



Resurrection Life

MAY 2019



*From the
Pastor*

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts of the Apostles 1:8-11

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ is described in the above passage from the Acts of the Apostles, and is also noted in Mark 16:19 and Luke 24:50-53. Jesus refers to his Ascension in the Gospel of John when he tells Mary Magdalene, *"Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to my brothers and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God"* (John 20:17). Before His Ascension, Christ spent *forty days* teaching the Apostles and disciples about the Kingdom of God (Acts 1:3). The Lord informed them that they would receive power from the Holy Spirit to be his *witnesses* to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). The Ascension occurred at Bethany on the Mount of Olives (Luke 19:29). Christ's work of redemption has become known as the Paschal Mystery of Christ and was accomplished principally by his Passion, death, Resurrection, and Glorious Ascension into Heaven. The Paschal Mystery of Christ constitutes one action for the salvation of mankind, for Jesus "was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25).

Jesus Christ made multiple appearances in several locations to his disciples for forty days following his Resurrection. For example, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene in Jerusalem (Matthew 28:9-10, Mark 16:9, John 20:14-17), to two disciples on the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32), to Simon Peter (Luke 24:34, First Corinthians 15:5), to his disciples in the evening of that first day (John 20:19), and a week later to Thomas and the disciples (John 20:26). He appeared to James (First Corinthians 15:7), and to Peter and the Apostles in Galilee (Matthew 28:16, John 21:1).

At the same time, Christ Jesus appeared to his disciples even *after* his Ascension into Heaven. Stephen saw Jesus "standing at the right hand of God" prior to his martyrdom (Acts 7:55). Saul experienced Conversion on the road to Damascus when he was blinded by a bright light and told "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:3-5). The Lord Jesus appeared to Ananias in Damascus, instructing him to baptize Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:10-19). The "Spirit of Jesus" redirected Paul, Silas, Timothy, and Luke on the second missionary journey towards Troas, where they boarded a ship for Macedonia, the first recorded introduction of Christianity into Europe (Acts 16:7-10). The Lord reassured Paul to stay in Corinth after he had baptized Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue (Acts 18:9). Jesus actually appeared to Paul in the Temple of Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-18)! The Lord stood by Paul in Jerusalem and advised him that he was to "bear witness" to Him in Rome (Acts 23:11). His final appearance in Scripture was to John on the island of Patmos in the Book of Revelation (1:10-1:20).

While this festival is often overlooked by the modern church and unknown by the unchurched. It occurs 40 days after Easter Sunday and so is always on a Thursday. Ascension Day is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus' ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, which Luther correctly taught is everywhere, having again taken up the power and authority that was His since before time. Yet our Lord

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Ladies Guild MAY

LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided..” Exodus 14:21

Of the Word:

Driver’s education instructors are constantly reminding their students to look in the rear view mirror. In doing so, the driver is able to see what’s going on behind the car.

While the Israelites were crossing the Red Sea, they were constantly looking over their shoulders. Whenever they looked back, they saw Egyptians approaching quickly. Once they were safely across, there was no need to keep looking back. When they crossed the Red Sea, they left behind their old lives as slaves. They were free!

Like the Israelites, we no longer need to keep looking over our shoulders to see if our sins are following us. We can be confident that, ... as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:12).

Just as the Israelites crossed through waters of the Red Sea, we have crossed through the waters of Holy Baptism. This means our old life of sin and death is left behind, and we need not look back. We are free from the burden of sin.

Walking with my Lord

O Lord, in my Baptism You removed my sins as far as the east is from the west. Remind me of this so that I no longer keep looking over my shoulder. In Your holy name. Amen



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Our next meeting will be on **Tues. May 28, 2019 @ 7:00pm**



Always Remember your Mite Boxes . . .

In Christ,
Debbie Sichler
President Ladies Guild



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It's hard to get into shape spiritually
if you only work out on Sunday
AND

HOPE = **H**anging **O**n **P**atiently **E**veryday



BIBLE TRIVIA

TRIVIA QUESTION FOR APRIL 2019 WITH ANSWER

Food, Food, Food ...

What four faithful young men refused to eat the rich foods of the king of Babylon?

ANSWER: Daniel 1:3-16 Daniel; Shadrach; Meshach; Abednego

MAY 2019 TRIVIA QUESTION

Food, Food, Food ...

Who traded his bread & lentil stew for his brother's birthright?

HINT: LOOK IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers



- for all of us at Resurrection that we may all have a heart for those who don't know Jesus, to help everyone come to know the love of God, and become part of God's church family, into an even closer relationship with God, and come to eternal life.

Our Members who are in NURSING HOMES: Dorothea Gruenwald and Harriet Rose; those that are **HOME BOUND:** Sonja Munzenmaier and Anita Reinert; and those with **OTHER CONCERNS:** Lynn, Connie, Nicole, Marilyn Lang, Heather Valente, Ralph Valente, Danille Valente, Juliette Valente, Valerie Lang, Kathy, Marie Capello, Grace Serro, Eileen Alvarez, Diane Green, Karen Carella, Ronnie Sowa, Richard Sowa, Tom McNeely, Jennifer Gajadhar, Joanne Gajadhar, Pastor Sam, Richard Stanton, Ricky Stanton, Tim, Nancy Michaelis, Ana Lee Rife, Henry Troue, Trina Seibel, Peter Seibel IV, Anthony Novitske, June Kippany, Howie Voltmer and Joanne Voltmer.

Heavenly Father - when my load is heavy and my troubles are huge, help me remember that Your love is wider, bigger, and stronger than all of them. Thank You! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Our Mid-Week BIBLE Study - Dear Heavenly Father, you have made the heavens and the earth. You have revealed your beauty in creation and inspired the book that we are now studying. Please help us now as we read together. Take us deeper into understanding more about you and your love for us. Amen

Our missionary groups right here in Flushing, the Chinese Lutheran Ministry, the Korean Ministry, the Indo Pak Ministry, and Glory Lutheran Ministry that God will continue to bless all of these ministries and help them to grow.

- **For all of our troops:** "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

"Pray without ceasing ... Do not put out the Spirit's fire"
1Thessalonians 5: 17, 19

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is present with us who remains bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rule in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. We mortals, in those means of grace, can grasp the King of the universe and receive a foretaste of the feast to come.

His glorious Ascension signified the completion of his time on earth, which is celebrated by the Church forty days after the Resurrection and ten days before the Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Our Lord Jesus Christ gave us hope by promising that *"when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also"* (John 14:3).

God bless you all,

Pastor James T. Gajadhar

Christ has Risen ... He has Risen Indeed Alleluia!



Our prayers have been answered. The TONE CAGE which was sent out to Allen Organ for repair has been returned and reinstalled earlier than expected. It was returned just prior to our Palm Sunday service. It was great to have the organ back in working order.

We are considering suggestions by Allen Organ to do some work on the speakers.

As you may or may not have heard, an ORGAN FUND has been set-up to help with the cost of the repair to the TONE CAGE and possible speaker updates. This is an ongoing fund which you can contribute to by making checks payable to *RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH* with a notation on the Memo line: *ORGAN FUND*.



God's Blessings to all celebrating this month.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 8 Andrew Ciminelli
- May 8 Arthur Hagendorf
- May 13 Kevin Sichler
- May 27 Sonja Munzenmaier



EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 28, 2019



What a wonderful surprise, Ian & Liz Callan joined us for our Palm Sunday Service. But they weren't alone, Liz gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on December 15, 2018 and named him 'EOIN'. We wish the Callan family all of God's blessings and hope to see more of them in the future.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p><i>Charm is deceptive and Beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Proverbs 31:30 NIV</i></p>			1 NO HEALING SERVICE NO BIBLE STUDY 7:30pm Choir Practice	2	3  FRIENDSHIP DAY	4
5 Third Sunday of Easter 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran NEWSLETTER MEETING	6	7	8 NO BIBLE STUDY 7:30pm Choir Practice		9	10
Atlantic District Spring Pastoral Conference May 6 - May 8			15  9:00am HEALING SERVICE Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am NO Choir Practice	16	17	18
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	13	14	22  Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am Council Meeting 4:00pm NO Choir Practice	23	24 NewsLetter DEADLINE	25
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	20	21	29  Mid-Week Bible Study 10:00am NO Choir Practice	30	31 Jesus' ASCENSION 7:30pm Service at Resurrection 8:30pm Choir Practice	
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:15am Resurrection Lutheran 11:15am Immanuel Lutheran 2:00pm Indo-Pak 4:00pm Glory Lutheran	27  Office Closed	28	7:00pm LADIES GUILD			

Serving Schedule:



MAY 2019

<u>May 5, 2019</u>	<u>May 12, 2019</u>	<u>May 19, 2019</u>	<u>May 26, 2019</u>	<u>May 30, 2019</u>
Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	Elder: Tom McNeely	 Elder: Tom McNeely Usher: TBD Altar Care: Ida Myers Cynthia Myers
Reader: Walter Hartman	Reader: Jennifer Gajadhar	Reader: Debbie Sichler	Reader: Eleanor Johnson	
Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	Usher: Stephen Gavora	
Greeter: Eleanor Johnson	Greeter: Ada Gavora	Greeter: Dottie McNeely	Greeter: Sharon Rouzier	
Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg	Altar Care: Christel Schnackenberg	Altar Care: Karen Carella Jennifer Gajadhar	Altar Care: Jennifer Gajadhar Karen Carella	



Bar-B-Que is planned for Sunday, June 23, 2019



DEADLINE:
 Newsletter Articles
 MAY 24, 2019



SUNDAY'S - Immanuel Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 9:30am
 Pastor Sam uses Church 2:00pm - 3:30pm
 Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY'S - Resurrection Lutheran Church - Bible Study - 10:00am
 Choir Practice - @ 7:30pm
 Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:30pm -8:30pm

THURSDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
 Glory Lutheran Bible Study 6:00pm - 7:30pm

FRIDAY'S - Immanuel Chinese Bible Study 7:45pm - 9:00pm

SATURDAY'S - Alcoholics Anonymous - 11:15am - 2:00pm



An ORGAN FUND has been set-up to help with the cost. If you would like to contribute to this ORGAN FUND please make a check payable to Resurrection Lutheran Church and put **ORGAN FUND** in memo line.

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 281

Matt.21:31-46



Parables

- BRING
- CROP
- EVEN
- EYES
- FALLS
- FRUIT
- GIVEN
- HEARD
- HEIR
- LAST
- LORD
- OWNER
- PIECES
- REPENT
- SEIZED
- SENT
- SHARE
- SHOW
- TRUTH
- ARREST
- BELIEVE
- CAPSTONE
- CROWD
- COLLECT
- FATHER
- FARMERS
- HARVEST
- JOURNEY
- KINGDOM
- PARABLE
- PROPHET
- RENTED
- RESPECT
- SERVANTS
- TENANTS
- TREATED
- VINEYARD
- WINEPRESS

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Shared Faith Ministries
Resurrection Lutheran Church & St. John's Lutheran Church



Thursday, May 30, 2019
7:30pm



Join us on Thursday, May 30th at Resurrection Lutheran Church for our Ascension Day Service. The service will begin at 7:30pm.



May they never be forgotten!



“I AM ASCENDING
TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER,
TO MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.”
JOHN 20:17



Revelation 22:20

“Surely
I am
coming,
soon.”

Our Mission Statement

*As disciples of Jesus and in obedience to God's word,
the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church is:*

*Growing in the knowledge and love of Christ,
ministering to one another and to those in the
community, sharing the Gospel with unbelievers
so that the Holy Spirit draws them into a faith
relationship with Jesus.*

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Sunday Worship 9:15am

* (Pre-Worship Singing begins at 9:05am)

Immanuel Lutheran Service 11:15am

Indo Pak Service 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Glory Lutheran Church 4:00pm - 5:30pm



MAY

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon

YOU

everyone is
welcome