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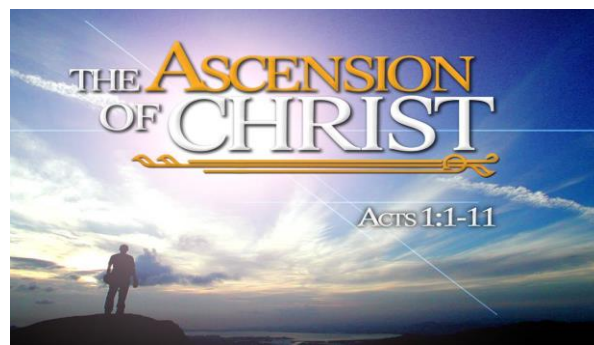
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### **"THE ASCENSION"**

This Sunday, we will celebrate the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Jesus takes his place as King at the right hand of the Father Almighty. With Jesus bodily present in heaven, he is still bodily and spiritually present on earth. You ask how? Jesus is bodily present because the Church is Jesus' bodily presence. Jesus is spiritually present because of the promised Holy Spirit, which is the glue and the energy that holds together and moves to action each body part.

Think of the church as a family. In actuality, the church is also called the church family. In a family, there could be any or all of the following: wife/mother, husband/father and children. Think about your family. Doesn't each family member have different roles to play and different responsibilities? Sunday, we recognized the important roles and responsibilities of mothers and we gave God thanks. What good is a member who plays no role or responsibilities? What do they contribute to the identity of the family? The same goes for the church family. We can join the church but without roles and responsibilities, what do we contribute to the identity of the church family?

Sunday, I was moved by the amount of people who offered to help and did help with the mother's appreciation luncheon. Of course, I graciously declined the help of moms because the celebration honored them. Many other women and men stepped forward and made a big difference.

Today, we celebrate the Lord's Ascension! Without the Holy Spirit, the church would be made up of many members without a mission. With the Holy Spirit, the church is made up of baptized brothers and sisters united by the one spirit, spreading the love of Christ through our roles and responsibilities. I thank God for faithful, serving Moms and for faithful, serving church people.

Ascension of the Lord Sunday  
May 28, 2017

The Prelude: "Praise Be To God"	Matt Powers
The Chiming of the Hour: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"	Gregg Sewell
Welcome and Announcements	
Call to Worship: "I Come with Joy"	
*The Hymn: "For All the Saints"	UMH 711
*Prayer of Confession and Pardon	
(All) Merciful God,	
day by day we have failed to believe	
in your presence and your promised forgiveness.	
Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,	
so that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty	
to the glory of your ascended Son.	
(silent prayers of personal confession)	
(Leader) By the power of the Holy Spirit,	
as a witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus,	
in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!	
(Congregation) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!	
(All) Glory be to God! Amen!	
Anthem: "Come Let Us Sing"	Jody W. Lindh
Minister: O Lord open thou our lips	
People: And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.	
Minister: Praise ye the Lord.	
People: The Lord's name be praised.	
The Gospel Lesson	Luke 24:44-53
*Psalter: Psalm 47 (Choral Response)	UMH 781
*The Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)	UMH 881
*The Gloria Patri	UMH 70
Children's Moments	Reverend Robert Vincent
Prayer Concerns and Praise Reports	Reverend Robert Vincent
Choral Prayer of Meditation: "Canticle of Prayer"	Choir
Pastoral Prayer	Reverend Robert Vincent
The Lord's Prayer	Reverend Robert Vincent
*The Hymn: "Thine Be the Glory"	UMH 308
The New Testament Lesson	Acts 1:1-11
Sermon	Reverend Robert Vincent
Prayer of Discipleship	Reverend Robert Vincent
The Offering	
Offertory: "Communion"	Reginald Martin
*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	Doxology, UMH 95
*Closing Hymn: "America"	UMH 697
*The Benediction by the Minister with congregational response	
*The Response: "Go Forth for God"	UMH 670
Postlude	*congregation standing please





**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Jeremy Alcorn - June 3**



**Vacation Bible School** (Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade)

Jul 31 - Aug 4 (Monday - Friday), 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Please register on the church website:

<http://sgumch.org/VBSRegistration/VBSRegistration.html>

For more information, call Diana Gantt (803) 414-6549.

**Come join us for a Heroes event!**

**SALKEHATCHIE Registration is Open!** Jenkinsville camp is June 24- July 1. Anyone wanting to participate can



register online at [www.salkehatchie.org](http://www.salkehatchie.org). If you cannot work on a site, there are plenty of other opportunities to help! We will need bottled water and snacks for those who will be working at the home sites and Lowes gift cards to buy supplies. We can also use grocery gift cards for the families. Items may

be dropped off in the education building hallway. Contact Katie Shearouse (803) 673-4540 for details.

**Sharing God's Love** current needs are spaghetti sauce, jelly, pork 'n beans, grits, cereal, flour, sugar, canned fruit, Laundry/dish detergent, toothpaste/brushes, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, diapers-size 5, quart and gallon zip lock freezer bags (no sliders), towels, wash cloths, all size sheets/comforters and summer clothing for all sizes. If you have large items to donate or have questions, please contact Shari Selke at (803) 732-3188 or [sharingodslove1@aol.com](mailto:sharingodslove1@aol.com).

**Altar flowers** are donated by the Kaminer grandchildren in honor of Charles' and Linda's anniversary.

**Thank You** We thank God for all those who volunteered and made possible a great opportunity to celebrate and appreciate mothers. From the men in the kitchen, to those supervising the crafts, to the children fixing the drinks, desserts and crafts, to the set up and clean-up crew, we are much appreciative of their efforts. Thank you for participating and most of all, thank you MOMS for your sacrificial love and dedication to your family.

#### PARISH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	8:30 AM	The Way Service - Family Life Center
	9:30 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Traditional Worship Service – Sanctuary
	7:30 PM	The Way Band Practice - Family Life Center
MONDAY		Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
TUESDAY	8:00 PM	AA Meeting - Fellowship Hall
WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM	Intercessory Prayer Group - Church Office
	7:15 PM	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
THURSDAY	10:00 AM	New Hope Lutheran Church - Fellowship Hall

