



He Left...Now What?

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Hanover Lutheran Church

2949 Perryville Road, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Welcome!

Welcome to Hanover Lutheran Church! What a blessing from the Almighty God that he calls us and allows us and desires us to be in worship together. We are pleased and thankful that you are here today to hear God's Word and receive His Gifts. As Redeemed Children of God, it is our goal to fulfill the "Law of Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:21) which is to Love God and Love our neighbor (Matthew 22:37-40). Again, thank you for joining us in worshipping the One True God who sent His Son to suffer, die, and rise for us! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us. Pastor Rod Benkendorf (314-704-8202) or the church office (573-335-8583).

We invite you to join us in the Activity Center at 9:00am this morning as we continue our adult Bible study.

Office Hours

The church office will be open with the secretary present 9:00am-3:00pm Monday-Thursday

Pastor will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Pastor's day off will be Monday.

Vicar will be in the office Tuesday-Friday morning.

Vicar's day off will be Monday.

In case of an emergency, you may reach Pastor Benkendorf at (314)704-8202.

Calendar

Sunday 5/5	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am	Communion SS/Bible Study
Tuesday 5/7	8:30am 6:30pm	Quilt Tacking Church Council- CANCELED
Wednesday 5/8	9:30am 1:00pm 6:30pm	Bible Study Ladies Aid Bible Study
Friday 5/10	6:30pm:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday 5/12	7:45 & 10:15am 9:00am 9:30am	Communion Mother's Day Brunch Day School Parent Meeting

Attention parents of Lutheran Day School students: The Board of Ed will have a short meeting to hand out forms and information for the 2024-2025 school year on May 12, in the Youth room, around 9:30am (or after Pastor finishes the combined Bible study). We need a count of students who will be attending Saxony, Trinity, and St Paul for the upcoming school year. It will be short so we can enjoy the meal and fellowship.

Ascension Sunday

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7:45 & 10:15 am

Prelude/Ringing of Church Bells

Lighting of the Candles

Announcements

Prayer for Worship

(see inside cover of LSB)

Opening Hymn

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” *LSB 493*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God ...and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 47

P Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

P He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

C **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

P God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

C **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

P For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C **God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

P The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise (sung)

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day (sung)

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.**

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C **he has put all things under his feet.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse (sung)

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel (response is sung)

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord” *LSB 830*

Sermon

“He Left...Now What?” *Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:44-53*

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

Offertory (sung)

LSB 159

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

Preface (sung)

LSB 160

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus (sung)

LSB 161

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

- P** Blessed are You... one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen. (sung)

Agnus Dei (sung)

LSB 163

- C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution & Hymns

“What Is This Bread” LSB 629
“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” LSB 494
“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537

Post Communion Canticle (sung)

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray... one God, now and forever.

C Amen. (sung)

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord ... and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen. (sung)

Closing Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” *LSB 821*

Postlude

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

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Memorials Given in Memory and Honor of

Rev. Robert J. Daniel

Ascension: The fortieth day of Easter is called Ascension Day. It is considered the closing chapter of Easter. For forty days after His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and others showing that He truly had risen from the dead! On that fortieth day, Jesus, True God and True Man, ascended into heaven (Luke 24:50-51 and Acts 1:1-11). The work of Jesus Christ for us is complete! Jesus died for our sins, rose from the dead, and now ascended He sits at the Right Hand of God. In His life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus has guaranteed that we too shall rise and be in the presence of God, FOREVER!

COMMUNION GUIDANCE: We rejoice in this celebration of the LORD's Supper. Indeed, the Lord Jesus comes to us in a very intimate manner, giving to us His true Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in this sacred meal. St. Paul writes, "*A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself*" (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Confirmed members of churches that belong to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, believing and confessing as we do, are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. We practice "Close Communion" and it is out of love and care for every individual that comes to the Lord's Supper that we ask those who are not instructed in the Lutheran, Christian faith and/or doubt the presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in this Sacrament refrain from communing until you have had an opportunity to speak with Pastor Benkendorf. As you are comfortable, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing as you cross your arms in front of you. Please respect our position of love in this matter of Christian and Pastoral care.

Serving in Worship

Ushers 7:45am -Rich Behring, Terry Gerlach, Tyler Gerlach, Jacob Koenig, Samuel Koenig, Adam Koenig, Mike Brown, Nolan Brown
10:15am -Bruce Schmidt, John Hall, Ben Meyer,

Serving in Sunday School

*Teachers for May 5th – "Littles" and "Middles", Special Project,
5th-8th grade, Tom Hadler*

Acolytes
Next week (5/12)

Liam Kelley
Garrett Michael

Xavier Franks
Ian Petzoldt

Announcements

Previous Vicar: Adam Rouse received a Call to serve as Pastor Immanuel Lutheran Church in Springfield, IL. He, Amanda, and Aria will be headed there sometime this summer. We give thanks to God for them and the congregation of which they will become a part. To God Be the Glory and the Furthering of His Kingdom.

Vicar-Elect: Mr. Ryan Curtis has been assigned his 2024-25 vicarage with us at Hanover! He is a native of Michigan and attended Concordia Ann Arbor before going to the Seminary. We give thanks to God that we are once again able to help train a man to serve in God's Kingdom. To God Be the Glory and the Furthering of His Kingdom.

Gift Received: We received the following letter from Judith Daniel. "Dear Pastor Benkendorf: April 27, 2024, will have been the 100th birthday of my Dad, The Rev. Robert J. Daniel. July 21, 2024, is the 50th anniversary of when my Dad was installed as Pastor at Hanover Lutheran in Cape. He served the congregation and community for 15 years before he retired. In memory of both of these events, please accept the enclosed check to be used as your church leaders determine the most need. Many blessings to you, your congregation and all you serve. With warmest regards, Judith Daniel."

We have removed the dollar amount because it is quite substantial. If you would like to know the amount, please ask Pastor Benkendorf or Congregational Chairman, Clay Vangilder. The Chairman has put together a committee to brainstorm how the money can be used. The committee will present their ideas at a Voters' Meeting.

Ushers' Meeting-It's that time again. Time for all ushers and would be ushers to meet and go over the responsibilities of ushering. The meeting will take place on May 7 at 6:30pm.

Mother's Day Brunch-Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th and the men of Hanover will be serving brunch as has been our tradition for the last couple of years. Men, if you are willing and able to help, please contact Quinten Kelley at (573)519-9480.

Blood Drive Saxony Student Council is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, May 6 from 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Moeller Commons. You can schedule an appointment online.

Saxony Lutheran High School upcoming events-**May 8, 2024**, Spring Concert. **May 9, 2024**, Awards Assembly and Alumni Reception. Sunday, **May 19, 2024**, Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony at 2:00pm.

Camp SEMO Fundraiser-Camp SEMO is selling 80 pork butts at \$30 each which will be available for pickup on May 23. Please contact George Carey 573-225-5806 or Chris Bledsoe 573-450-9987 to order. Orders can be picked at Christ Lutheran Church in Gordonville from Noon until 2pm on May 23. **THERE ARE ONLY 80 AVAILABLE** so order soon!

Weekly Catechism and Scripture for Reflection

We are Lutheran! Why are we Lutheran? We are Lutheran because we are people of God's Word
- the Bible. We Believe teach and confess that Lutheranism
is the absolute best explanation of the Bible.

God wants us to be in His Word and listen to Him (Luke 11:28). With that in mind, each week
there will be a teaching from the Bible and a Bible verse upon which to reflect. You and your
family are encouraged to discuss, memorize, and own the teaching and the Bible verse. (Note:
Some teachings and Scripture will repeat from week to week.
That is intentional.)

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or
anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers,
or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Bible Story for the Week

"Jesus Returns to Heaven"

A Child's Garden of Bible Stories pp. 141-142
Acts 1:6-11

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