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and a cloud received Him out of their sight”



Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave
8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study
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St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

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ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 12, 2013

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 84 (front of the hymnal p. 139)

The Hymns: 215, 216, 738, 212:7

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ our Ascended LORD and God, we look to You for protection and guidance, life and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever in Your divine care. Keep us all steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and grant us finally the crown of eternal life. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn 215

The Invocation

We invoke (“call upon”) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sings:



A - men.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

Pastor Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C: Who made heaven and earth.

Pastor I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin

Pastor Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all

our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



C: A - men. (congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice:

C: Hallelujah!

P: When You said, Seek My face, my heart said to You:

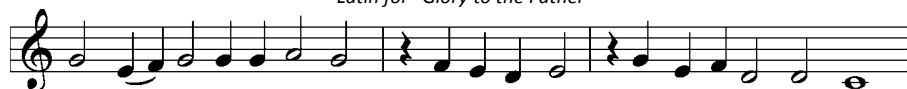
C: Your face, Lord, will I seek. Hide not your face from me. Hallelujah!

P: The Lord is my Light and my Salvation:

C: Whom shall I fear?

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"



☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE GLORIA

A hymn glorifying and praising our God (Hymn 798:1 – all sing)



I God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You



sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"

THE SALUTATION (Greeting)

PASTOR The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

The main thoughts for the day are "collected" together in this prayer.

PASTOR Let us pray.



☐ A - men.

THE BIBLE LESSONS

God speaks to us.

The First Bible Reading:

Acts 1:1-11 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom

He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

PASTOR Here ends the First Bible Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament.

P: I came forth from the Father and am come into the world:

C: **again, I leave the world and go to the Father.**

P: God reigns over the heathen:

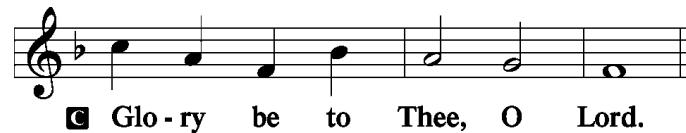
C: **God sits upon the throne of His holiness: Hallelujah! Hallelujah**

P: I will not leave you comfortless:

C: **I go, and I will come again to you, and your heart shall rejoice. Hallelujah!**



PASTOR The Second Bible Reading comes from Luke chapter 24, beginning there in the 44th verse.



The Second Bible Reading

Luke 24:44-53 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 "And you are witnesses of these things. 49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

PASTOR: Here ends the Second Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Congregation stands for:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn 216

THE SERMON

Ephesians 1:15-23 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which 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 principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

Theme: "OUR ASCENSION BLESSINGS"

THE OFFERTORY

Singing this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

**Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true.
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.**

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

Hymn 738

Congregation stands for:

THE BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Announcements

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME ...to all our guests who are sharing the Good News of the Gospel with us this morning. Please sign our guest register before leaving, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services. Every Sunday you will find words of life and peace through Jesus Christ - and a warm welcome from fellow believers - here in God's house. We're saving a place for you!



Today is Mothers' Day, when we properly set aside a special time to remember the Lord's blessings to us through mothers and grandmothers. For all the love, care, and protection that our mothers provide to their children, we give God our thanks. Special appreciation is due for the instruction and guidance in the Lord's Word that mothers provide to their children. For these and the

many other blessings that come to us through our mothers, we honor the presence of these godly women among us.

IN OUR PRAYERS Jim Tank of Clarkston had an ATV accident on May 4, underwent surgery May 6, and is now recovering at the 11th street rehab care center. <> Deb Acuff of Pullman is trying to get a diagnosis for his constant exhaustion. "Oh LORD, heal!"

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at both churches next week.

LADIES AID MEETING TODAY at St. John's after church.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – June 2nd The LORD will confirm the baptismal vows of Ben Naumann with the Rite of Confirmation during this regular Sunday morning service.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL FUND Began in January, contributions to this fund go toward the opening of a Christian Day School in Clarkston. Just mark your envelope or check memo line as "School Fund".

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE If you'd like to read them ahead of time at home, the Bible readings for next week are: Joel 2:28-29; John 16:5-11; and Acts 2:1-13 (the sermon).

LUFT WEDDINGS Keith Luft and Ashley Kramlich were married yesterday in Colfax. Phil Luft and fiancée Karla Koller are to be wed on June 22nd. Both weddings are posted on the bulletin board. May the LORD bless their lives together in Christ!

DORM SUPERVISOR NEEDED Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI, will be in need of a boys' dormitory supervisor. Those who are interested in applying may contact the ILC president, Prof. Steve Sippert at: (steve.sippert@ilc.edu; 715-836-6620), for an application.

Arise and Shine 20's - 30's Retreat – Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat in **Pillager, MN, June 13–16**. The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The cost is **\$135.00** per adult, which includes a t-shirt, lodging, meals, snacks, and activities. This year's theme is "JOY. Jesus. Others. You." based on Philippians 2:1-16. If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you!

Attention Families: If you will be bringing your children to the retreat and would like us to arrange child care for you, please let us know as soon as you are able so that we can secure assistance with child care. **We ask that parents register with their families by Friday, May 17th.** You can find more information and register on their web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please speak with Alana Ahrens (402) 322-9064 alanaahrens@yahoo.com or Pastor Luke Bernthal (402) 389-2147 lbernthal@live.com.

CLC NEWS <> The CLC Board of Missions has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, Bismarck ND, to be missionary in India. <> Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato MN, has called Stephen Sydow, member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI. <> Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called the Rev. Norman Greve, Eagle Lake, MN.

WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in same way you have seen Him go into heaven." Acts 1:11

1st Bible Reading for Ascension Sunday

In this account from the NT Church, we hear of Jesus Ascension into heaven. With great Joy we remember that our exalted King Jesus Christ is coming again as the disciples saw him go. We read...

Acts 1:1-11 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

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Hallelujah!

2nd Bible Reading

Here we have a Gospel account of Jesus' bodily ascent into heaven. We read...

Luke 24:44-53 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 "And you are witnesses of these things. 49 "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

PASTOR: Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

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

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!