

# LOGOS

*The word from Word of Life*

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## *Ascension of our Lord*

Ascension Day is celebrated on May 25, 2017

44 He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

Additional Texts for the Day: Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:15-23, Psalm 47



*Show me the way,  
not to fortune and fame,  
Not how to win laure's  
or praise for my name -  
But Show Me The Way  
to spread "The Great Story"  
That "Thine is The Kingdom  
and Power and Glory"*

Helen Steiner Rice

## **Word of Life Core Values**

- *Jesus is Lord.*
- *Jesus is our guide.*
- *Forgiveness of sin leads to healing.*
- *Prayer changes things.*
- *Faith is God's gracious gift that saves.*

## *Happy Mother's Day!*

"Some mothers are kissing mothers and some are scolding mothers, but it is love just the same, and most mothers kiss and scold together."

—Pearl S. Buck



Be strengthened in your faith as you meditate on the scripture readings for this month!

Worship Texts for May					
Date		1st Reading	Psalm	2nd Reading	Gospel
May 7	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 14	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 21	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 28	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11

## *The Journey Continues*

These past couple months we have focused on the cross and the journey that would end with the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What now? On what or whom will we direct our focus for the remainder of the church year? First, we never take our eyes off of Jesus for to remain faithful to him we need constant instruction and encouragement. To succeed in any endeavor requires a mindset of learning and growing and we have been graciously provided with the necessary “tools” – the Sacraments, the Word, and prayer.

Jesus, himself, gives us a huge clue, or command, to a second direction we should be focusing our attention – neighbors! Oh no! Here comes the word “Evangelism”. Unfortunately this word does not bring exciting thoughts to our minds but wait, maybe we should find out the meaning to a part of this word – Evangel. This is a Greek word that means to give a message of good news. If that is the case then we are already doing this in our everyday life. I am, are you not also? Who doesn’t like to be the bearer of good news; we are getting married, we are going to be grandparents, your fever has gone down, God bless you, and the list goes on.

The “Good News” that seems the hardest to share is what we have just been reminded of at Easter. This news is fully explained in the New Testament – the ‘promise of forgiveness of sins and fellowship with God, backed up by the event of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.’<sup>1</sup> From the following passages we are given wonderful snapshots of this good news:

Luke 2:11 **A Savior** – one who rescues us

Galatians 3:13 **A Redeemer** – removes the curse of the law

Mark 10:42-45 **Becomes a ransom** – gives his life to rescue others

II Corinthians 5:19 **A Reconciler** – brings relationships back together again

Luke 4:18-29 **Giver of liberty** – releasing us from bondage

On the Day of Ascension, Jesus spoke these words to his disciples – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”, Acts 1:8. We have received the Holy Spirit in our baptism and are also called to continue our journey by sharing the Good News!

<sup>1</sup> Proclaiming the Evangel, by Gordon Huesby, Lutheran Forum, Spring 2017

### SHARING A MEAL

Acts 2 speaks of the believers sharing meals and fellowship - join us for a **POTLUCK** meal on **May 7th** at **5:00pm** followed by:

**Worship with Communion**  
at **6:00 pm**



### Pastor Donald Leroy Stiffler

On April 4, 2017, Pastor Stiffler passed away after many years of being one of God’s faithful believers. We will miss Pastor Don and the way he could make the scriptures come alive. Our prayers are with the Stiffler family during this time of sadness.

Pastor Don always began his sermon with this greeting:

**P:** This is the day the Lord has made:

**C:** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**



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