) worship service. This year's graduates are: Destiny Giese, Christian Neu, Braxton Reible, Logan Robenhorst, and Lucas Wald.

Immediately following our Graduation/Ascension Day Service, Recognition Night festivities will take place in the gym. All are invited to help celebrate our students' accomplishments over the past year.

(Please note: The service and the sermon from tonight's service will be the same for this Sunday.)

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES: We take this opportunity to congratulate this year's high school graduates and their families: Paige Boeck; Damion (Gundrum) Cherney; Dylan Schroeder; and Mary Zellmer. We pray God blesses them as they enter a new chapter of their lives!

MEMORIAL DAY – AMERICAN LEGION OBSERVANCE: For those of you who may be interested in attending the Mayville American Legion Memorial Day Observance which will be held in St. Matthew's Cemetery on **Monday, May 30, 2022**, it is *tentatively* scheduled to begin at **8:30 AM**. However, please watch your local papers for any changes to this observance as we understand this is always subject to change.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by the 2022 graduating class.

WE THANK the children of St. Matthew's Lutheran School for beautifying our Thursday evening worship service with their song. We also thank the hand chimes choirs for their wonderful musical selections this evening.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

Attendance: Thursday: 16; Sunday: 68

Offerings: \$2,716.40

(Budget Amount Needed Each Week: \$6,661.00)

Special Funds: Altar Offering: \$195.00

OUR WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday: Worship Service (**Fellowship Sunday**)9:00 AM

Monday: **Memorial Day – Legion Observance at
St. Matthew's Cemetery8:30 AM****
(*Check local papers to verify time as it may change!!)

Thursday: Communion Worship Service7:00 PM

Sunday: Communion Worship Service9:00 AM