



St. John's Lutheran Church  
New Berlin, IL

*A member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod*

† The Ascension of Our Lord (observed) † May 21, 2023 †



Welcome in the name of Jesus!

*We're so glad to have you join us in worship of our Lord! If you are a guest with us today, please stop by the registration book at the back of church.*

**Policy Regarding the Lord's Supper**

*When our Family of Faith celebrates the Lord's Supper, we believe Jesus Christ gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins. Our Lord invites to His table the baptized who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm. Any who are not yet instructed or are from a denomination that is not in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS are asked to please refrain from communing today.*

In the Lord's service today:

*Rev. Martin Kaufmann, vacancy pastor  
Edith Clary, organist  
Jacob Olsson, elder*

308 E. Gibson St. † New Berlin, IL  
Sunday School and Bible Study 10:00 AM † Divine Worship 11:00 AM

# Confession and Absolution

## Opening Hymn

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

LSB 493



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!

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!

△ 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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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

*Psalm 130:3-4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Luke 18:13*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

**until I make your enemies your footstool."**

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

**"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

The Lord is at your right hand;

**he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

God has gone up with a shout,

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**



## Kyrie

LSB 204

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



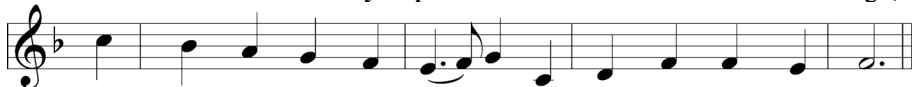
**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*John 20:31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] 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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

LSB 206

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all  
worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of  
the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again  
according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to  
judge both the living and the dead,  
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son,  
Who with the Father and the Son  
together is worshiped and glorified,  
Who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the  
dead  
and the life † of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

*On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

LSB 492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604-40; fr. William M. Czamanske, 1873-1964, alt.  
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Sermon

He's Still With Us (Luke 24:44-53)

Rev. Martin Kaufmann

Prayers of the Church

2 Timothy 2:1-4

- P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** Hear our prayer.

Special Prayer for Graduates

### Junior High:

Skyлар Meats, Trinity Lutheran School. Entering Lutheran High School.

### High School:

Madison Bandelow, New Berlin High School. Entering Lincoln Land to study agri-business.

Autumn Bodine, Lutheran High School. Entering Lincoln Land for general studies.

Tate Ryan, Rochester High School. Entering Illinois School for the Visually Impaired.

### College:

Caitlyn Braker, St. John's College of Nursing, BSN.

Jared Miller, grandson of Jim and Bonita Bond, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN, Mechanical Engineering.

Offering

# Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*2 Colossians 3:1*

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 136*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 208*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!





## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## $\text{✠}$ Pax Domini

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

*John 20:19*

- C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 210*

*John 1:29*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

# Distribution Hymns

## Draw Us to Thee

LSB 701



1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -  
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the  
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly  
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art  
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should  
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and  
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.  
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.  
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
 Tune: As hymnodus sacer, 1625, Leipzig  
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## Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;  
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,  
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race  
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.  
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.  
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.  
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;  
 Ripe the promise of its yield.  
 But the reapers, oh, how few  
 For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
 Rouse to action heart and mind;  
 Let the gath'ring nations all  
 See Your light and heed Your call.

Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier, 1774-1841; tr. composite  
 Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, 1704, Halle, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen, alt.  
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**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

**C** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# Closing Hymn

## O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

LSB 553



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -  
 2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The  
 4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To



a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the  
 bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in  
 ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the  
 purge us of our pride That we may stand be -



fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:  
 cru - el death To make us clean with - in.  
 Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.  
 fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,  
 Our future great reward;  
 Our only glory, may it be  
 To glory in the Lord!

△ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;  
 All glory ever be  
 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
 Through all eternity!

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# Church News

## **PRAYER LIST**

Jimmy Davenport, recovering from a stroke.

Andy Davenport, at home as he recovers from a stroke.

Landen Lipka, classmate of Tate Ryan, as she undergoes treatment for Hodgkins lymphoma.

Regina McKernan and her son, Scott, for continued healing of their medical issues.

Alissa Mercier, past teacher at STJNB and now at OS, as she goes through treatments for breast cancer.

Ron Krohse, for heart-related health issues.

To add a prayer request, please contact Rachael Davenport or Pastor Kaufmann.

## **GARAGE DEDICATION**

The parsonage garage will be dedicated immediately following today's worship service.

## **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Mark your calendars for the Ordination and Installation Service for Pastor Moore on Sunday, June 11 at 4:00 PM. The congregation is invited to attend the service and the fellowship meal honoring Pastor Moore and his family following the service. For an accurate count, please RSVP the number of those attending from your family either on the sheet posted in the narthex or by calling Allicent Smith at 217-341-1757 by June 5.

## **BANNER COMMITTEE: EXTRA BANNER DATES**

There will be an extra banner work day on May 26 from 9:30 to noon.

## **VBS**

VBS is coming in July! Spin the spinner, beat the clock, skip ahead, level up, and play to win! You'll need to bring your A-game for this VBS. Through the life of Peter, we will learn that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. "Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long". Psalm 25:4-5 ESV

## **MARY-MARTHA NEWS**

Mary-Martha ladies will be meeting June 1 at 6:30 PM. Hostess is Carolyn Dalton. The program is polishing silverware. Roll Call asks, "What is your favorite Mite Grant?" Devotions will be led by Denise. Mite boxes will be collected. Items for Loami Food Pantry will be gathered. Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us as... "we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have..."

## **LITTLE DRESSES SEW-IN**

The next **Little Dresses Sew In** is scheduled for Saturday, June 10. We will gather at 9:30 until noon. Bring your lunch for the fellowship lunch. Don't miss the fun and opportunity to create a message of God's Love. If you have any questions, please contact Christina Lions at 715-401-2241 (call or text).

## **POSITIVE YARDS EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**

Positive Yards, an Eagle Scout project, is holding a fundraising event from May 15th through May 29th. Fleece fabric in 1 1/2 yard lengths (54" x 58") can be dropped off at the West Sangamon Public Library in New Berlin (Leave in book drop outside of business hours). Monetary donations to the Michael Pecoraro Positive Yards Project are being accepted at Heartland Credit Union. People interested in helping make the blankets should follow Positive\_Yards on Instagram for opportunities to volunteer during the blanket making event in June.

## **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

In today's Bible lesson, students studied the amazing account of "An Enemy Converts." On the road to Damascus, Saul encounters the risen Lord, who converts him from a persecutor of the Church to its greatest missionary—Paul. God sends Ananias to lay hands upon the temporarily blinded Saul, baptizing him in the name of the living God. Despite the disciples' distrust of Saul's motives, Barnabas speaks boldly on Saul's behalf. Discuss, For discussion at home this week: "*God was at work in Saul who became Paul, one of the greatest missionaries of all time. How is God at work in your life?*"

**LWML MISSION GRANT: ST. PAUL HMONG  
OUTREACH MINISTRIES--\$70,208**

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Merced, California is reaching out with the Gospel message to touch the lives of Hmong refugees living in their community. A Hmong Language School instructs children and young adults to speak and read in their native language using Biblical materials written in Hmong. Other LCMS congregations, in communities with large Hmong populations, are looking to the ministry in Merced as a guide for Hmong outreach ministry.

**PRESCHOOL POSITION**

Immanuel Lutheran Church & Preschool in Springfield, Illinois is hiring. Immanuel is a DCFS licensed Day Care Center (preschool). They are currently accepting applications for the following position: Full-Time Preschool Teacher/Assistant Director for Three to Five-Year Old Students. Start date to be determined. Pay would be determined based on experience and degree level. This position includes a benefit package. If you are interested, please send your resume and a letter of recommendation to Immanuel's Chairman of Christian Education, Debbie Negangard, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2750 E. Sangamon Avenue, Springfield, IL 62702, or at debbienegangard@gmail.com no later than June 1. If you have any questions about this position, you can call Immanuel at (217) 528-5232 or Debbie Negangard at (217) 836-5360.

**A DOLLAR FOR MISSIONS**

The dollars you contribute to a Dollar for Missions are presently going to assist with the purchase of a 12-passenger van at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, which serves students, faculty, and staff at the University of Illinois and Park land College. Project cost: \$35,000.

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements should be sent to Rachael Davenport by noon on Thursdays. Contact Rachael at [socialmedia@stjnb.org](mailto:socialmedia@stjnb.org) or (217) 883-8558 (call/text).

**CAMP CILCA HOG ROAST**

The Camp CILCA Hog Roast is back! On Sunday May 28 from 11:30-2:30 enjoy delicious pulled pork sandwiches, sides, drinks, and desserts. Adults are \$10 and kids ages 4-12 are \$8. Want to make a weekend out of it? Bring your tent or rent a cabin and join the Great CID Campout Friday evening through Monday with swimming, activities, campfire devotions, and lots of fellowship. Check out [cilca.org/hog-roast](http://cilca.org/hog-roast) or call the camp office at 217-487-7497 for more details.

**CAMP CILCA NEEDS DESSERTS!**

Camp CILCA would like your help as we prepare for our upcoming Hog Roast Fundraiser. We are currently looking for any churches or church groups who would like to help provide desserts for the meal. Any interested parties can contact us via email at [board@cilca.org](mailto:board@cilca.org) or by phone at 847.553.8296 to let us know how many portions they plan to donate.

**KFUO**

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study Revelation 4-7 on Sharper Iron's "Come Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8:00 AM CT), study 1 Samuel 17-21 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 AM CT), and hear how our Lutheran theology is for the instruction and consolation of a disturbed conscience on Concord Matters (5/27 at 10:00 AM CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS**

Pastor's office hours are now by appointment.  
Pastor Kaufmann: (217) 503-7865  
Elders--Jim Whalen: (217) 675-2478; Jacob Olsson: (217) 638-5209; Bob Dalton: (217) 341-9687.



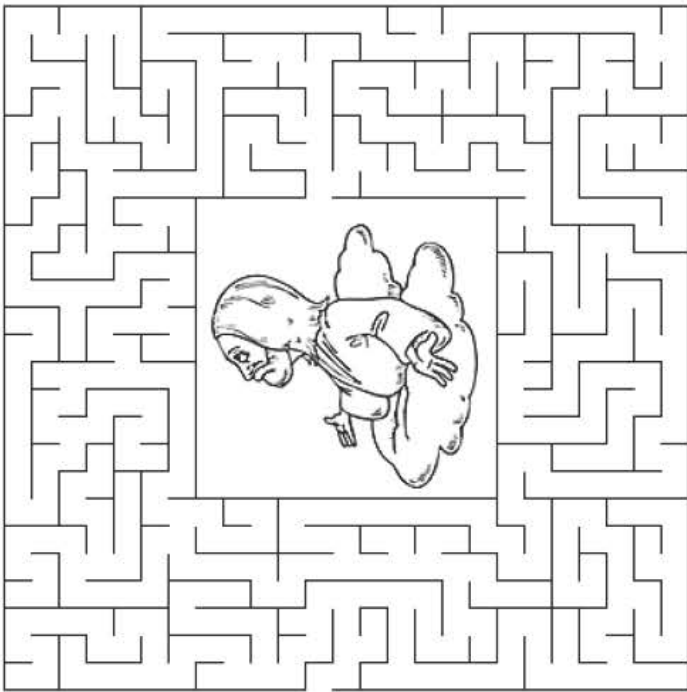
# The Ascension

Luke 24:44-53

## Word Search Puzzle

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# CENTRAL ILLINOIS D I S T R I C T

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## News You Can Use

May 2023 mid-month

"My dad is stronger than your dad!" 12 year old Thomas said to his friends. An argument ensued regarding whose dad was strongest, richest, smartest, etc. Then the children began bragging about the important people their fathers knew. "My dad knows the mayor," one boy bragged. Another chimed in, "My dad knows a U.S. senator!" A third boy said, "My dad knows the governor!" Thomas didn't think his dad knew any important people. He didn't know what to say. Then he remembered that his dad would bring his mom and his two sisters to church every Sunday. His dad would often help with the worship service and sometimes remained afterwards to speak with the pastor. Thomas blurted out proudly, "My dad knows God!" The other boys were silent.

Many people claim to know about God. But not nearly as many truly know God. To know about God means little. James 2:19 tells us that the devil knows that much! To know God is to know him as our Father and creator, and to rejoice that he knows us. To know God is to praise and honor him with our words and our actions. It is to believe what he says in the Bible, to frequently speak to Him in prayer, and to trust that through Jesus we are saved from sin and death. Those who know God tell others about him. We do not brag about knowing God. Rather, we boast about all the wonderful things he has done and continues to do for us. This Father's Day, may we boast in the Lord and celebrate that we have a Father who loves us always and forever.

Rev. Jeff Harter

### Items of Interest to Share

**Dollar for Missions projects:** Your congregation is invited to propose a project for Dollar for Missions funding in 2024! The deadline for applications is September 1, 2023. Projects will be funded in the following order of priority: 1.) new church starts; 2.) mission-focused augmentations to existing ministries; and 3.) established CID missions. For more, see the Guidelines and Resources document available at <http://www.cidclcms.org/outreach-missions-commission.html> or contact Ken Schurb at the District office.

### CID Bible Bowl Results.

Congratulations to Mt. Calvary (Galesburg) Team A for their first place first in the CID 2023 District Bible Bowl. The team members were Nikki C., Ezra S., and Seeley K. Second place was the Mt. Calvary B team, and Good Shepherd -

Sherman was third place. Please plan on having a team next year; the theme will be released later.

### Small Church Summit

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Concordia Lutheran Church (NEW LOCATION)

2300 E. Wilshire Rd -Springfield, IL

10:00 am-2:30 pm (ice Cream social after the event)

Please Register by May 26<sup>th</sup>.

Small Church Summit provides churches of any size a free opportunity to gather with folks from other small CID and SID churches, to share encouragement and plans, learn together, and hone in on priorities for your church.

The featured presenter will be Pastor Todd Kolibaum, Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission. He will talk about *resources and cooperation*:

- Helps for small churches
- Ways for various congregations to work together

Trip Rodgers of CID staff will speak briefly concerning the Synod's national contract with Ministry Safe, a firm that provides churches with background checks and other tools for the safety of children. Your congregation can get involved with Ministry Safe this year at no cost! Please register by May 26<sup>th</sup> at <https://forms.gle/FPzJpC72NHQZqME8>

### New Dollar for Missions Project: Unilu Van

A 12-passenger van for University Lutheran Church, Champaign is the current Dollar for Missions project. CID President Michael Mohr has announced that DFM funds received so far and those being received for some time to come will go to this congregation for support of a van purchase.

This project is the next on a list approved by the CID Board of Directors last January. The previous projects turned out to be non-starters when vicars were not assigned to Immanuel, Springfield or for Spanish language work in Beardstown. Placement of pastoral candidates and 2023-2024 vicars occurred at the two LCMS seminars in late April.

University Lutheran (affectionately called "Unilu") envisions using a van in two main ways: shuttling students to Sunday services and providing transportation for activities, retreats, and service projects throughout the year.

As of the end of April, a total of \$9,483.19 in DFM money has been received at CID office. When this total reaches \$35,000, the van project will be funded. Then President Mohr will announce that DFM money from that point on will support the next project, for Prison Ministry.

Visit our website for additional information (<http://www.cidclcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>) or visit the "Ministry" Tab on the website for current Dollar For Mission project information.