



HENTY LUTHERAN PARISH
7th Sunday of Easter
Ascension of our Lord
24th May 2020 #20



The Ascension of our Lord Christ is an occasion that is filled with joy. After the disciples saw Jesus ascend to heaven, they returned to Jerusalem with *great joy*, our text reminds us. “*and they were continually in the temple, blessing God,*” (Lk 24:50–53)

And folks, there is joy for you, right now too. Not only was He put to death for you, He also ascended for you.

This means that all the punishment that you deserved because of your rebellious heart Jesus took upon Himself when He died once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God. He has removed the Father’s wrath that burns hot against your sin when He was nailed up on the cross. He was put to death for our offences and raised again for our justification.

But that’s not all. This week we are celebrating that Jesus, the man, was raised up from the dead and then ascended into heaven, not just His mind or spirit. It was Jesus the man who is God that got up from the grave and then rose exalted up on high forty days later. He did not only come down from heaven, but has ascended back into heaven that He might fill all things with His glorious presence.

Jesus didn’t just die for you; Jesus didn’t just rise from the dead for you; He also ascended for you. That’s why we celebrate on Ascension a joy that has no end. That’s why we, like the disciples before us, can fill our homes with great joy. We haven’t lost someone we love even though we can see Him no more with these eyeballs of ours. He Himself promised: “*I am with you till the close of the age.*”

Just think: Jesus is here with us as we hear His Word. He is with us in the Lord’s Supper where He feeds us with His Body and gives us to drink of His most holy blood – given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

We all know that you can’t always be happy, happiness comes and goes in this world. But there’s enough joy here to last you a lifetime. Joy that your sins, which are many, are gone forever; blotted out in Jesus’ blood. Joy that your Saviour died and rose in your place; that He has gone on ahead of you, ascended up on high at the right hand of the Father, where He always lives to make intercession for you. Joy that He has gone to heaven to prepare a place for you. Joy that He will come again to take you to Himself. But above all this, joy that He is with you still today, to lighten your load, to carry all your sorrows, to bring you the kind of peace that surpasses all human understanding. And that’s a joy that no one can take away; not now, not in the future, not ever.

Thanks be to God.

Memory Verse of the Week

but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Matthew 6:33

Prayer Points

World - for all aid workers that their supplies would reach the people for whom it is intended

Church - for Hans Peethala (*Cynderella, Ethan, Yarmiyah*) Living Waters Liverpool

Parish - for all who are sick or in hospital

Henty - for all members and friends including Des & Narelle Hohnberg, Alice Hore, Harold & Clarice Janetzki, Mark Janetzki, Marie Katalinic, Ruth Kendall

Culcairn - for all members and friends including Rob Hartley and Ivan Stoll

Pleasant Hills - for all members and friends including Warren, Jade, Tia, Paige & Cooper Lieschke

Parish

1) **Henty Parish Committee** will meet on Tuesday 2nd June, 7:30pm sharp at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Henty.

Culcairn

2) **Ladies Fellowship** Thanks to all who have been supporting our projects while we are not meeting. For those wishing to give an offering towards our projects this month please give to Maxine. Thanks

3) **Rosters:** 31st May (*red*)

Cleaners: Clarke Family Grounds: Ken Baker



Henty

4) **Rosters:** 31st May (*red*)

Grounds: J Kilo, B Davidson, Stephen Bahr



Bible Readings for Sunday 31st May: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 The coming of the Holy Spirit

Psalm 104:24-34,35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 The gifts of the Spirit

John 20:19-23 Jesus gives his Spirit to the apostles

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