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Ascension Sunday

Theme: “Living the Sequel”

May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday brings our Easter series, Stories That Matter, to its final story. Throughout this season, we’ve heard how Jesus prepared his followers—opening their minds, grounding them in Scripture, and shaping them to live the reality of resurrection. In his final moment on earth, he sends them out as witnesses, promising they will be “clothed with power from on high.” As he ascends from their sight, they return with great joy. The story of the Resurrection hasn’t ended. It’s being entrusted to them. And to us.

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

Resurrection Band

BELLS

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

WOV 784*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

screen

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1 – 11

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

CHILDREN’S TIME

HTMN

This Little Light of Mine

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

MESSAGE:

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HYMN OF THE DAY

Evidence

WB 153

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

screen

P: Merciful God,

C: Receive our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

MEAL

OFFERING Sudan Crisis Response of The Lutheran World Federation

OFFERTORY PRAYER

screen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

I am the Bread of Life

*WOV 702**

Come As You Are

Crowder

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

BENEDICTION

screen

BELLS

SENDING HYMN

Soul on Fire

WB 108

DISMISSAL

P: Go forth in peace and in the blessing and promise of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

SENDING MUSIC

Resurrection Band

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

Mon	<u>Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6</u>
Tue	<u>Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11</u>
Wed	<u>Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36</u>
Thu	<u>Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11</u>
Fri	<u>Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17</u>
Sat	<u>Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12</u>
Sun	<u>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23</u>

SERVICE ASSISTANTS

	This Week	Next Week
Greeters	Galen & Charlotte Negen	Gina Lenander
Ushers	Mike & Carol Jones	Mike & Carol Jones
Reader	Bernie Beck	De Carlson
Communion	Charlotte Negen & Mia Yoder	

Prayer Concerns: Peace in the Middle East, Ukraine, and Venezuela; Sudan Crisis Response of The Lutheran World Federation; The friends & family of Sylvan Gerdts; Marlys Stainbrook, Carl & Linda Anderson, Phyllis Carlson, Tim Atwater (brother-in-law of Carol Jones), Jean (cousin of Vi Sundermeyer), Emily (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Elaine Kelsey (friend of Peg Davies), Rose & Don (Vi Sundermeyer's sister and brother-in-law), Jerry Johnson (brother of Jay Johnson), Ryan Lau, Carla & Scott (friends of Corina Bronczyk), Karen Rich (sister of Mike Jones), Bonnie & George Lueck, Tina Riggs (friend of Bobbie Wosika), Jerry Leverson (Resurrection Band singer), Jim Thomsen, Gail Buck, Erika W. (friend of Vi Sundermeyer), Jennifer Lyons (niece of Carol Jones), Joyce Lecy (Harry Lecy's sister-in-law), Dr. Brian Bratloff, Phyllis Deer, Georgia Alexander (Pat Tinklenberg's granddaughter), Bruce Dahl (friend of Jay Johnson), Pat Tinklenberg (Heather Lenander's mom), Bernice Seward (De Carlson's mother), Nicky (friend of Peg Davies), Kent Stover (Kirk Stover's brother), Paul Benson (Betty Lecy's brother), David VanEye, Mellisa Tibbets, Jeff Massie, Harry Lecy, Johanna, Jana Dunham, Nellie, Bill T. (Shannah's cousin), Pr. Jim & Ann Davis, Steve Olafson, Jane Andress (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Daryl Hendrickson (friend of Peg Davies), Charlie Keith (great grandson of Jim & Linda Kolar), Richard VandenEykel (friend of Bobbie Wosicka), Coralyn Lempola (friend of Peg Davies), TK Flynn (friend of Greyson Goehring), Cherie (niece of Carol Jones), Marcie Wosika (Bobbie's mother-in-law), Leslie Neppel, Roger Geimer (Shannah Geimer's father-in-law), Joan Engels (friend of Shannah Geimer), Susan Gitter (friend of Vi Sundermeyer)

Opportunities This Week

Today	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM
	Church Council meeting	11:30 AM
Sun	Bible Study	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	10:00 AM
	Coffee Fellowship	11:15 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **HUGE THANK YOU** to all who donated items and time for the Garage Sale yesterday!
- We will be packing up leftover items during coffee fellowship.
- **FLCW meeting May 24, 11:30, to finish plans for June Fundraiser.**
- **Extra birthday cards? We could use them. There's a basket on the table in the narthex.**

MAY MISSION OF THE MONTH

Sudan Crisis Response of The Lutheran World Federation

Sudan is experiencing the largest hunger crisis in the world. Food assistance is difficult because of civil war, displacement of the people, and blocked humanitarian access to places where famine is most severe. The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) has been actively addressing the needs of populations who have fled the conflict and are currently displaced in the neighboring countries of Chad, Ethiopia, Uganda and South Sudan. “All these countries are already dealing with internal conflicts and large numbers of refugees and internally displaced people. Humanitarian aid is urgently needed to provide water, food and shelter to those who have lost everything.”

If you wish to donate to this worthy cause, please make your check to FLCW with Sudan on the memo line. If you choose to donate cash, please use an offering envelope and write Sudan along with your name.

There are offering envelopes in the pews.