

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Helen Township, Minnesota**

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter / Ascension**

**May 9, 2010**

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**WELCOME:** *“Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.”*(Psalm 106: 47) *Welcome to all in the name of our gracious God. May his blessings rest on you. If you are visiting with us today, we would enjoy the opportunity to get to know you. Please sign our guest book.*

**Today's Theme:** **Our risen Savior ascends to his heavenly throne to rule over his Church.**

**Thoughts for a Prayer Before Worship:** Christ left us with final instructions and a word of promise. At times we may grow weary in following his instruction and begin to doubt his word of promise. Pray that the Lord give you the courage to witness for him and the confidence to know he is always with you.

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*Order of Worship: Morning Praise (p. 45)*

**OPENING SONG:** 154 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

**Psalm of the Day** Psalm 47 (p. 85)

**Lesson:** Acts 1: 1-11 (P. Bible p. 1637)

After Jesus finished instructing his disciples, he ascended into heaven. Since Jesus left this earth, we will be his witnesses until he returns as promised.

**Chimes** “*Blessed Be Your Name*”

**Lesson:** Ephesians 1: 16-23 (Pew Bible p. 1760)

St. Paul prays that the Ephesians might grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, who, after being raised from the dead, is seated at the right hand of his Father. There he reigns as our eternal King. He is far above any earthly ruler and controls all things for the sake of his believers.

**HYMN:** 169 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

**SERMON** Luke 24: 44-53(Pew Bible pg 1593)

**“The King Is At Work”**

1. Opening minds
2. Turning many into witnesses

**HYMN:** 173 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

**OFFERING**

**LORD HAVE MERCY (p. 50)**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYER FOR GRACE (p. 50)**

**BLESSING**

**CLOSING HYMN:** 171 v. 1&6 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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**Organist:** Christy Ittel

## **A MEASURE OF OUR FAITHFULNESS:**

*At worship, Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: 90*

*Attendance at weekly Bible Studies: 8*

*Monthly offerings as through April: General Fund: \$6,912.75*

*Missions: \$3,426.00 Building: \$2,154.00*

**CONFIRMATION:** *Eighth grade students, Derek Ortloff, Christopher Ross and Mark Schuth will be confirmed next Sunday during our worship service. These are precious souls which the Lord has entrusted to our care. Remember them in your prayers, continue to encourage them and help them grow in their faith.*

### THIS WEEK IF GOD WILLS

Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Table Talk (Sermon Text)
Wednesday	4:45 pm	Sr. Catechism
	7: 30 pm	Choir
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:00am	Sunday School
	10:20am	Bible Class

**FLOWERS** have been placed in the church in honor of Larry and Eleanor Litzau's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**CALLED TO HER ETERNAL REST:** Helen Luehrs entered her eternal rest as a result of a fatal car crash Friday morning. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

**THE GLENCOE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** is collecting recipes for a community cookbook. In addition to featuring local recipes, the cookbook will include trivia, photos, and other historic milestones celebrating the community. Up to two recipes per person can be submitted by email to [kwebster@ci.glencoe.mn.us](mailto:kwebster@ci.glencoe.mn.us) or dropped off in person at the Chamber of Commerce office at 630 10<sup>th</sup> St. East. The deadline for submissions is May 31<sup>st</sup>. **Recipes must include a name, phone number and address.** (Contact information will not be published)

**SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL:** We will be having a meeting after Sunday School on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss and plan our Summer Bible School theme and schedule. All parents, teachers and helpers are greatly encouraged to come and give their input and new ideas.

*Happy Mother's Day*

**WARM COATS:** We are beginning our 4<sup>th</sup> annual year of collecting and distributing coats to McLeod County residents in need. Good used, clean winter coats are needed for distribution on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Especially needed are children and youth sizes. There is a box in the entry for your donations. **We will be collecting through Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**THRIVENT MEETING:** Anyone interested in learning about the new Thrivent Choice gifting program is invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm at the Glencoe Pizza Ranch. Thrivent representative Brooks Rankin will be providing more information. Supper will be supplied by Thrivent.

**SIGN-UP TO BE A GREETER:** We are looking for members who are willing to greet our fellow church goers and guests before worship services. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex.

**SERMONS FOR THE FUTURE:** It's time to support and encourage our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they promise to remain faithful to Jesus and his Word. Come and be refreshed as you hear the great things our Lord has done and what he continues to do for us. In preparation read John 17: 20-26.

### Jesus Prays for All Believers

<sup>20</sup>"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup>that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. <sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."