



## May 10, 2026 – The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

### AS WE GATHER

Near the end of the season of Easter we celebrate the ascension of our Lord, the day where Jesus “was taken up... into heaven” (Acts 1:11). On the day of our Lord’s ascension, He promises His disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit “not many days from now” (Acts 1:5) and that when they receive the Holy Spirit they “will be [His] witnesses... to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Then, He ascends into heaven, covered by a cloud. The disciples simply stand there and gaze into heaven (Acts 1:10). But as they stand and gaze, angels appear to them and say, “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 1:11). Even now, the ascended and reigning Jesus is at God’s right hand “far above all rule and authority and power and dominion” (Eph. 1:21). He reigns for you and for me, and just as He told the disciples, so He tells us that He will come again for us. In the meantime, we wait for His coming by being His witnesses and by clinging to His promises.

### WELCOME

**HYMN**        *LSB 493, “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing,” stanzas 1-3*

### OPENING VERSICLES

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

**People:**        **Amen.**

**Pastor:**        This is the day which the Lord has made;

**People:**        **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Pastor:**        From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People:**        **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**Pastor:**        Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**People:**        **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**Pastor:**        Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**People:**        **Teach me Your paths.**

**Pastor:**        Sanctify us in Your truth.

**People:**        **Your Word is truth.**

**Pastor:**        From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**People:**        **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**        I will go to the altar of God,

**People:**        **to God my exceeding joy.**

**Pastor:**        Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:**        **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: When we examine our hearts and consciences,  
**People: we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves.**

Pastor: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God our Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. We take a moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner; confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.  
**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?  
**People: Yes.**

Pastor: Let it be done for you as you believe. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen.**

**HYMN** *LSB 493, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing," stanzas 4-6*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

### **FIRST READING** *Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> 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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 47*

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: **For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

Pastor: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

People: **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

People: **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

People: **For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**EPISTLE READING** *Ephesians 1:15–23*

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *“How Great Thou Art”*

**GOSPEL READING** *Luke 24:44-53*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted 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 were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## RESPONSORY

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

**HYMN** *LSB 492, "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"*

**SERMON** *"The Ascension of our Lord"*

## APOSTLE'S CREED

All: 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *"White As Snow"*

## PRAYER

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For ... let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

## COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Pastor: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

Pastor: We pray together:

People: **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### BLESSING

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN *LSB 494, "See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"*

### CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Service adapted from Prayer and Preaching (LSB 260-267) and Corporate Confession and Absolution (LSB 290-291).



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### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of May 10, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

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Family for the Week: **Paul & Barbara Martin**  
**St. Andrew, Stockton**

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

**Linda Shivers (friend of Cathy Munden – health and healing)**

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### Complete Prayer List:

#### Temporary

Cody (Cheryl Lile's son – health and healing)  
Blazi & Jamie (Friends of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing from cancer)  
Ardella (health and healing)  
Rebecca (Kathy Holly's relative – health and healing from cancer)  
Glenda (Teri Ediger's step mother – health and healing)  
Tammy Ardrey (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son to Teri)  
McGee family – (health and healing)  
Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer-Wolf)  
Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)  
Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)  
Donnie Munden – (brother-in-law of Cathy Munden)

Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)  
 Becky – (daughter of Diane and Bill Thompson)  
 Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)  
 Opal Bulow (niece of Linda Myers)  
 Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)  
 Linda Lampe (Harold & Gwen’s daughter–in–law, for upcoming tests)

Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel’s brother – health and healing)  
 Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
 Joe Pennington – (brother–in–law of Bill Michel – health and healing)  
 Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
 Tim Tucek– (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
 Baby Vada (Cathy Munden’s great grandchild – health and healing)  
 Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

**Long Term**

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden’s cousin – health and healing)  
 Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
 Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)  
 Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
 Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)  
 Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman’s friend – healing from a broken–hip)  
 Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
 Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)  
 Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
 Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
 Betty Gordon – (health and healing)  
 Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)  
 Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden’s granddaughter)  
 Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
 Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)  
 Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)  
 Pat Michel – (Bill Michel’s sister–In–Law – health & healing)  
 Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
 LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)  
 Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
 Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
 Bill Thompson – (health and healing)  
 June Winger – (Sharon Barlow’s mother – health & healing)

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		<b>WEEK</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Happy Half Hour, Bible Study – 9:00 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Braille - 9:00 am &amp; 1:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bible Study - 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Confirmation - 5:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pastor’s Day Off</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Game Night – 6:00 pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9:00 am - Happy Half Hour Bible-Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO Braille</b>

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**Birthdays: None**  
**Anniversaries: None**

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**May**

**Greeters**

**05/10: Rick & Bernie Thomas**  
 05/17: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer  
 05/24: Cathy Munden & Teri Ediger  
 05/31: Charlie & Edee Chambers

**Ushers**

**05/10: Rick Thomas**  
 05/17: Harold Lampe  
 05/24: David Lampe  
 05/31: Charlie Chambers

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**Transportation Help Needed:** One of our shut-ins is in need of transportation help to and from her doctors’ appointments. We would like to have a list of people who are willing to help. You would **not** be signing up to be a driver for every appointment. You would only be signing up to be on the list of individuals willing to be contacted, if needed. Please contact Pastor Heitshusen if you are willing to put your name in the list and/or if you have any



questions.

**AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC AND CELEBRATION** - Sunday September 20, 2026, 3:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. There is a flyer in the Narthex.

**To Answer Some Questions that have come up:** Contributions to Grace can be given to Pastor or in the offering plate in the narthex. Additionally, we have credit card donations available on our web site: <https://GraceLutheranAurora.com/give.php>

### **Outreach News and Updates**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Aurora City Wide yard sale - If you have items to donate, please make sure they are priced. The lot will be open for members and to the public.

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Car and Truck Show. Are you crafty? Grace would like to sell your treasures. We will have a small booth, and we would love to sell a couple of your crafts for the benefit of the church.

Questions? See or call Bernie (Phone 417-838-2022)