

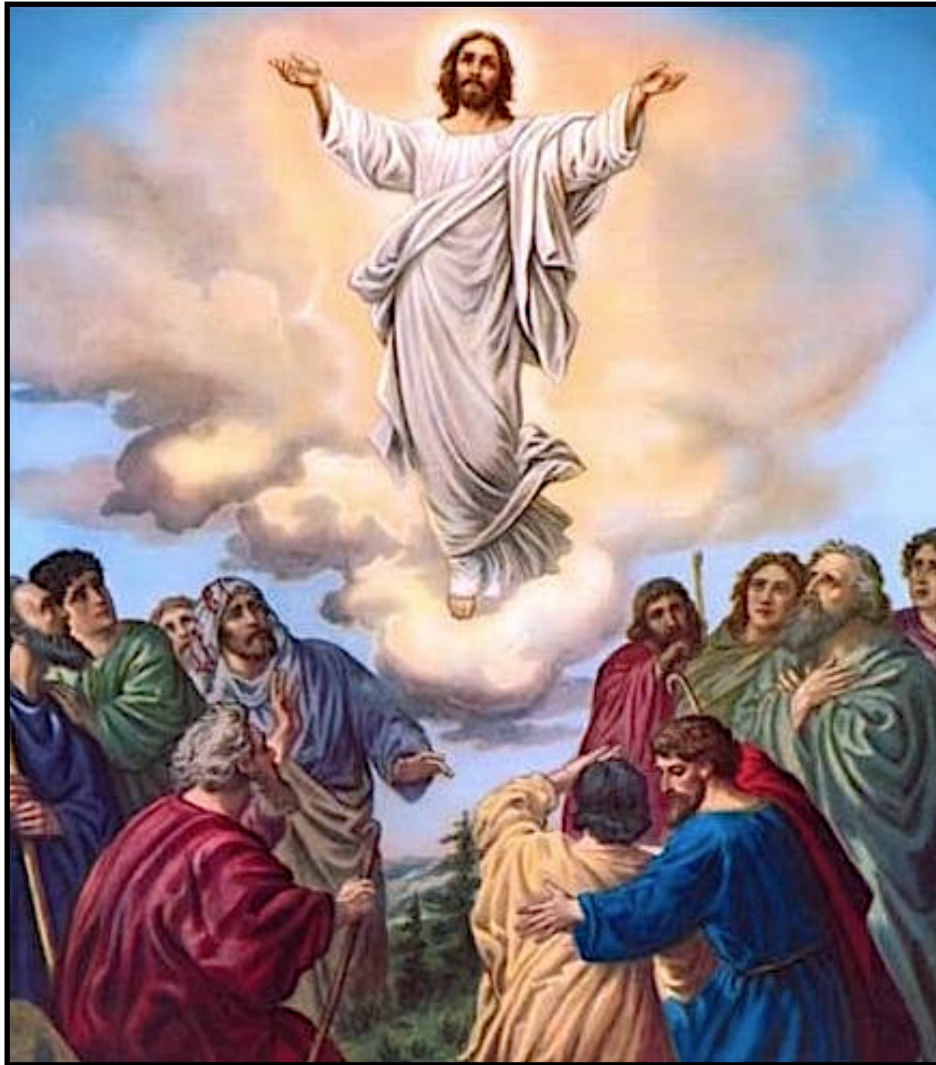
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and was carried up into heaven.*

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6th Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024

Order of Worship Service of the Word & Sacrament

Find today's order of service printed on the liturgy insert tucked inside the front cover of the maroon *Lutheran Service Book* (in the hymnal rack). Large print copies of the order of worship and worship bulletin are on the shelf under the tract rack or speak to an usher who will be happy to share them with you. A warm welcome in Christ to all worshippers!

Serving Us Today

Organist Lisa Sprengeler
Ushers Ed Chiappetti, Bob Rankin

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 110 (pew bible, p.541)
- ◆ The Hymns: 493, 701, 494 (1-4), 494 (5)
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Ephesians 1:16-23, Luke 24:44-53
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 47
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (last page of liturgy insert)

Sermon Text – Acts 1:1-11

"Remember with Joy the Ascension of Your Lord!"

1. His sitting at God's right hand, ruling for your *temporal* good.
2. His promise of return, for your *eternal* blessing.

- ◆ Prayer & the Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Communion Liturgy (liturgy insert, pp.17-21)
- ◆ Benediction & Closing Hymn (494, stanzas 5)

Today's Scriptures

First Lesson – Ephesians 1:16-23

*God Made Christ to Be the Head Over
All Things for the Good of the Church*

16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he 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 and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. 22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Easter Acclamation

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P God ascends to his throne.

C **There are shouts of joy and the blast of trumpets as the Lord goes up.**

P The Lord is risen indeed!

C **This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.**

P By this we know that we abide in God and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

C **And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.**

P "Behold, I am coming soon," says the Lord.

C **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

P Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

C **"Surely I am coming soon," says the Lord.**

P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

C **He has given us of his Spirit.**

Second Lesson – Luke 24:44-53

Luke's Account of the Ascension

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” 50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon Text – Acts 1:1-11

He Will Return the Same Way He Left

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “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 had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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To our guests seeking an altar at which to commune

We believe the Lord's Supper is an expression of outward unity in the faith as well as inner union with Christ. For this reason we practice "Fellowship Communion" (we ask only those who are communicant members of our fellowship to come forward to receive the Sacrament). We follow this practice in loving obedience to the Scriptures, not in judgment of anyone's faith, sincerity, or standing before God. If you would like more information or are interested in becoming a St. Paul member, please speak to the pastor. Thank you.

This Week at St. Paul

Today (5/5)	9:30 am	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class
Wed	6:00 pm	Elders Meeting (parsonage)
Sun (5/12)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Sunday School & Bible Class

Events Upcoming

- Class Day / Spring Concert at Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI: Friday, May 17.
- Graduation Ceremony at Immanuel: Saturday, May 18. John Sprengeler is scheduled to graduate as a high school senior.
- West-Central Delegate Conference: May 21-23 (hosted by Grace Lutheran Church, Valentine, NE). Fred Brethauer, Don Claeys, and Pastor Schuetze will represent St. Paul at this conference.
- CLC Youth Camp: June 9-15 (on the campus of ILC, Eau Claire)
- 36th CLC Delegates Convention: June 20-23 (at ILC, Eau Claire).
Representing St. Paul at the Convention: Derek Barthels, Wayne Ruegge, Pastor Schuetze

Travel Alert: Sunday, May 19 (two weeks from today), is the date for the 2024 Colfax Marathon. Please take note, as you may need to leave for church earlier than usual due to road closures. Directions for avoiding the road closures will be shared via email to our membership a few days out from the race.

Synod News & Notes

- **Retirement Gift:** "Professor Mark Kranz has announced his retirement effective at the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/ Graduation festivities on May 17-18. Our custom is to present a monetary gift as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to this gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 18). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Kranz Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701." (from ILC Board of Regents Chairman, John Hein)
- **Installation:** "Pastor Nathanael Mayhew will be installed at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, on the weekend of May 25-26, 2024. All of the pastors and congregations of the CLC are invited to join us for this special service on Saturday, May 25th, which will be moved from its usual time to 4:00 p.m. to allow for a potluck meal to follow. Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI will be preaching. We also plan on repeating the installation service at our normally scheduled Sunday service on May 26 at 10:00 am for anyone unable to attend on Saturday. May God bless Pastor Mayhew and his family as they prepare to move and begin their work in this corner of Christ's Kingdom!" (from Pastor Joseph Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Church)
- **Call News:** Mrs. Laura Wales, member of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, accepted the call to be part-time Kindergarten teacher in their Christian Day School.
- **Retirements:** Ann Sprengeler, teacher at Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI, is retiring from the teaching ministry after 35 years of faithful service. <> Dan Barthels, teacher at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Saginaw, MI, is retiring after 44 years of service. <> Quinn Sprengeler, teacher at Redeemer Lutheran School, Lynnwood, WA, is retiring from the teaching ministry at the end of this school year.

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

May 6-11

Mon John 14:13-17 Even before His crucifixion, Jesus promises to send another Counselor who will be their strength and stay in the day of opposition. He will bring to mind the words of their Counselor Jesus.

Tues John 14:18-21 Not only the Spirit of truth and the words of Christ will be given to His disciples, but He Himself will also come to them. Their relationship to Him and to the Father will be one of love!

Wed Revelation 3:14-22 The church of Laodicea was in a wealthy area, not unlike America in the modern world. It was not hard, therefore, for them to forget their unseen spiritual riches in Christ. Earnestly He calls them to repent and enjoy true wealth with Him.

Thurs Isaiah 54:7-13 The Lord's anger over His people's sin was short-lived compared to the everlasting mercy toward them (v7-9). As great as the Lord's anger over sin is, much greater is the love He lavishes on mankind, bringing greater peace and prosperity than we could ever imagine (v10-13)!

Fri Hebrews 8:1-2 The glory of our great High Priest is shown in His position by the right hand of the throne of heaven. He is our unseen High Priest, for He serves us in heaven's sanctuary, not one built by people.

Sat 2 Peter 1:2-4 The great and precious promises that God has given us in Jesus are so glorious because they not only speak of grace and peace but also give us the same, by which we escape from the corruption in the world.