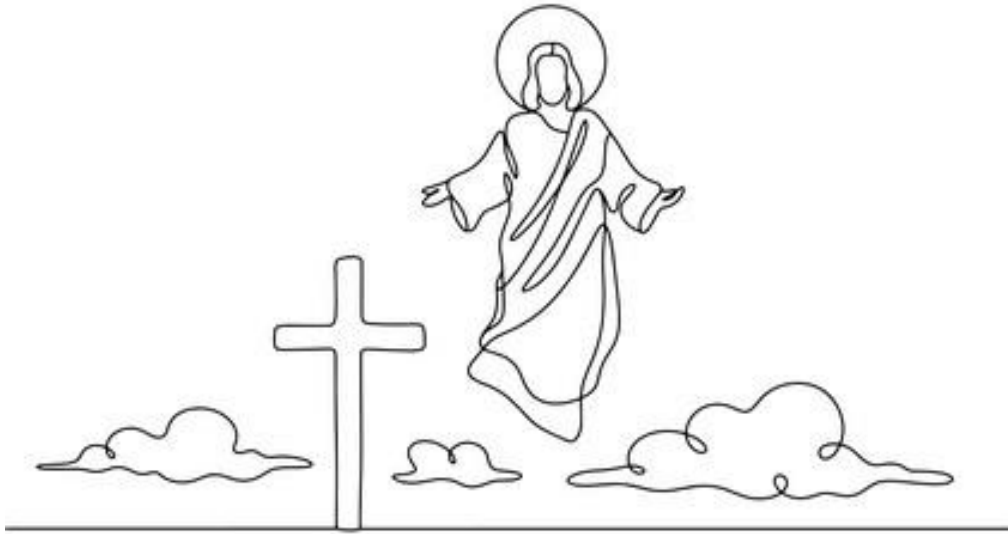


# *Ascension of Our Lord*



May 12, 2024

*Good Hope Lutheran Church*

# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Ringing of the Bell

The Welcome & Announcements

**\*The Easter Proclamation** (spoken boldly)

P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: The angel spoke to the disciples, "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene who was crucified. He is risen." Alleluia!

**C: Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things;

**C: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

\*The Opening Hymn      *"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"*      vss. 1-4      #158

\*The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*The Prayer of the Day      (unison)

Almighty God, **your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The First Reading

-Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to

heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

-Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram’s horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

The Second Reading

-Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work 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 age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

\*The Verse & Responses

*“Alleluia, Lord...”*

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A reading from the Gospel of Luke. **C: Glory to you O Lord.**

\*The Holy Gospel

-Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew 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 they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

The Children's Sermon

The Sermon *"Seen and Unseen"*

The Hymn *"Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"* WOY #768

\*The Easter Creed and Baptismal Remembrance

Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people; now you are God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Do you renounce the devil and all evil works and ways?

Do you renounce your old, dead life?

**Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!**

Is it your desire to live as an Easter alleluia?

**We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our**

**lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord. We will live as Easter alleluias!**

\*The Prayers

\*The Exchange of Peace

The Offering

\*The Offertory *“Let the vineyards...”* page 66

\*The Great Thanksgiving & *“Holy, Holy, Holy”* page 68

\*The Words of Institution

\*The Lord’s Prayer page 71

\* The Distribution *“Lamb of God...”* page 72  
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\*The Post Communion Prayer

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

\*The Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

\*The Sending

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*The Sending Hymn *“Crown Him with Many Crowns”* vss. 1-5 #170

\*The Postlude

\*Congregation stand if you are able

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**THE OFFERING TODAY** and next Sunday is for current expenses.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE** *Holy Communion. All who seek to meet Jesus, who is present body and blood in the bread and wine, are welcome to come to the table. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available. Just let the pastor or people serving communion know you need it.*

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD HOPE**

Tues., May 14

7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Sun., May 19

10:30 a.m. Worship/Noisy Offering/  
Baptism



**Happy Mother's Day  
to all of our Moms!**

**FRIENDS OF THE TITONKA CARE CENTER**

A new group is open to anyone with an interest in promoting and preserving the Titonka Care Center into the long-term future. Meeting Tuesday mornings, May 7 through May 28, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Good Hope Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Meeting notes will be available at the Titonka Library. Interested? Contact Hilary Ziols, 507-581-3623

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**HELP NEEDED!!**



We need 1 or 2 volunteers every Sunday to go to the Care Center to set up the live-stream for the residents. To volunteer please let Pastor John or Kelly know. This is a great way to participate in our church's ministry and to make a difference to people in our community!



**PENTECOST SUNDAY** will be held next Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please wear red that morning!! Also, anyone wanting to bring red geraniums for the altar please have them at the church by noon on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like them in listed in the bulletin in memory or honor of a loved one, please let Kelly know by Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!!

**OUR SUMMER CHOIR** schedule for our combined services will begin on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at Good Hope. Service begins at 9:00 and choir practice will follow. I'm looking forward to getting together again. See you then!

-Carole