

ESV **Ephesians 1:15-23** For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ 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. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ESV **Luke 24:44-53** 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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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." ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

ESV **Colossians 3:1-4** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.



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Ascension Sunday – May 29, 2022

The Opening Prayer by the Pastor

The Opening Hymn – 212 (*Verses 1-4*) (*Red Hymnal*)
"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

The Order of Service – Supplement page 12ff. (*Brown Hymnal*)

The Scripture Lessons: (*Printed on the back page of this bulletin*)

The First Lesson: (Ephesians 1:15-23) Our first reading tells of the lingering effects of the aftermath of Christ's ascension. All the power and glory that was once his was returned to Jesus when he ascended back to his Father's side in heaven. Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (and for us) is that they might personally experience this power in their lives.

The Psalm of the Day – Psalm 2 (Page 30)

The Second Lesson: (Luke 24:44-53) Our second reading includes an account of the event we commemorate this morning, the ascension of our Savior Jesus. This reading also identifies one of the greatest, yet least appreciated, benefits of Jesus' ascension – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. For reasons not known to us, that sending of the Holy Spirit could not happen until Jesus returned to His Father's side in heaven. The Ascension also serves as something of a "second Easter" in that it provides proof that Jesus accomplished His mission to pay man's sin debt.

The Confession of Faith -

The Apostolic Creed – page 15 (*Brown Hymnal*)

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 738 (*Brown Hymnal*)
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

The Sermon – Text: Colossians 3:1-4 (*Printed on the back of this bulletin*)

"THE ASCENSION GIVES US OUR PERFECT PITCH"

- I. It's perfect for revealing the false notes of this sinful world.
- II. It's perfect for tuning our hearts to the glorious life to come.

The Offertory – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Post-Sermon Hymn – 216 (*Red Hymnal*)
"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

The Prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn – 212 (*Verses 5-7*) (*Red Hymnal*)
"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Silent Prayer

Welcome! - We warmly welcome any visitors who might be with us this morning and invite you to join us every Sunday at this time. St. Paul is a congregation in fellowship with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) – a conservative Lutheran synod with churches and missions throughout the United States and around the world. We are glad you are here. Thank you for letting us share the Word of God with you. Please record your visit in our Guest Book, and come again.

Attendance – Sunday (33) Average (30)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today	-10:00 a.m.	– Sunday Worship Service
	-11:00 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour
Next Sunday	-10:00 a.m.	– Sunday Worship with Communion
	-11:15 a.m.	– Fellowship Hour

CLC News – Pastor David Ude has returned the call to Redemption of Lynnwood. Pastor-elect Zach Sippert is scheduled to be ordained and installed as pastor of Redemption of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich in a 4pm service in Bowdle on July 10th. A fellowship meal will follow. The congregation is invited.

Vacuum Cleaner – A new vacuum cleaner has been purchased for the church. Several have expressed interest in helping to defray this unanticipated cost. Offerings should be marked "Vacuum" and dropped in the offering box.

Black Hills Camping – The annual Black Hills Family Bible Camp is scheduled for Friday July 15th through the morning of Tuesday July 19th. Contact Pastor Aaron Ude at (605) 393-1311 or email him at aaronude@gmail.com for more information.

Guest Speaker – Our thanks to Professor Paul Naumann for bringing the Word of God to us this morning. Professor Naumann serves on the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire.

Daily Rest – Subscriptions for the devotional Daily Rest are due for renewal. Please consult the sheet on the mailbox table. Payment can be dropped into the offering box and need not be specially marked.

Online Contributions – As requested, an online contribution feature has been added to our website. Please forward any feedback to any Council member.