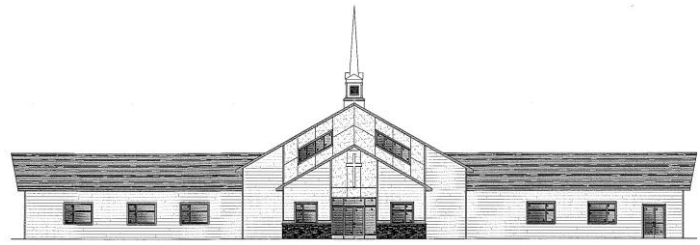


Ascension of Our Lord
May 17, 2026
10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion
First Lutheran Church
Pastor Bryan Anderson



Welcome

***Call to Worship**

P O Lord, open my lips.

C And my mouth shall declare your praise. †

***Opening Hymn #296 (LBW) – Just as I Am, without One Plea**

***Prayer of the Day**

***Confession of Sin**

S203

1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

P Let us examine ourselves before the Lord.

(Self-examination)

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to your mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

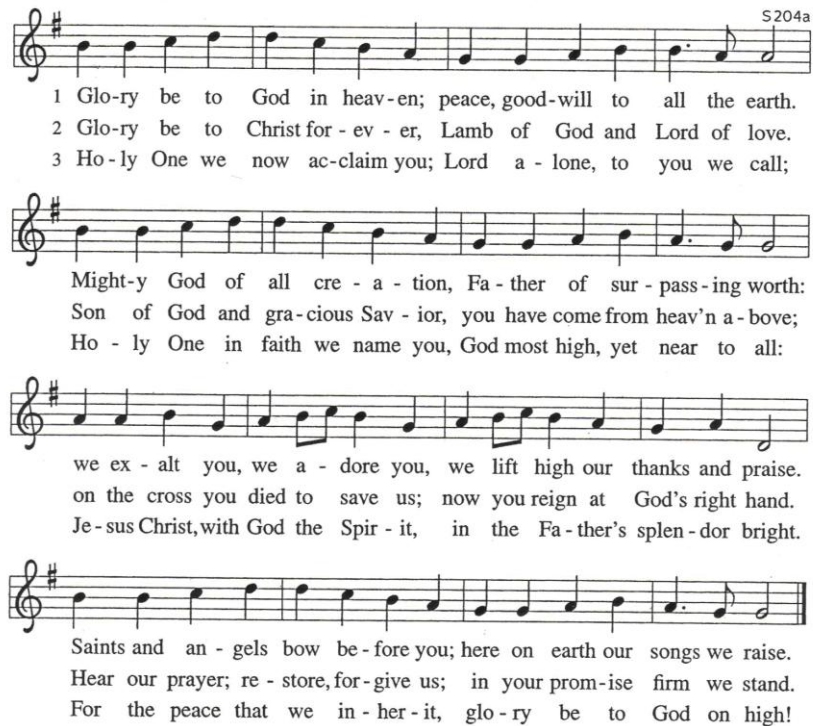
***Promise of Grace**

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Dear Theophilus: In my first book I wrote about all the things that Jesus did and taught from the time he began his work **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven. Before he was taken up, he gave instructions by the power of the Holy Spirit to the men he had chosen as his apostles. **3** For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God. **4** And when they came together, he gave them this order: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. **5** John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." **6** When the apostles met together with Jesus, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time give the Kingdom back to Israel?" **7** Jesus said to them, "The times and occasions are set by my Father's own authority, and it is not for you to know when they will be. **8** But when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all of Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **9** After saying this, he was taken up to heaven as they watched him, and a cloud hid him from their sight. **10** They still had their eyes fixed on

the sky as he went away, when two men dressed in white suddenly stood beside them **11** and said, "Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven."

Hymn of Praise



5204a

1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Gospel Reading: John 17:1-11

After Jesus finished saying this, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that the Son may give glory to you. **2** For you gave him authority over all people, so that he might give eternal life to all those you gave him. **3** And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent. **4** I have shown your glory on earth; I have finished the work you gave me to do. **5** Father! Give me glory in your presence now, the same glory I had with you before the world was made. **6** "I have made you known to those you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me. They have obeyed your word, **7** and now they know that everything you gave me comes from you. **8** I gave them the message that you gave me, and they received it; they know that it is true that I came from you, and they believe that you sent me. **9** "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those you gave me, for they belong to you. **10** All I have is yours, and all you have is mine; and my glory is shown through them. **11** And now I am coming to you; I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world. Holy Father! Keep them safe by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one just as you and I are one.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #390 (LBW) – I Love to Tell the Story

*Prayers of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

*Words of Institution

Distribution (Hymns #518, #527, #532, #551 – Use Green Hymnal)

S208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Announcements

Blessing

Dismissal

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



You are invited to use our QR code for online giving.
Offering is also received in the plates at the entrance to the sanctuary.

- Organist: Brian Wick
- Reader: Jane Scholz
- Altar Guild: Lacey Kamm
- Communion Asst: Neil Larson
- Counter: Neil Larson
- Greeters: Paul Colbeth and Don & Sheila Dipprey
- Ushers: Dale & Chris Wood
- Fellowship Servers: Dale & Chris Wood and Ben & Amy Strobach
- May 10th Worship Attendance: 8:30 AM – 51; 10:00 AM – 77

GIVING

Total offering for April \$16,286.30 (*\$21,874.25 needed monthly*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who join in worship today, especially any visitors. Guests are invited to fill out the visitor slip so we can become better acquainted. Fellowship will follow worship in the hall.

We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Carole Larson, Levi Ramsey, and Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*



COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at United Covenant Church June 15th-18th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Register online TODAY for this fun, FREE & faith-filled event! Scan this code, OR go to www.firstluthclearlake.com and click on VBS Registration.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Options on 8, a pregnancy resource center located in St. Croix Falls, began their Baby Bottle Campaign on Mother's Day. Fill A Bottle – Save a Life! The Baby Bottle Campaign helps women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Just pick up a bottle after church services today, fill it with coins, cash or check over the coming weeks and bring it back to the church on Father's Day, June 21st.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY. The Women's study group has completed their book and will not be meeting in May. A sign-up sheet is available for the next book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver. The book study will begin in September. There are summer dates planned for some faith, fellowship, and devotion time. Mark your calendars for the following Saturdays at 7:30 AM: June 13, July 11 and August 8. Any questions please see Laura Boche-Case.

Spread the "Good News" Sponsor a Child through COMPASSION. Child packets are in the entry way OR scan the QR code to find another child. There is no shortage of children in need. Learn about the child, learn about their culture, learn what helping others is all about. 98% of your monthly donation goes to helping the child with food, clothing, school, and learning about Jesus. This outreach program is completely run by volunteers and churches. You will get photos and letters from your child. You can send photos and letters to your child. Any questions please contact Jackie 715-607-0621.

Shopping cards for Nilssen's, True Value, and Kwik Trip are available every Sunday between services from the Lutheran Men in Mission for Christ. The men receive back a percentage of the sales for mission projects.

THIS WEEK

Today 11:00 AM-Fellowship
Tuesday 9:00 AM-Quilting
Wednesday **Fellowship & Fun Night**
5:30 PM-Supper
6:00 PM-Fellowship, Faith & Fun
Next Sunday 8:30 AM-Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM-Fellowship
10:00 AM-Traditional Worship
11:00 AM-Fellowship