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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

## ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?

Life in the church has its fair share of doing things by rote. We show up, we listen to the sermon, we sing the hymns, and we receive holy communion. After a certain amount of time, complacency sets in and we begin to have wandering minds, coupled with distractions to other things.

Isn't there something more than the same old message I hear and receive week in and week out? Can't the pastor just use some more excitement and passion in delivering the goods? Maybe there is something more to God than just this stuff of the Bible and Jesus?

So, with our own nature we seek after other things, other ideas, and other teachings, not realizing that our source of teaching and doctrine can only come from God's holy Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it."  
– Hebrews 2:1

Inattentive driving is one of the leading causes of collisions. Distracted driving is, of course, closely related to this, for driving a vehicle demands our full attention.

In the church our primary sense used is that of hearing. We come to hear the Word of God in Bible class, preaching, catechesis, hymnody, liturgy, prayer, and wherever it is sung, preached, spoken, or taught to us.

The Holy Spirit uses the voice of the law and gospel to instruct us in the ways of the Lord, to teach us about our Lord Jesus and what he has done by his saving work on the cross and in the glorious resurrection we now celebrate this resurrection season in the church year.



Although we listen, often we do not analytically and critically listen as we fail to discern, without full comprehension of God's Word. Details matter. Doctrine matters. Right and wrong matter. This is not being nit-picky, but, instead, we must realize the great danger in drifting from the authority and clear message of Scripture.

The pitfall we have as Christians in the sinful flesh is that we are prone to wander and to drift from God and His Word. This occurs daily as flesh, devil, and world

pull and tug on us.

So, pay attention to God and listen to his Word. Be an active listener and participant in the reception of the Word. You hear the Word of truth each Lord's Day. Cling to this Word with all your heart and let it fill you inwardly and outwardly, paying attention to every word, phrase, and sentence that God has given for your benefit.

Some, if not most, things in life don't really matter and attention to detail won't be a big deal. But, attention to detail regarding our salvation and eternal life is vital. Don't take your life in the church for granted.

Come faithfully, each Sunday, and eagerly confess your sins and receive holy absolution. Come to Bible classes and open your hearts and ears to receive instruction. Come, show up for Holy Communion to receive the body and blood. And, come to receive the preached Word of your salvation in Jesus in the sermon delivered to you, and for you.

Soli Deo Gloria!  
Pastor Jordan

## REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

## CHURCH STAFF

### REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY January 1, 2019 - March 31, 2019

**CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:**

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$40,979.56
EXPENSES:	
Administration	38,187.49
Christian Education	34.99
Evangelism	981.05
Fellowship	293.09
Stewardship	331.04
Trustees	<u>16,145.83</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$55,973.49</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	-14,993.93
CHURCH FACILITY RENT INCOME	150.00
TOTAL CHURCH INCOME	-14,843.93
CHURCH RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>24,981.12</u>
CHURCH BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$10,137.19

**CHURCH ASSETS/LIABILITIES:**

Directed Funds (TCB)	223,636.10
Certificates of Deposit	50,000.00
Operating Funds (TCB)	10,137.19
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	277,197.10
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>348,663.16</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$909,633.55

**SCHOOL INCOME/EXPENSE - ACTUAL:**

SCHOOL LEASE INCOME	21,120.00
EXPENSES:	
Property Management Fees	<u>1,056.00</u>
NET LEASE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$20,064.00

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

30% to Mission Trust (Thornburg)	6,019.20
30% to Scholarship (Stifel Nicolaus)	6,019.20
20% to Facilities Reserve (Thrivent)	4,012.80
15% to School Reserve	3,009.60
5% to Musician & Concert (TCB)	1,003.20

**SCHOOL ASSETS:**

School Savings Account	<u>\$23,167.60</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$932,801.15

PARSONAGE INCOME	\$4,500.00
Minus Renting Expenses	00.00
Parsonage Deposit	1,500.00
Disbursed to Pastor Jordan	<u>4,500.00</u>
Net Parsonage Income	\$1,500.00

REV. DONALD JORDAN, PASTOR  
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For more details or an explanation,  
 see the office manager.

## MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

No Men's Bible study in May.  
Next study is June 1, 8:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Sunday Bible Study is at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Topic: *1 Corinthians*

## THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Bible study is each Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Topic: *The Minor Prophets*

## COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULTS

College/Young Adult monthly dinner and study is Sunday, May 5, 5:00 p.m..

## PASTOR ON THE RADIO

Pastor Jordan is a regular Friday guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. AM 930, FM 103.9. [www.tunein.com](http://www.tunein.com)

## WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH SPRING LUNCHEON

All ladies are invited to our annual Spring Salad Luncheon to be held **May 20th** (Victoria Day, Canada) from **11:00 a.m. top 1:00 p.m.** at Sharon Schaffert's home, 627 Larch Street. We look forward to seeing YOU there.



## SUBMISSION DEADLINE

**SUMMER REDEEMER REVIEW**  
Thursday, May 23, 12:00 p.m.

*You are encouraged to submit articles and pictures anytime up until the deadline.*

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To ride the van to church on Sundays, contact Jerry Brandt at 636-4392 weekly.



The possibilities are endless. Place CRV plastic and aluminum beverage containers in the bins located in the Parish Hall. Proceeds support the Youth Group. \$85.01 was redeemed.

Recycle ink cartridges by placing them in the designated box which is in the Office Storage Room (next to Pastor's office).

## APRIL ASSIGNMENTS

ACOLYTES:	26 Lori Jordan
05 Datyell Close	30 Lori Jordan
12 John Schad	
19 Andrew Esmay	ELDER OF THE MONTH:
26 Yuhuan Wenslaff	Tim Wenslaff
ALTAR GUILD:	USHERS:
05 Kathy Sweet	
12 Kathy Sweet	GREETER:
19	

## ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

STEVE HALL	Sweet - Zimmer
TIMOTHY WENSLAFF	Nelson - Smith
WILLARD SCHLESENER	Hecht - Moreno
FRED SHERMAN, III	Allen - Hall

## ASLEEP IN JESUS

LUCILE M. HECHT



JULY 3, 1926 - APRIL 15, 2019



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

03 Shirley Schlesener  
 06 Andrew Weinreich  
 07 Hilde Johnson  
 07 Lena Jordan  
 08 Lisa Tiemann  
 09 Paul Maestas  
 13 Keith Siemens  
 15 Judy Evans  
 15 Linda Rean  
 18 Xiao Wenslaff  
 22 Dorothy Mason  
 26 Terry Brinson  
 29 Kurt Jordan  
 30 Ursula Fratallone



## MAY BAPTISMAL DATES

03 Carol Nelson  
 03 Shirley Wilson  
 04 Linda Sweet  
 08 R. J. Joksch  
 10 John Thomason  
 12 La Vera Hansen  
 20 Svetlana Litvinenko  
 20 Donna Ramey  
 20 Mary Siemens  
 22 Hilde Johnson  
 22 Neale Sivesind  
 23 Carol Whipple  
 26 Tom Collins  
 27 Karl Weinreich, III  
 28 Finnely Weinreich



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## 2019 MISSION SUPPORT

1Q CAMPUS MINISTRY - YOUTH MINISTRY

(30% School Lease = \$6,019.20 + Mission Trust Interest \$1,392.32 + Mission Envelopes \$365.00 = \$7,776.52)

2Q PASTOR RABE, ETHIOPIA - PASTOR CONRAD, MEXICO - PASTOR MEEKER, KENYA - LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION

3Q DEAF MINISTRY OF TEXAS

4Q KKXX SERMONS - THE LUTHERAN HOUR - ISSUES, ETC.

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM  
 Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM  
 Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

# HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 688 "COME FOLLOW ME," THE SAVIOR SPAKE

"Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,  
 "All in My way abiding;  
 Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
 Obey My call and guiding.  
 O bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
 Take My example for your guide.

I am the light, I light the way,  
 A godly life displaying;  
 I bid you walk as in the day;  
 I keep your feet from straying.  
 I am the way, and well I show  
 How you must sojourn here below.

My heart abounds in lowliness,  
 My soul with love is glowing;  
 And gracious words My lips express,  
 With meekness overflowing.  
 My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
 To God I yield, on Him I call.

I teach you how to shun and flee  
 What harms your soul's salvation,  
 Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,  
 From sin and its temptation.  
 I am the refuge of the soul  
 And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

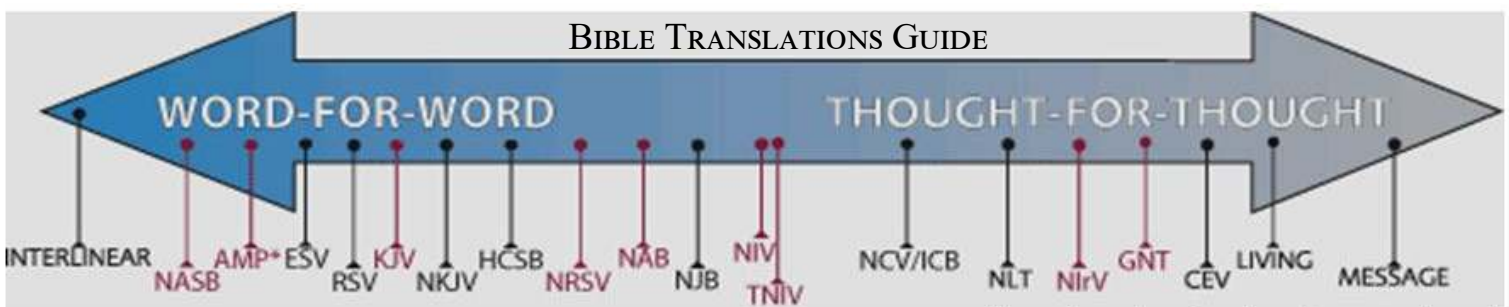
Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
 And take the cross appointed  
 And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
 In suffring be undaunted.  
 For those who bear the battle's strain  
 The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

The first four stanzas of this hymn is the voice of the Lord Jesus inviting all to follow Him. In the last stanza the author encourages us to do just that.

This hymn was written by Johann Scheffler (1624-1677) and is considered a masterpiece in didactic poetry. (Didactic means "intended to instruct") Instruct it certainly does as it attempts to show us the heart of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is based on Matthew 10:38-39 and 16:24. Credit must be given to Johann Freylinghausen for introducing Scheffler's hymns to the Lutheran church.

Scheffler (1624-1677) was born to Lutheran parents in Breslau, Silesia, a part of Poland since World War II. After studying medicine, he became a private physician to Duke Silvius Nimrod of Wurttemberg. Here he associated with mystic Jakob Bohme's followers. He made a study of other mystics also. He was considered a heretic by the Lutheran Clergymen. Discovering his thoughts and attitude compatible with Roman Catholic theology, he joined the Catholic church in 1653, adopting the name Angelus Silesius. He became court physician to Emperor Ferdinand, III, a profession he soon tired of. He took orders and joined the monastery of St. Matthias in Breslau. He was a highly gifted poet.

The tune *Machs Mit Mir, Gott* first appeared in 1605. Its present form was published in 1628, author unknown.



Above chart taken from <http://www.zondervanbibles.com>

NASB	New American Standard Bible (1971; update 1995)	NIV	New International Version (1984)
AMP	Amplified Bible (1965)	TNIV	Today's New International Version (NT 2001, OT 2005)
ESV	English Standard Version (2001)	NCV	New Century Version
RSV	Revised Standard Version (1952)	NLT <sup>1</sup>	New Living Translation (1 <sup>st</sup> ed. 1996; 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. 2004)
KJV	King James Version (1611; significantly revised 1769)	NiRV	New International reader's Version
NKJV	New King James Version (1982)	GNT	Good News Translation (also Good News Bible)
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Version (2004)	CEV	Contemporary English Version
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version (1989)	Living	Living Bible (1950). Paraphrase by Ken Taylor. Liberal treatment of 'blood.'
NAB	New American Bible (Catholic, 1970, 1986 (NT), 1991 (Psalms))	Message	The Message by Eugene Peterson (1991-2000s)
NJB	New Jerusalem Bible (Catholic, 1986; revision of 1966 Jerusalem Bible)		

# TECHNOLOGY

## Technology Musical Assistants...



What do you do when you hear a tune and you can't remember the name of it? Well your smartphone can help you out. There are any number of apps for both iPhone and Android that you can use. What about seeing a piece of music and you're not one of those people who can hear the music in your head as you look at the score. Again you can find a "piano" app where you can pick out the melody. But what if you're a choir director or the leader of a small musical group and you need to do some research or are looking for music. Again technology comes to the rescue; however, this is probably best done on your computer or at least a tablet with a large enough display.

[https://hymnary.org/hymnal/LSB2006?fbclid=IwAR352k0K4gSULM6vyAllMWO8jWwX7thswWkQ7-37JoCIggSM\\_Nio8JVP74Q](https://hymnary.org/hymnal/LSB2006?fbclid=IwAR352k0K4gSULM6vyAllMWO8jWwX7thswWkQ7-37JoCIggSM_Nio8JVP74Q)

This link takes you to Hymnary.org an online hymn and worship music database of North American Hymnody that can be used by professionals as well as amateurs. You can search by title, tune, scripture reference and so much more. It is a work in process and they have a volunteer page if you are interested, but this is a huge database and in their words, "Hymnary.org the most complete database of North American hymnody on the planet."

Their vast database of public domain hymns is important whether you are just curious, doing some research on hymns and worship songs from a particular era, or as a church musician looking for something for your choir or small ensemble. They also have current hymnals in their database but current hymns are not part of the "FlexScore" option (more on that in a paragraph or two).

You can literally spend hours and hours browsing through the site but the best place to start is at the "Tutorials" tab. There are 3 short videos that will give you basic information about the site, and all three should be watched so you can get a feel for the value of the database and how to find your way around.

If you are a choir director or the director of a small ensemble, do you ever wish you could have the hymn arrangement with a flute or trumpet part, or scored a half-step higher or lower or perhaps you just need a lead sheet or maybe large print for one of the members? That is where FlexScore and public domain music come into play. With FlexScore you can print out lead sheets, transpose and much more. There are a few hymns that you can access for free in FlexScore, but a yearly subscription might be the best option. Click the "subscribe" notation at the very bottom of the

website to find out about a yearly subscription. If you only need one or two hymns a year, then you can purchase FlexScore for just those times and save some money.

This truly is a site worth looking into but as a warning do not undertake when you only have a couple of minutes, at least not the first time. Once you are thoroughly familiar with the website, and maybe even have an account set up and have some saved hymns, you might be able to do a quick check on something from your smartphone.

Not to be forgotten, what if you need basic information on the writer of the hymn, just the text or the possible musical settings that can be used? You can find this information without having to go to another website. A definite plus!



*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 6: 6-7 ESV)*

You may already have planned family vacation(s) for this year, be they long road trips or a series of shorter trips or visits to family or friends, but have you added activities for the younger members of your family to your checklist? Activities that are simple, require few moving parts, appeal to the younger ones but can involve the older children as part of the activity are not always easy to find.



The recommended age for this book is 3-8, but because there is text to read you can probably stretch this to ages 10-12 using your older children as your helpers. Then use the full text from your Bible for devotional time.

Sticker books are great for traveling as they are self-contained. You don't have to have crayons, scissors, glue, etc. so they work for car travel or airplane trips. When a page has been completed rehearse the story and perhaps find a verse or two that the family can memorize together. This helps associate text with specific books of the Bible.

This sticker book is available from both Concordia Publishing House and Amazon (make sure to use "smile.amazon" so that the church or your favorite charity receives a donation).

Have a great vacation this summer!

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - ADAM STERNQUIST

Greetings,

My name is Adam Sternquist. I am coming to the end of my second year of a Masters of Divinity program at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana. My wife, Beatrice, and our four children; Evie (16), Josh (14), Rachael (13), and Luke (12), moved to Fort Wayne in 2017 to start Seminary. We come from Round Lake, IL which is

one of Chicago's Northwest suburbs.

Beatrice and I are high school sweethearts and have been married for 17 years! It's pretty crazy to think that more than half my life ago God put such a woman in my arms. We currently have two dogs (Great Dane, German Shepperd), two cats (I don't know, regular cats I think), and two bearded dragons. Our house has been a zoo for some time and we enjoy it. We have been members of our home congregation, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hawthorn Woods, IL, for about ten years now. It is

here that our faith was built up to the point we were driven to serve in a different capacity. I say we because, even though my family won't be ordained, they are taking on an important role in the call that I pray to receive. It is not something I would be looking to do without their full support. I thank God for them.

My classes are going well; yet are very challenging. The LCMS holds a very high standard

for our pastors which is seen in the course work at our seminaries. I am currently taking courses on the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible), Liturgics (why we do what we do during the service and why we sing the hymns we sing), Lutheran Confessions (specifically the Formula of Concord), the theology of the Latin Fathers, and the history of the Lutheran Church in America. I am also finishing

up my field work class and Greek readings. Field work has us assigned to a local congregation where I can preach and assist the pastor on a part time basis and Greek readings has us keep up with our understanding of Greek as we study the upcoming Sunday's Gospel text.

My family and I are extremely grateful for your support. Leaving a good paying job and a stable life to pursue the ministry was not an easy decision to make. It involved a lot of prayer and complete trust in God to do as He promised and

provide for His people. Every time we have come to the brink of financial failure the Lord has shown His generosity through people like you. His support of our daily lives has been blatant and amazing. I pray that our Lord continues to bless you so that you may share your blessings with others in need.

In Christ,

The Sternquist Family



## CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED FOR LCMS PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENTS



The nominees for Synod president are, from left, Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, incumbent; Rev. Dr. David P.E. Maier, president of the LCMS Michigan District; and Rev. Timothy Kolinkenberg, senior pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, California.

LCMS Secretary Rev. Dr. John W. Sias has announced the names of the nominees for the Synod president, first vice-president and five regional vice-presidents.

The election for president will take place via internet balloting four weeks before the 67<sup>th</sup> Regular Convention of the LCMS, set for July 20–25 in Tampa, Fla. The vice-presidents will be elected at the convention.

Those named on the ballots are the Synod clergymen who received the most nominations from LCMS congregations, and who have agreed to serve, if elected.

Each congregation could nominate two ordained LCMS clergymen for president, two for first vice-president and two (residing within the congregation's region) for regional vice-president.

The three candidates for president, in the order of nominations received, are:

•**Matthew C. Harrison**, the incumbent Synod president, 1181 nominations.

•**David P. E. Maier**, president of the LCMS Michigan District, 947 nominations.

•**Timothy M. Klinkenberg**, senior pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Orange, Calif., 638 nominations.

Pastoral and lay voters validly registered by the congregations and parishes of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.3) before the March 24 deadline, or their substitutes (as validly submitted before June 15), will serve as the voters for this election, with its results to be announced at least two weeks prior to the convention.

No opportunity will be provided to add names to the slate of candidates listed above.

The names on the list of 20 candidates from which the president-elect will compose the ballot for first vice-president are the following, also in the order of

nominations received:

- John C. Wille, 457
- Peter K. Lange, 436
- Scott C. Sailer, 342
- John R. Denninger, 273
- Jacob A. O. Preus III, 272
- Paul A. Linnemann, 234
- Derek G. Lecakes, 197
- Lawrence R. Rast Jr., 81
- Timothy M. Klinkenberg, 76
- Scott R. Murray, 73
- Clint K. Poppe, 43
- Christopher S. Esget, 23
- John C. Wohlrabe Jr., 23
- Nabil S. Nour, 22
- Daniel L. Gard, 9
- David A. Floyd, 7
- Jamison J. Hardy, 7
- Scott K. Seidler, 6
- Benjamin T. Ball, 5
- Dien A. Taylor, 5

Of those receiving the highest number of nominating votes for the offices of regional vice-presidents two through six, the following candidates have given their consent to serve if elected:

### WEST-SOUTHWEST REGION VICE-PRESIDENT

- Larry A. Stoterau, 134
- Robert D. Newton, 129
- Scott R. Murray, 127
- Timothy D. Runtsch, 109
- Kenneth M. (Ken) Hennings, 89

For the election of first vice-president, the ballot will comprise five candidates selected by the president-elect from the vice-presidential list of 20 candidates. At least two of those must be among the top five nominees.

The election of regional vice-presidents will follow the order and process required by the Bylaws of the Synod (Bylaw 3.12.2.7).

No opportunity will be provided for additional nominations from the floor of the convention for the elections of either the first vice-president or the regional vice-presidents.

For more information about the 2019 LCMS convention, visit [lcms.org/convention](http://lcms.org/convention).



## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER DAY.



The flowering of the cross and Easter breakfast were a part of the Easter celebration at Redeemer on Sunday, April 21, as well as an Easter egg hunt. Divine Service was at 10:00 a.m. Our Savior Lutheran Church held a sunrise service at their site in Paradise at 7:00 a.m.

## MISSIONS

Dear all our beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace be to each one of you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Amen! I speak these words at the beginning of every sermon I preach. As I age I understand more clearly how this grace endeavors to besiege us all and it can only be successful in Christ. Apart from Him, we can do nothing! It is very humbling to witness the student population of Point of Grace Academy rise above 700. It is very clear that the Divine Service sets us apart from the norm. Jesus Christ at the center of all that is happening creates an assembly of reverence, respect, and peace that surpasses all understanding. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer! We give You all praise, honor, and glory for Jesus sake. Amen!

We are very happy to inform all our partners that we had a ground breaking ceremony for the building of the High School on the 15 of March 2019. We were blessed to have this ceremony presided over by Pastor Dan Lepley, chairman of the board of 4kenyaskids U.S. and Senior Pastor of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Avon, Indiana. This is an answer to a lot of prayers and a milestone for the mission. There were many guests and dignitaries in attendance. It was a great day under the wings of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is just the beginning of a very large project and we continue to covet your prayers.

Lorna and I are always overwhelmed with joy as all of you support this mission with your prayers. Christ is the foundation for all things and prayer is very important. Everything else falls in place in God's own timing. We thank each and every one of you very much for standing with us. God bringing you into our path of life has been a great blessing for us. We will be forever grateful. On behalf of all the children and staff of Point of Grace Academy we say "Thank You"!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dennis Meeker



## ASCENSION

The Ascension of Our Lord Divine Service is Thursday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.

*"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.*

*"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

*"For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

*"When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory."*

*Colossians 3:1-4*

Jesus didn't just enter human flesh.  
He also has exalted it.

This body is intended for heaven!  
This body is created to reign!

Ascension means His grace goes everywhere.  
It means His forgiveness works in every circumstance.  
It means His resurrection prevails in all situations.  
He's not absent, just invisible.  
He ensured the ends, and now He is arranging the means.  
He has come beside us, and He will raise us above.

He loves each human person from here to eternity,  
Even during surprise pregnancy,  
Even through terminal diagnosis.  
From embryo to elderly and fertilization to final breath,  
He's preparing a place for the least of these.

And Ascension invites us to treasure things unseen.

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

*2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
<p>Third Sunday of Easter - 8:45am SS/ABS - PH</p> <p>10:00am DS - Sanctuary</p> <p>11:15am Fellowship PH</p> <p>12:00pm Divine Service -</p>	<p>Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>O.M. Vacation</p> <p>C.E. W. Walther, Theologian</p>	<p>[F] St. Philip and St. James, Apostles (R)</p> <p>10:00am OSLC, Paradise Bible Class (FR)</p>	<p>[C] Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor</p> <p>9:30am Thursday Bible Class (FR)</p> <p>6:30pm Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>O.M. Vacation</p> <p>Office Manager's Day Off</p>	<p>[C] Friedrich Wyrneken, Pastor</p> <p>No Men's Bible Study</p> <p>1:00pm KXXX Sermon</p> <p>1:30pm Lutheran Hour</p> <p>5:00pm KXXX Sermon</p>
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<p>Fourth Sunday of Easter - 8:45am SS/ABS - PH</p> <p>10:00am DS - Sanctuary</p> <p>11:15am Fellowship PH</p> <p>12:00pm Divine Service -</p>	<p>Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>O.M. Vacation</p> <p>C.E. W. Walther, Theologian</p>	<p>10:00am OSLC, Paradise Bible Class (FR)</p>	<p>Job</p> <p>9:30am Thursday Bible Class (FR)</p> <p>6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)</p>	<p>Office Manager's Day Off</p>	<p>Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs</p> <p>8:00am Board of Elders</p> <p>1:00pm KXXX Sermon</p> <p>1:30pm Lutheran Hour</p> <p>5:00pm KXXX Sermon</p>
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<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter - 8:45am SS/ABS - PH</p> <p>10:00am DS - Sanctuary</p> <p>11:15am Fellowship PH</p> <p>12:00pm Divine Service - OSLC, Paradise</p>	<p>Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>C.E. W. Walther, Theologian</p>	<p>10:00am OSLC, Paradise Bible Class (FR)</p>	<p>9:30am Thursday Bible Class (FR)</p> <p>6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)</p>	<p>Office Manager's Day Off</p>	<p>St. N. Sitch</p> <p>1:00pm KXXX Sermon</p> <p>1:30pm Lutheran Hour</p> <p>5:00pm KXXX Sermon</p>
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<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter - 8:45am SS/ABS - PH</p> <p>10:00am DS - Sanctuary</p> <p>11:15am Fellowship PH</p> <p>12:00pm Divine Service - OSLC, Paradise</p>	<p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>10:00am OSLC, Paradise Bible Class (FR)</p>	<p>10:00am OSLC, Paradise Bible Class (FR)</p>	<p>The Ascension of Our Lord</p> <p>9:30am Thursday Bible Class (FR)</p> <p>6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (CL)</p> <p>7:00pm Ascension Divine</p>	<p>[F] The Visitation (W)</p> <p>Office Manager's Day Off</p>	

<b>OFFICE MANAGER'S HOURS</b>	<b>TUE - THU</b>	<b>9:00AM - 4:00PM*</b>
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	<i>*Lunch 1/2 - 1 hour</i>	

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