

because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

THE MESSAGE TODAY: *John 15:9-17*
"Love, Love, Love"
After the sermon please rise to sing, "Create In Me," found on page 20 in the front of the red hymnals

After the Offering, the Service continues on p.21 with the Order of Service for the Sacrament. Please note that only WELS members or members of this congregation may receive the sacrament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS: The following members are celebrating a birthday this week: **May 31**–Inez Grunwald; **June 1**–Scott Byrum.

CHRISTIAN FUNERAL: This past Friday our brother in the faith, Edgar Bartelt was called home to heaven by our Good Shepherd, Jesus. Funeral plans are being set today at NOON with Lewin.

THANK YOU!

- A special thanks to our guest speaker, Rev. Ron Gorske, who leads us in worship today. Pastor Finn & family are driving to the airport with their airman son, Billy as he returns to base in Germany.
- We also thank the following members who offered to serve in new roles during the up-coming vacancy: Sue Schuelke (Treasurer), Sandra Meyer (Secretary) and Amanda Herbst (Custodian)

TODAY (May 26) MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
WORSHIP w/HC..... 9:00 am
MONDAY (May 27) NO Choir Practice
TUESDAY (May 8) Pastor teaches at Bethlehem..... 8:15 am
THURSDAY (May 30) Pastor teaches at Bethlehem..... 8:15 am
Confirmation Examination (*NO Teen Bible class*)..... 6:30 pm
NEXT SUNDAY (June 2) CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
WORSHIP (*Choir sings*)..... 9:00 am



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

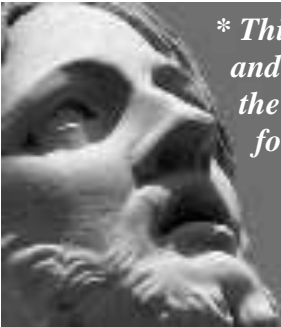
May 26th, 2019

We are coming to the end of the Easter season. For six Sundays we have been celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Next Sunday is the last Sunday of Easter—and it’s really quite different from today. Why? Between now and then, we observe the Day of our Lord’s Ascension on the calendar.* The Ascension of our Lord marks the conclusion of his appearances during the forty days of the Easter season. Jesus had to prepare his disciples for the time when they would no longer see him visibly, the situation in which we still find ourselves. In the Gospel Lesson today we hear Jesus say to them and to us, “*Do not let your hearts be troubled.*” (John 14:27)

This weekend we also remember the ultimate sacrifice our fallen military offered to secure the freedoms we enjoy in this nation of ours. Once more today you may donate to the Lutheran Military Support Group (*Place donations in "Ammo Can" in the entrance*).

Dear Guests,

If you have any needs or questions during your visit with us this morning, let us try to help. Ask an usher or the person next to you. If the Lord has given you children to raise for Him, we’re glad you brought them to His house today! If at any point your little one gets overly restless and you need a moment or two alone with them, there is a quiet area near the restrooms downstairs just past the fellowship hall.



** This Thursday marks the 40th day since Easter and the Ascension of our Lord. We will observe the Ascension in our Worship next Sunday. The following churches have special services:*

- Bethlehem, Hortonville (6:30 pm) Graduation
- Zion, Readfield (6:30 pm) w/Ice Cream social
- Immanuel, Greenville (7:00 pm)
- Faith, Fond du Lac (6:30 pm)

BELLS & WELCOME by PASTOR

BELLS & WELCOME, Worship Leader & Speaker: Rev. Ron Gorske

ORDER OF SERVICE: After the opening hymn we'll be following "**The Common Service,**" found on **page 15** in the front of the red hymnals.

HYMNS: #617 "*Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored*"

Ps.65, page 89 (*Sing in Unison*)

#177 "*Come Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*"

#309 (*Distribution Hymn during the Sacrament*)

#619 "*God Bless Our Native Land*"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Spoken by Pastor*) "*Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*"

+ THE WORD +

FIRST LESSON: *Acts 14:8-18 ~ Paul and Barnabas proclaim a message of peace through the risen Christ.* "In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked.

⁹He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk. ¹¹When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!"

¹²Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them. ¹⁴But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵"Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving

you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." ¹⁸Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them."

SING: **Psalm 65, p.89** (*Sing in Unison*)

SECOND LESSON: *Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 ~We continue to look with the Lord's Apostle into heaven again this week, and once again we can't help but marvel—that's us! Like a bright jewel the Church is built on the prophets and apostles and is coming down out of heaven with Jesus—and shining with the radiance of His light!*

"And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp."

VERSE OF THE DAY: *Alleluia! Christ is risen— He is risen indeed! Alleluia! "If anyone loves me he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia! (John 14:23)*

THE GOSPEL LESSON: *John 15:9-17 ~ Jesus tells us we that we are his friends, and that his love made that happen.* ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants

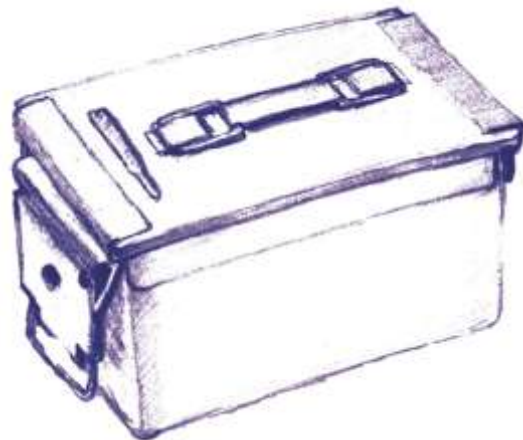
LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP

Today is one of Lutheran Military Support Group's two main fund raising days, Memorial Day and Veterans Day. This door offering will go to support the following LMSG programs:

- PTSD Spiritual Counseling,
- Local Congregational LMSG projects,
- European Chaplain Support,
- Military Contact Pastor Training,
- Grass Roots Veterans support to DryHootch,
- God & Grub, the National Chaplain's office, Blue Star Mothers, Pastoral travel expenses to remote military families and to Mission congregations next to Military Installations.

Our fund-raising theme is: **"PRAISE THE LORD AND PASS THE AMMUNITION"** – This is a widely recognized World War II saying that anyone over the age of 50 has probably heard many times. You'd hear it blurted out – usually when there were several people working together handing something to one another - "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition!" is based on the premise that if everyone pitches in we can continue to help our WELS and ELS men and women who wear the uniform of our country.

Thank you for being a part of this worthy effort!



WELS APPLE VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

HELP NEEDED!!

June 9 - Mt. Calvary & St. Paul Dale serving

At least six (6) people needed to sign-up from St Paul

Helping after church
for 2-3 hours stocking
food donations at the
Food Pantry collection site:

St Matthews Luther Church
129 S Mason Street
Appleton, WI

**SIGN-UP SHEET
IN ENTRYWAY
TODAY**



THANK YOU!

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

O Lord God, we give you our heartfelt thanks for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, whom you sent that we might have life and have it to the full. For this great salvation, for our deliverance from the dominion of death by his resurrection, and for the sweet hope of heaven, we glorify you, O Lord God, and sing forth the honor of your Name.

Bless the Church and let it be, both here in this congregation and everywhere, a loving union of people in faith and good works. For all who toil in industry, we pray that they may prosper and receive the fruit of their labor. To all who serve you in the professions, grant the satisfaction of a noble work. Bless the farmers and all who produce the fruits of the soil, that they may have favorable weather and a bountiful harvest, and ever acknowledge you as the Giver of our daily bread.

On this Memorial Day, we pray also for our country. Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed and preserved us through our nation and its government. Thank you for the many freedoms we enjoy, especially the freedom to worship in peace. We remember today all those men and women who have served and sacrificed in the armed forces to protect the freedom we cherish. Bless our government, prosper the work of our hands, and especially enable us to fulfill our responsibilities as citizens of your Kingdom and as conscientious citizens of this good land.

Finally, Lord Jesus, we ask that you comfort those who mourn the death of our brother in the faith, Edgar Bartelt. We thank you for having brought him to saving faith through the waters of baptism and for preserving Edgar in faith these many years of his life. Dry the tears of those who grieve through the living hope you give to us through your resurrection. Through Word and sacrament continue to draw us all to yourself through the gospel; preserve us in faith that one day we too may join Edgar and that triumphant throng of believers in heaven.

We bring our petitions to you in the name of Christ Jesus, who also has taught us to pray...

Hi Ron,

- Our guest organist's name is Debbie.
- On the altar you'll find a wireless microphone; test it before worship.
- As the bells ring I usually come out and pray silently toward the altar, then greet the people and announce the opening hymn. I usually announce all the hymn numbers & titles.
- The ushers will bring the plates from the back of church up to you after it is gathered.
- A Prayer of the Church is included with this note.

Following the service call attention to the following announcements in the bulletin and on the 2-sided insert
Thanks again for helping us out--

God Bless!