

Christ Lutheran Church

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Forty days after Easter in the church year (May 21), we observe Jesus' Ascension. The Bible tells us that, after Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world and rose again from the grave, during a period of forty days He appeared to His disciples, giving them many proofs that He was alive and speaking to them about the kingdom of God. Then as His disciples watched, He ascended into heaven (Acts 1:3, 9).

Jesus ascended to the right hand of His Father – a position of authority and power over all things as He rules for the good of His Church (Ephesians 1:20-23). There at His Father's side He intercedes for us – presenting us cleansed of all sin by His blood, and completely covered by His own righteousness (Romans 8:34; 1 John 2:1-2). In His Father's house He is preparing a place for us, with the promise that He will return and take us to be with Him (John 14:2-3).

Jesus' ascension does not mean He has left us. As our exalted God and Brother, He is present everywhere (Ephesians 4:10). Yet at the same time, He is with us very personally as He promised: "*Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:20).

Therefore our ascended God and Savior is also "*our Refuge and Strength, a very present help trouble*" (Psalm 46:1). He who loved us and gave Himself for us, is present with His love and power to care for us. He who intercedes for us at His Father's right hand, is present to guarantee we are well taken care of.

Do we have concerns about the daily needs of life? He who is preparing eternal mansions for us in His Father's house, is also seeing to it that we have every earthly need. Jesus says: "*Therefore do not worry saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What*

shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things" (Matthew 6:31-32).



Do we have fears about physical health and safety? He who will raise our bodies in everlasting heavenly glory, is also caring for our earthly bodies, day by day. Jesus says: "*Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows*" (Matthew 10:29-31).

Are we wearied by all the troubles of life in a sin-fallen world, or burdened by our own sin and guilt? Our ascended Lord invites us: "*Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest... rest for your souls*" (Matthew 11:28-29). Jesus is present for us to give us that rest in His Word and Sacraments – forgiving our sins, giving us peace with God, strengthening our faith for the way.

We are in good hands with our ascended Savior – not only for this life, but for all eternity. He who lived and died for our salvation, He who rose and ascended for our eternal life, will care for us each and every day in this world. And at last, He will take us to that wonderful place He is preparing for us. So we can sing confidently in the hymn:

*On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of mine ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there full well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.*

In His daily loving care,
Pastor Glenn Smith

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <i>Easter 4</i> Radio Program 8:30 am on Radio KAGO 1150 AM Worship – for information & resources visit www.LutheranKF.org	4	5 <i>Happy Anniversary</i> <i>Wally & Adeena Klein</i>	6 <i>Happy Anniversary</i> <i>Neal & Sue Eberlein</i> Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	7 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Christina Bednar</i>	1 8	2 9
10 <i>Easter 5 / Mother's Day</i> Radio Program 8:30 am on Radio KAGO 1150 AM Worship – for information & resources visit www.LutheranKF.org	11	12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Steven Currie</i>	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Bethany Harrington</i> Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	14	15	16
17 <i>Easter 6</i> Radio Program 8:30 am on Radio KAGO 1150 AM Worship – for information & resources visit www.LutheranKF.org <i>Happy Birthday Pat Burks</i>	18 <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Jacob Klein</i>	19	20 Youth Catechism 4:00 PM	21 <i>Ascension</i> <i>of Our Lord</i>	22	23
24 <i>Easter 7</i> Radio Program 8:30 am on Radio KAGO 1150 AM Worship – for information & resources visit www.LutheranKF.org	25 <i>Memorial Day</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 <i>Pentecost</i> Radio Program 8:30 am on Radio KAGO 1150 AM Worship – for information & resources visit www.LutheranKF.org	<p><i>"Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."</i> (Matthew 28:20)</p>					

