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May 12, 2024 † Ascension Sunday

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday.

† Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 47 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) †

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Opening Hymn: 493 v. 1-4 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

LSB 493 v. 1-4



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

P Let us pray...

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord...

(LSB 493 v. 5)

***Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Lord Jesus, King of glory, this day we celebrate Your ascension far above the heavens. At God's right hand You rule the nations. As our Intercessor, plead our cause before the throne of God when we come with our prayers and petitions. Do not leave us 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.

C Amen.

First Reading

Ephesians 1:16-23 (EHV)

¹⁶ I never stop giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep praying that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, will give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowing Christ fully. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope to which he has called you, just how rich his glorious inheritance among the saints is, ¹⁹ and just how surpassingly great his power is for us who believe. ²⁰ It is as great as the working of his mighty strength, which God worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion, and above every name that is given, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² God also placed all things under his feet and made him head over everything for the church. ²³ The church is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Second Reading

Luke 24:44-53 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Luke 24:44-53.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that 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."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

G Praise to You, O Christ!

(LSB 493 v. 6)

***O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

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G I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: 491 *Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels* (please stand for last verse)



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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Sermon Text: Acts 1:1-11 (EHV)

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching² until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ 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.

⁴Once, 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."⁵ For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.”

⁹ After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹ 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.”

Sermon Theme: Look Up. Move Forward.

- ✠ Jesus’ Ascension was, no doubt, an amazing sight to behold for the disciples. It left them literally **“looking up”** into the sky in wonder (v. 10-11)

- ✠ In what way(s) does Jesus’ Ascension move us to **“look up”** in wonder at Jesus? (v. 3, 9)

- ✠ How does Jesus’ Ascension give us the strength and courage to **“move forward”** and spread the Gospel? (v. 8)

Offertory

LSB 956



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*
(† ***If you have an offering to give today, please place it in the plate in the church entryway.*** †)

Choir Song: "In Christ Alone"

Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

Lord's Prayer

- ☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Closing Hymn: 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph (please stand for last verse)



1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of
 3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed
 4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -
 5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His
 ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has
 from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -
 in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the
 God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es
 gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,
 on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,
 kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael
 Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals
 He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished
 Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,
 In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -
 Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.
 sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.
 is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.
 li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.
 Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am /Choir practice – 9:30am**
5/12/24 **Worship – 10am**

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Bible Class – 2pm

This Week: Wed. & Friday – **Confirmation Class (Lang) (Mt. View) – 4pm**

Next Sunday: *Pentecost Sunday*
5/19/24 **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Class – 9am**
Worship – 10am
Choir – 11am

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship – 1pm
Bible Class – 2pm

Online Worship Services - <https://www.sslcwest.org/worship.html>

In Your Mailbox – *Daily Rest* Daily Devotions – (May 20th-Sept. 1st)



Blessed Mother's Day! to all the mothers and grandmothers who are with us today. What an irreplaceable blessing Christian mothers and grandmothers (and all Christian women) are! We thank God for the blessings He has given us in you! ***"Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised" (Proverbs 31:30).***

Jerry Dimpel Update – Jerry Dimpel continues to recover from his knee surgery at **Merced Nursing & Rehabilitation Center – 510 26th St. – Merced, CA 95340.**

He expects to be there until at least June. He can be reached on his cell phone: **408-910-2471**, or email: jdimpel035@yahoo.com He sends his greetings to the members of both of our congregations and thanks everyone for their prayers and expressions of care.

Printed Copies of the Prospectus for the 2024 CLC Convention – The *Prospectus* was emailed out to our members on Saturday. There are printed copies available in the entryway. If additional copies are needed please speak with Pastor Luke.

CLC News – Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, *has returned the call* to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, *has accepted the call* to be the upper grade teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

VBS – Registration is Open! July 22nd-26th – Ages 4-13 – Registration can be done online

through our school's website (**ssls.org**). Flyers are also available in the entryway if you know of anyone who would be interested in sending their children to our **VBS**. It will be held **Mon.–Fri., July 22nd–26th from 9am–11:30am**.

The CLC's TVBS program is planning on sending us up to 2 teachers to assist us as well. If you would like to volunteer to help with our VBS please speak with Pastor Luke or one of our SSLS staff.



"**The Branches**" is a Christian women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC. Subscriptions are available for the 2024-2025 subscription year (July through June). The Branches staff prays that, through this publication, we serve:

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CLC World Missions Prayer List – May 2024



...pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified...

2 Thessalonians 3:1

India BELC (South Asia) – The BELC has been actively spreading the Gospel through a video ministry that takes the Jesus Film to predominantly Hindu villages. This program has helped them reach out to thousands of people who worship idols, and share with them the Good News of Jesus Christ. The BELC plans to expand this program in the coming months. They are also preparing for their annual VBS program, which aims to bring the Gospel to thousands of children in several BELC congregations and preaching stations. Thank the Lord for the opportunity to proclaim God's saving word in an area of the world that is increasingly hostile towards Christianity. Praise the Lord for the BELC's zeal and courage to reach out to people and share the truths of Christianity.

India CLCI (South Asia) – Each year, the CLC-India seminary graduates seventeen men from its five-year program. Graduation will be held in June, and these newly ordained pastors will be sent out to start or serve new congregations. Most of these congregations are found in villages where there is no other Christian witness. Thank the Lord for providing these new pastors and their families. Pray for their safety and for the Lord's blessings to provide for everything that is necessary to carry out this all-important work for the salvation of souls.

Kenya (East Africa) – Kenya has recently experienced heavy rainfall, resulting in severe flooding. Numerous residents were forced to leave their homes, and tragically, individuals lost their lives. After several weeks of rain, schools are set to reopen for the upcoming term on May 13. As many navigate this difficult period, pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and thank the Lord for the safety of the two schools supported by CLC Kinship.

Uganda (East Africa) – Missionary Bruce Naumann will be visiting Uganda in May before his return to the U.S. for furlough. While in Uganda, he will be meeting with representatives of a newly formed church body called the Confessional Lutheran Church Uganda Synod. The church body is made up of eight ordained pastors, two vicars, and nine seminary students. They withdrew from the Lutheran Church of Uganda for doctrinal reasons. This will be the first face-to-face visit with these men. Thank the Lord for this opportunity and ask for His blessings on these meetings as they gather to discuss God's word in search of doctrinal unity.

Zambia (Central Africa) – Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from a visit to Zambia, which was long overdue. He was glad to find Pastor Ibrahim had been restored to good health following a scorpion bite that nearly took his life. While in Zambia, Missionary Ohlmann and Pastor Ibrahim conducted training seminars for the pastors and leaders of the Zambia-CLC, with many others in attendance. They also spent time in the capital city of Zambia working on church registration issues. A team of CLC Mission Helpers will visit Zambia in July to assist with child evangelism efforts. Thank the Lord for preserving Pastor Ibrahim's life and restoring him to good health. Pray for our Savior's blessings on the ongoing efforts to register the ZCLC.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Palangyos has started outreach efforts among the large youth population in Baguio City where he and his family live. There are several colleges and a university in Baguio with Filipino youth coming from several different areas to study. His wife Amabel holds a PhD in language and is a professor at the university, which provides an “in” to this Filipino demographic. Outreach also continues in the two rural congregations that Pastor Palangyos serves in the mountains that surround the city. Pray for our Savior’s blessings on the outreach efforts of the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP), both in rural and urban areas.

Myanmar (South Asia) – It has been more than three years since the military overthrew the democratically elected government of Myanmar, resulting in a brutal civil war that has caused immense suffering across the nation. As a result of the conflict, many farmers have been unable to cultivate and harvest crops, leading to a scarcity of food and driving up the prices of basic necessities. Additionally, many members of the CLCM have been forced to flee their homes, seeking safety and shelter for themselves and their families. To assist our brothers and sisters in Christ, the CLC Board of Missions has approved Kinship funding for one year. This funding will be used to provide humanitarian aid to members of the CLCM who have been displaced and are suffering, to ensure they have access to basic necessities such as food, shelter, and medical care. Please continue to pray for the innocent bystanders caught in this conflict, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLCM. Ask that God's will be done as this conflict continues and that peace and justice may prevail.

Pakistan – Pastor Tim Daub continues electronic correspondence and instruction to the members of the recently established Lutheran congregation in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to join Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan. The trip they had planned for this spring has been postponed due to uncertainties within Pakistan following recent elections. They hope a visit later this year will be possible. Pray for the Lord's continued blessings on the teaching and learning of His word. Give thanks to our Savior for granting us this opportunity and the technology to spread the truth of His word in such a manner.

Nepal (South Asia) – Pastor Raju has recovered from the throat and voice issues he was experiencing. A cohort of fifteen new students has been accepted for study at the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI). Classes began on May 10th. Pastor Raju also reports that recently, following the celebration of Easter in one of the villages where the Himalayan CLC of Nepal (HCLCN) has been working for several years, nearly fifty adults, youth, children, and infants were baptized. Give thanks to the Lord for the healing of Raju's vocal cords. Ask for the Lord’s blessings on the new HBI students and their families as they prepare to be faithful preachers and teachers of God’s Word. And praise the Lord for the work of His Holy Spirit in the individuals who had their sins washed away through the water and Word of Holy Baptism. Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done a marvelous thing!

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Pastor Monotosh continues to seek the Lord's blessings in raising funds for constructing a BLCM headquarters, Bible Institute, dormitory, and worship facility on land purchased last year. With a grant from the MDF, they have hired an architect to begin developing plans for construction. Pray for the Lord’s provision of resources needed for this important building project. Ask for the Lord’s continued blessings on the preaching and teaching of His word.

Nigeria (West Africa) – The NCLC has been hoping and planning for the construction of a multipurpose building for the seminary for more than twenty-five years. The proposed building will have two large classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for the faculty. For the past several years, they have been using two small dormitory rooms as classrooms. With an increase in enrollment and in anticipation of an even larger enrolment next year, this building is much needed. They hope to have the necessary funds raised to begin construction in the fall so that the facility can be ready for use by the start of the new school year in January 2025. The CLC Board of Missions has approved an MDF grant to assist with construction costs. Ask the Lord to bless this project and to provide necessary funding through the offerings of NCLC members and MDF offerings of CLC members. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!

Liberia (West Africa) – Pastor Kwiwalazu continues in doctrinal discussion with a group of independent pastors who have separated from the Methodist church of Liberia. He also recently returned from a visit to Guinea, where he is reaching out with the truth of God’s Word. Pray for God’s blessings and provision for the work of spreading the Gospel in Liberia and also for the developing opportunities in Guinea. Ask the Lord to bless the cancer research trial treatments that John Hein is receiving so that he may resume his work in Liberia.

Mexico – Pastor Olvera and his family continue to recover from several health issues and are slowly getting back to regular work and ministry activities. Thank the Lord for healing, and ask for continued strength and recovery for this family. Pray also that the Lord would open doors of opportunity for their planned outreach efforts.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen continues the work of translating Online Theological Studies courses into French for use in training pastors and church leaders in Togo and other French-speaking African countries. He is scheduled to return to the U.S. in June for furlough, vacation, and to attend the CLC convention. Ask for the Lord’s blessings on his travels and continued blessings on the work and pray that the Lord will continue to provide good health and all that is necessary for the spread of the Gospel in Togo.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann will be returning to the U.S. in June for furlough and to attend the CLC Convention. Before he leaves Africa, he will visit Uganda. Paula returned to the U.S. in May. Pray for safe and uneventful travels to and from the U.S. and for good times spent visiting family, friends, and coworkers. You can follow Missionary Naumann’s blog at clc-tz.blogspot.com.

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – Missionary Ohlmann recently returned from a visit to Zambia. He will accompany the Mission Helpers to East Africa in July. Thank the Lord for safe travels and a productive trip to Zambia. Continue to pray for his wife Beth as she cares for her elderly father as he longs for his heavenly home and for her mother, who was recently diagnosed with a rare and incurable form of blood cancer. You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com

Ongoing Opportunities – please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:2

