



Celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

It was an amazing scene! The eleven disciples gazing into heaven. Jesus just disappeared from their sight. He is ascended and now hidden by a cloud. Then suddenly, an angel appeared and said to the eleven: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?" (Acts 1:11a). They are in awe and wonder. What now? Will they ever see their Lord again?

On Thursday, May 14, we will once again celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. On that 40th day after the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Lord ascends into heaven with His victory wounds. And as the Son of God ascends, the angels notice something different. Yes, He is still the Son of God, but now they see Him differently as also the Son of Man.



Back on the earth, the eleven look up into heaven in awesome wonder. The disciples weren't shouting and blowing trumpets as Jesus ascended, but the hosts of heaven likely were! The angels could see what we on earth must take on faith. Jesus' ascension back to heaven was His coronation, the visible proclamation that He had triumphed over all His enemies, that Satan and his allies, using sin and death as their chief weapons, had no match for David's Lord. Jesus' mission has been a total success! Jesus ascends to sit at the right hand of the Father, which is not a place but an exercise of power.

The Ascension of Our Lord also anticipates our own ascension as Jesus' human nature enters heaven as our forerunner.

Today, Jesus continues to be fully present with us in the preaching of His Word and His Holy Supper, and these means create

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and strengthen faith, whereby we know the joys of God's presence already here!

Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia! Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia!

This year's Ascension of Our Lord Divine Service will be a joint service with Faith Lutheran in La Crosse. The Divine Service is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 14 at Faith Lutheran Church, 1407 Main Street, La Crosse. Vicar Josh Bieri will be preaching with Pastor Peter Adelsen presiding.

In Christ,

Pastor Adelsen

The Story of the Divine Service: The Medieval Times

From the fourth to the tenth centuries, the Western rite grew to include almost everything we know the Divine Service today.

While in the Fourth Century Augustine could comment that the service began simply with the Scripture readings, soon the "entrance rite" included a processional psalm known as the Introit and the Kyrie, and the Gloria in Excelsis had been added. By the end of this period, the Agnus Dei was sung at Communion and the Nicene Creed was confessed before it.

The offertory of the medieval Roman rite turned the Lord's Supper into a sacrifice: "Receive, holy Father, almighty eternal God, this unblemished offering which I, your unworthy servant, offer to you, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offenses, and negligences; for all who stand round, and for all faithful Christians, alive and dead; that it may avail for my salvation and theirs to eternal life" (Prayers of the Eucharist).

In New Testament times, Greek was the Roman Empire's common language. Latin was a local language in Italy. As Rome became the leading Christian city, the Western rite moved out of Greek and into Latin. The Roman Church developed common texts in Latin, such as prayers for each Sunday and festival of the Church Year (Collects and Proper Prefaces). Standard Scripture readings were appointed (the lectionary) as well, and an unaccompanied style of music called plainsong developed that would be universal for a thousand years.

With only minor local variations, the rite of the Divine Service was pretty much the same throughout the West. The combined influence of the pope and the Holy Roman Emperor made this possible.

Of course, not all was rosy! Fixed in ancient Latin, the liturgy was eventually understood only by scholars. The priests hurriedly muttered their parts, while the choir sang most of the canticles and hymns alone. The common people felt cut off from the service. They began to express their piety mostly outside the service in community festivals and guilds.

Because priests were often poorly educated, sermons became rare, and there were theological problems that affected the liturgy. The Lord's Supper came to be viewed as a sacrifice offered by the people to God. Lay people began to receive only the bread (Christ's body), while only the priests took the chalice (Christ's blood). Sometimes the

laity didn't commune at all, but merely adored consecrated bread on a side altar. And because of the new idea of purgatory, priests spent hours offering "private masses" for the sake of the dead. The liturgy was ripe for reform.

Next month, we will consider the Reformation's reform of the liturgy as we continue this series on the story of the Divine Service.



Holy Trinity Sunday (May 31) is also a Fifth Sunday! Weather permitting, the Divine Service will be held outside on the church lawn followed by a church picnic. Please bring your favorite lawn chair, and if you forget, POP will have chairs available. If weather does not permit for us to be outside, we will worship in the friendly confines inside the church building and then follow with our Fifth Sunday potluck indoors. A sign-up for bringing particular foods and drinks will be available in the Narthex in May.

Going away for the weekend?? Want to listen to the sermon again?? Looking for Bible studies?? Interested in volunteering??

check out the website :

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 Worship online at: https://youtube.com/@ws_prince_of_peace/videos

About our Website: While it's a work in progress, we are taking steps to keep our Church Calendar under the "Happenings" tab up to date. Events do more accurately reflect what's happening at Prince of Peace.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Our mission at Prince of Peace is to exist to be a disciple making community for the Lord Jesus Christ. Our message is that we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Easter blessings, dear POP family!

The spring quarter is moving along at a rapid pace! We had one week off between the winter and spring quarters and both students and faculty alike are pretty exhausted.



I've been assuming more duties at my fieldwork church. Recently, I led a catechism class on the Lord's Supper, and I'll be delivering my first sermon there on Sunday, April 19th.



Recently, Faith, Peter and I have been going to the zoo. Peter still loves the train, tractor, and seeing the jellyfish! Prayers are appreciated for Peter who has a mole on his head, which Drs. Said they will continue to monitor.

Pray for Josh that he continues this quarter strong, and for Faith that she continues to adjust to life at SEM.

Personal updates from Josh are printed and posted on the bulletin board in the hallway leading into the Fellowship Hall.

Prince of Peace Building to Celebrate 25 years

On January 20, 2027, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church will celebrate 25 years of receiving God's Means of Grace at 1901 Church Road East!

Prince of Peace was later officially dedicated on February 10, 2002 (Transfiguration Sunday) for the preaching of Christ's saving Word in accordance with the confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

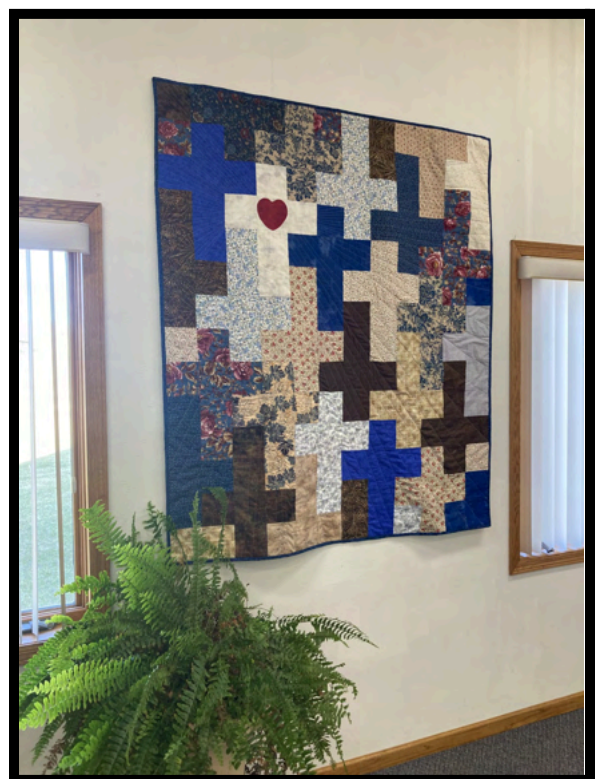


Over these many years, the Prince of Peace – our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – has displayed His love and care to His flock in this place! This is an anniversary certainly worth celebrating!

If you are interested in serving Prince of Peace in the planning for this 25th year celebration, please contact Pastor Adelsen, Kurt Childs, or an elder.

Good Tidings

Campus Clean-Up: On Saturday April 11th, we took some time to literally “pick-up-sticks” getting ready for the mowing season. Then, lunch! Thank you everyone that helped.



Reflection of God's Beauty

Have you noticed? Take a minute and look at our new quilted wall hanging crafted by Leatta Danielson. The beauty of the cross! Where salvation was procured by Christ our Lord! Thank you Leatta!



Sunday Adult Bible Study (10:30 am Sundays)

THE APOCRYPHA - As Lutherans, how should we regard the Apocrypha? You know, those “books not held equal to the Scriptures but useful and good to read,” as Martin Luther says. Oddly enough, and contrary to popular belief, Luther did include the apocryphal books in his German Luther Bible. But Luther did move them to a separate section from where they were previously placed. So, what should we, as Lutherans, think about the Apocryphal Books? Are they really useful to read as Luther says?

THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS The Abrahamic religions monotheistic faiths that recognize a shared spiritual patriarch, Abraham. But how alike are Christianity, Judaism and Islam? What do they really teach about God? This study will begin following the completion of the study on the Apocrypha.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study (9:30 am Wednesdays)

ISAIAH - Like Israel of old, we, too, sometimes look to other “gods” for help in time of need. We obey God’s Law – when it’s convenient and when we’re afraid of getting caught. Our love is halfhearted, and our other sins, many. The Law thunders from Isaiah’s pages as the Prophet reminds us that we can’t fool God. But Isaiah’s message does not end there. We can’t fool God, but we don’t have to! God has had mercy on us. Isaiah brings comfort and hope, especially as he describes the coming Savior.

Men’s Bible Study (5:00 pm, Tues. May 12 and 26) at Features



NAHUM, HABAKKUK, AND ZEPHANIAH - We are beginning a new study on three minor prophets: Nahum, Habakkuk and Zephania. We will begin with the Book of Nahum.

The people of Assyria were notorious for their brutality, and they believed that their kingdom would last forever. God’s Word through Nahum brought comfort to the people of Judah, who lived in fear of the Assyrians. Those who feared this cruel nation needed to do so no longer for the Lord would protect and deliver His people

Women’s Bible Study PROMISED HOPE, Saturdays Online, (9:00 am)



Come find “Promised Hope”. Participants will discover what eight different names and characteristics of God say about who He is and the hope He promises. See Debbie Dunnum or Carrie Horstman about how to join online.



**Chuck Jeffers
Gallagher**



Sam Lenser



Khristine

On Sunday, April 19, Khristine Gallagher and Chuck Jeffers publicly professed their faith upon completion of the new member class. Also, (not pictured) on April 19, Sarah and Elska Sheffer were received into membership via transfer. Then during the Monday, April 20, Divine Service, Sam Lenser was received into membership via transfer.



The Prince of Peace Chapter of LWML will meet next on Saturday, May 9th at 9:00am at Prince of Peace.

"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:1–3).

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we seek our Lord in His Word, we come to Him with our prayers, and, in knowing Him, we serve Him with gladness by loving our neighbor and proclaiming the Good News of salvation in Jesus.

Stay tuned for publication of future events!

LIFE NEWS—MAY 2026



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Life Newsbytes

A Texas County Just Became 22nd in the Nation to Ban Abortions – On April 13, the Commissioners’ Court of Lynn County, Texas (pop. 5,596), considered an ordinance “Outlawing Abortion within the Unincorporated Area of Lynn County, Declaring Lynn County a Sanctuary County for the Unborn.” After a presentation from Right to Life across Texas, the measure was adopted in a unanimous 5-0 vote by County Judge Mike Braddock, Matt Woodley, John Hawthorne, Tate Gass, and Larry Durham. In adopting the measure, Lynn County became the 22nd county in the nation and the 20th county in Texas to pass a Sanctuary County for the Unborn Ordinance. Lynn County follows the Texas counties of Mitchell, Goliad, Cochran, Lubbock, Dawson, Jack, Shackelford, Camp, Shelby, Hopkins, Dickens, Howard, Motley, Crosby, Borden, Hall, Hood, King, and Sterling. Lynn County is the 6th county and the 10th political subdivision to pass such a measure in 2026 ... In addition to providing protections for pregnant mothers and their unborn children, the ordinance also educates members of the community on the Thriving Texas Families Program and the resources that can be obtained through centers listed on the Texas Pregnancy Care Network website (texaspregnancy.org). (Read more: lifeneews.com/2026/04/17/this-texas-county-just-became-22nd-in-the-nation-to-ban-abortions)

Speaking up For Life

“By the washing of water, John made God’s divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College*

“As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life*

“Live abundantly, friends, graduates, loved ones, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Know who you are and to whom you belong.” *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope*

“We rightly honor our dead who are near to us in time, realizing this is but a passing phase of memory, that in another already-determined Time, all the graves shall be opened, and all shall rise to meet the Judge of the Living and the Dead, whose Kingdom shall have no end. Memory eternal.” *James M. Kushiner, Fellowship of St. James*

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes



June Dairy Days Parade

The Evangelism Committee plans to participate in the **2026 June Dairy Days Parade**. The parade will take place starting at **noon downtown West Salem, WI on June 6th**. If you are interested in walking with the parade group this year, please let Sharie Brunk know so you can receive parade line-up details.



Altar flowers Sign-up

If you would like to provide altar flowers, (no flowers during Lent), for a Divine Service, there is a sign-up poster on the bulletin board. Flowers can be in honor of someone, in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of a birthday, anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Fresh flowers only please. You may bring in your own purchased florist bouquet or cut flowers of your own in vases. If you leave a note in the church office, your dedication can be printed in the worship bulletin.

Prayer Chain

Did you know that Prince of Peace has an email prayer chain? If you have a prayer request or want to be on the prayer chain to pray for others, please email Bill Stichman. We rejoice always, pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances. wstichman@charter.net



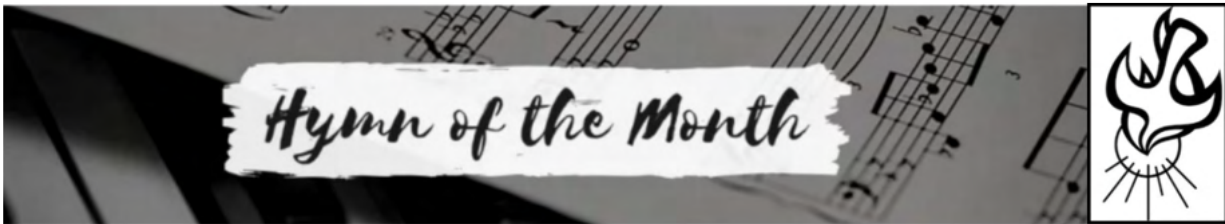
Celebrating Birthdays this Month/May

(for more information see the bulletin board in the building)

Dan M.	Amelia H.	<u>Anniversaries</u>	
Daymen S.	Joe S.	Tim & Heidi Tabat	16th
Beth R.	Larry K.	Joe & Brooklynn Scholze	21st
Kurt C.	Keith N.	Sam & Tracey Greydanus	30th
Lucas H.	Carrie H.		
Heidi T.	Lori P.		
Jose' S.	Jason M.		
Frank F.			

Serving Our Lord and One Another May						
	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31	June 7
Song Leader	Holly Ford	Leatta Daneilson	Brooklynn Scholze	Sara Kolander	Holly Ford	Leatta Daneilson
Ushers	Barb Hinds Chris Leis	Russ & Sharie Brunk	Mike & Carolyn Dosland	Dan & Kari Moen	Randy & DeAnne Otto	Roger & Ginny Emmons
Money Counters	Elaine Schmidt Deb Dunnum	Barb Hinds Ona Childs	Chris Leis Lori Peters	Barb Alsobrooks Elaine Schmidt	Barb Hinds Deb Dunnum	Ona Childs Lori Peters
Acolyte	Bella G.	Caleb K.	Elska S.	Bella G.	Caleb K.	Elska S.
Altar Guild	Barb Hinds, Carolyn Dosland					

Hymn of the Month – Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (LSB 497)



Pentecost is a day where all eyes are focused on the work of the Holy Spirit and on the bestowing of the Spirit upon the followers of Christ Jesus.

The hymn “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” was originally a Latin chant from

the 11th century used at the Vespers of the Vigil of Pentecost. Martin Luther was familiar with a German version of it and was so moved by its content and tune that he remarked that the hymn must have been written by the Holy Spirit Himself. Luther added two stanzas to one of the chants, the total of which made for a core hymn of the Reformation.

As part of his Reformation work, Luther wrote the Small Catechism to assist in the Christian education of children through the family itself. According to the meaning given in the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Luther states: “I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him.”

Yet, Luther continues: “But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts (gifts: Word and Sacrament), sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.”

As God and Lord, the Holy Spirit has authority and power. He gives us the power to believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior through Word and Sacrament. As you sing this hymn on the Day of Pentecost (May 24) we proclaim that the Holy Spirit, who is both God and Lord, is working on us through the Means of Grace as He sanctifies us in the one true Christian faith.

497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord

*I Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord, With all Your graces
now outpoured On each believer’s mind and heart; Your
fervent love to them impart. Lord, by the brightness of Your
light In holy faith Your Church unite; From ev’ry land and
ev’ry tongue This to Your praise, O Lord, our God, be sung:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>26</p> <p>9am - Divine Service 10:30am - Bible Study 11:45am - Catechesis</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7pm - Divine Service</p>	<p>28</p> <p>5pm - @Features Men's</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30am - Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9am - POP LWML</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9am - Divine Service 10:30am - Bible Study 11:30am - Elders 12pm - Catechesis</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7pm - Divine Service</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30am - Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am - onlineWomen's</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9am - Divine Service 9am - Rose Sale 10:30am - Bible Study 11:30am - Church Council 12pm - Catechesis</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm - Divine Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5pm - @Features Men's</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am - Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7pm - offsite:</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am - onlineWomen's</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9am - Divine Service 10:30am - Bible Study 11:30am - last Catechesis</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3pm - offsite: SWD Sprng Pastors' Conference</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am - NOTE: No Bible</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9am - onlineWomen's</p>
<p>24</p> <p>8:45am - PENTECOST 9am - Divine Service 10:30am - Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7am - MEMORIAL DAY 7pm - Divine Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>5pm - @Features Men's</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am - Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am - onlineWomen's</p>
<p>31</p> <p>9am - Outdoor Divine 10:30am - Picnic</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm - Divine Service</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am - Bible Study</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am - onlineWomen's 12pm - offsite: June</p>