

Emmanuel Ev. Lutheran Church

Sunday Divine Service is at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class begin at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service is at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

Thursday Morning Bible Class is at 9:15 a.m. in Memorial Hall.



“And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17

(Bible reference inscribed on our church cornerstone, circa 1916)



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Emmanuel News

DOES IT MATTER?

When we look at all the church celebrations during the year, like Ascension Day... which we celebrated last month, we may ask ourselves... Is that important? Does it matter and help me in my day-to-day life? Because, honestly, we do have daily issues that demand our attention. So, really, how important is a pie-in-the-sky ascension of Jesus into heaven? What I mean is, how important is this Ascension fact... When you have problems at work or with workers? When your health or someone else's health is failing? When the pain of day-to-day living seems to be taking its toll and life is not fun anymore?

Really, how much does this celebration of Jesus' ascension mean for all of that? Well, when you look closely, you can begin to understand what Jesus Himself has done for your daily life. Especially if you understand that in your Baptism, you are connected to Jesus' death and resurrection. In other words, you are now part of the Body (the Church) and He is your Head. Wherever the Head goes, so does the Body. So, if your Head, Jesus Christ, has lived and died through all the things mentioned earlier, so do you... His Body.

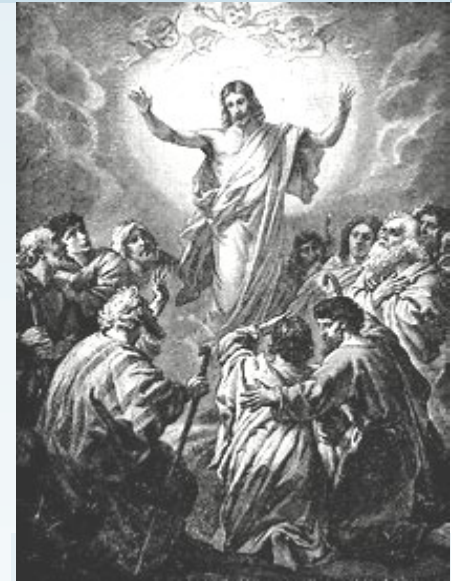
Think about this... If Jesus has risen from the dead, and He has, so will you. If Jesus ascends into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, so will you. You see, it all matters! The ascension of Christ to the throne of God is a day to celebrate! Therefore, look... see... understand and know... remember Jesus' Ascension Day, for it is relevant and important to you.

Jesus suffered, was crucified, and died for your sins, and on the third day rose from the dead. He walked on the earth for 40 days; "Then Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany," to the Mount of Olives, "and lifting up His hands, He blessed them and was carried up into heaven." THIS is what we celebrate: the Son of Man is now ascended into heaven. Jesus will always be your Savior and your God both in flesh and in Divinity. But He has also lifted up you so that you once again have a perfect fellowship with God.

Jesus is the man the Father intended man to be, and yet He is the only begotten Son from all eternity. Jesus' ascension into heaven does not mean He is stuck up there not being able to be present with you in your life. Just because your senses cannot perceive Him does not mean He is not present. You know He is with you, and to assist your feeble faith. He provides something tangible to grasp and hold, such as bread and wine, to go with the promise of His Word. He is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. We call it a REAL PRESENCE. It is like the air we breathe or the radio, cell phone, and TV waves around us... Just because you cannot see them doesn't mean that they are not real and truly present.

So, Jesus is truly present with you as He has promised when you gather in His name. He did not leave you or me to run things in the Church as we see fit. That would be decapitating the Church, the body of Christ, of its Head, Jesus Christ. Always remember, He is especially with you in church where His Word is preached, and His Sacraments administered. In Luke 24:50, Jesus spreads His hands over the disciples blessing them and slowly, majestically, and mightily rises heavenward from earth into heaven. Jesus is in heaven with the same body that died on the cross and that was laid in the grave. But He is not confined to heaven. He is at the same time wherever He has promised to be according to both His human and His divine natures.

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Highlights

- Appreciation Dinner for Pastor Scheblein on June 20, 2021, after the Divine Service.
- Ordination/Installation Service of Pastor-Elect Marks on June 27, 2021, at 4 p.m.
- Reception/Dinner for Pastor Marks after the Service.

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday Morning Bible Class will resume after Pastor Marks has been installed.

Sunday School

NO Sunday School will be held in June.

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Worship Attendance

Week of 4/25 46
Week of 5/02 49
Week of 5/09 43
Week of 5/16 53
Week of 5/23 44

Pastor's Article—Continued

In summing it up: As Jesus ascended, and He WILL return. As He went VISIBLY to heaven, and He will return VISIBLY. He went BODILY into heaven; He will return BODILY from heaven. He will return in all His glory with all the angels with Him for the final judgment. Every eye will see Him when He returns. He still carries the marks and scars of His crucifixion. He is the Lamb who was slain. He is your Ascended King!

Also, remember in Matthew 24:27, we read Jesus' words, "**For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.**"

Grace and peace to you from our risen and ASCENDED Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

✠ Pastor Scheblein

Liturgy Parts — LCMS Worship

Meaning of Liturgy Part: *Benediction*

"The Lord bless you and keep you." Recall again the words of Jesus in the parable of the sheep and the goats: "Come, you who are blessed by my father, inherit the kingdom."

The blessing that God speaks to us in the Benediction prepares us for that final summons. Throughout the Divine Service, God is forming us in his likeness as he establishes in us a deeper and more lasting faith toward him and a persistent and steadfast love for one another.

"The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you." In their reports of Jesus' Transfiguration, the evangelists tell us that Jesus shone more brightly than the sun, prompting Peter to say, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

In heaven we will have the same response because it will be good — very good — to be in the presence of the Light of the world.

For the moment, we see only dimly, but then we will see face to face. Still, it is good to be here even now, in this heaven on earth that we call worship, for already here God showers us with his grace.

"The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace." We Christians are truly blessed in that God does not hide his face from us. In all other religions there is ultimately doubt as to their gods' attitudes toward them.

How can it be otherwise, given that their gods are the creation of their own imaginations? But ours is the creator of heaven and earth.

To be sure, he is a stern judge who holds the sinner accountable. But in the person of his only Son, we see our Father's true nature, his fatherly heart of love. That is the countenance that he lifts up toward us in his holy Word and Sacraments as he reveals his mercy and grace.

Where the Lord blesses and makes his face shine and lifts up his gracious countenance on us, there is peace. Not the peace of this world, but peace between God and his faithful people.

We know that peace because even now, in Word and Sacraments, we have Jesus and all his benefits. And in heaven we will rest in his eternal peace.

**May God continue to reform
our Church to His Word
and bless our June!**

Mission of the Month—June

Our mission of the month is *Lutherans in Africa* (LIA) and the work of Rev. James May. LIA trains African pastors, evangelists, and church workers, to be teachers in their own communities. Luther's Small Catechism and the Book of Concord are translated to provide doctrinal resources in African languages. We continue our prayers each week for this mission as they raise up not only this generation in Africa, but lay the foundations for the next. For more information visit lutheransinafrica.com and prayerfully consider a financial gift to LIA by designating any amount on the mission line of your June envelope to further the spread of the Gospel in Africa. "*Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.*" Romans 10:17



Lutherans in Africa
FORMING AFRICAN LUTHERANS TO BE TEACHERS OF THE FAITH



Ordination/Installation Service of Paul William Marks June 27, 2021 at 4 p.m.

News, Notes & Numbers

♦ **April Mission**, Rev. David Preus, LCMS Missionary to the Dominican Republic, raised \$805. We thank you for your gifts that supported this mission.

♦ **LCMS Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach**. "Greetings from The Hispanic Outreach members! The Lord continues His work in 2021 through the Hispanic Ministry in Sheboygan County. For the months of March and April our lowest attendance was eight and our highest attendance was 27. Our average attendance was 18. Thanks be to God!"

♦ **Beginning June 2** and through the month of June, we will not have Midweek services. The services will continue again after Pastor Marks has been installed.

♦ **RSVP** for the Ordination/Installation Service and for the Reception/Dinner by signing the sign-up sheet (green) in the narthex (starting next week) or by emailing the church secretary at secretary@emmanueladell.org.

♦ **RSVP** for the Appreciation Dinner for Pastor Scheblein by signing the sign-up sheet (pink) in

the narthex or emailing the church secretary at secretary@emmanueladell.org.

♦ **Choir practice** for the Installation/Ordination Service will be held at 3 p.m. on June 27. Note, it will be necessary for you to attend this practice to sing in the choir for this special service.

♦ **The congregation continues to be blessed** by our daily Bible reading schedule. Join us for the 30 days of June reading Job for our chapter-a-day challenge (use the inserted Bible Challenge bookmark to help you keep track).

♦ **Didn't get to church last Sunday?** Emmanuel is offering its divine services on YouTube each week. Be sure to check it out and be enriched by God's Word. Watch for the YouTube link in your weekly email. God bless us all! If you don't get our weekly email, contact the church secretary (secretary@emmanueladell.org) with your email address to be put on the list.

♦ **Website**. Check out our renovated and updated website at: emmanueladell.org

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children." After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children." When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

—Rev. Bernard Brunsting