

St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Exaudi ("Listen"), Sunday after Ascension

Today's Focus:

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD... WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Pre-Service meditation: Read **Psalm 24** (Red Hymnal page-128 in front, or in pew Bible)

OPENING HYMN 222 (Red Hymnal)

Look, ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 1:15-26 (on back) *The Acts substitute for the Old Testament Lesson and recounts how the early disciples cast lots to replace Judas who had abandoned his discipleship.*

PSALMODY

Psalm 2:1-4; 7-8 *Worship Supplement, Page 30*
"Why Do the Nations Rage"

1 John 4:13-21 (on back) *We are taught that the evidence of God's activity in us is our love for God and each other. In this love, Christ's followers proclaim His salvation.*

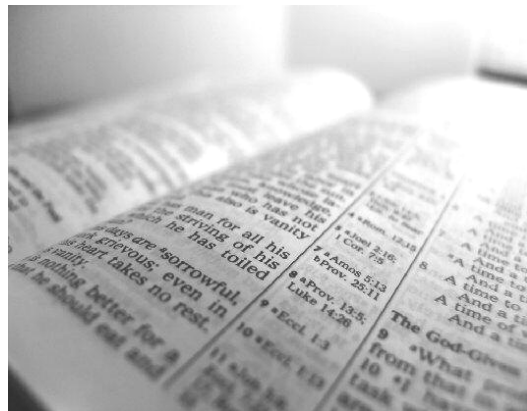
CONFESSION OF FAITH - *Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 737 (Worship Supplement)

Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels

SERMON – NKJV Luke 24:44-53 Then He (Jesus) said to them (disciples), "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.

THEME – JESUS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN!

1. After Fulfilling His Mission
2. After Defining our Mission

HYMN 212 v. 1-4 (Red Hymnal)

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

CHOIR – All for Thee (Take My Life and Let It Be) Jack Schrader

Take my **life** and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my **hands** and let them move, at the impulse of thy love.
Take my **lips** and let them be, filled with messages for thee;
Take my **voice** and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my **love**, my God, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store;
Take **myself** and I will be, ever, only, all for thee, ever only, all for thee.

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 738 (Worship Supplement)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-TODAY: Bible Class continues in our Comparative Religions study of Buddhism.

-THIS WEEK: MONDAY May 25th – Memorial Day, No School as SSLS

TUESDAY May 26th - Bible class at 10am continuing the study of the prophet Zephaniah.

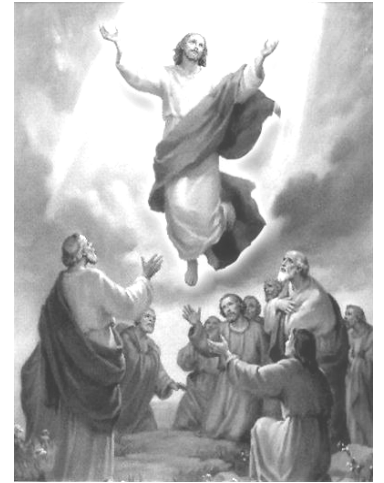
WEDNESDAY May 27th – 6pm Elders, 7pm Council, 8pm Missions

SUNDAY May 31st – Pulpit exchange with Pastor Karp from our sister church in Hayward

-CLC Women's "The Branches" magazine available for subscription. See card on entryway table.

-CALL NEWS: Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev. David Schaller, Dowagiac MI.

-SUMMER CAMPING TRIP: There is a sign up sheet in the entryway for those interested in camping this summer. We have reserved a very nice group sight on Pinecrest Lake up towards Sacramento on August 4th and 5th. There is plenty of room so if you can make it please sign up!



A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

