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“He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.” These words which we confess each week in our creed are powerful words because they tell the end of a story that we began to tell in Advent. Jesus, the Christ, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of Mary, lived and taught among us, was crucified for us, and rose again on the third day victorious over death, Satan, and Hell. Following his resurrection, he revealed himself to his apostles for forty days, until such time as he was taken into heaven on a cloud right before their eyes (Acts 1).

The number forty has great significance in scripture. Here are just a few references. The rain during the flood lasted for forty days and forty nights (Genesis 7:4) and Noah then waited forty days after the top of the mountains were seen to release the raven (Genesis 8:5-7). Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights before his temptation by Satan (Matthew 4:2).

Our offertory during the Easter season has encouraged us to hear that “Christ victorious, rising glorious, life is giving. He was dead but now is living.” This week, however, we sing in our offertory:

“See, the Lord ascends in triumph; conquering King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, his chariot, To His heavenly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heavenly King.”

As we celebrate his ascension, “...though the clouds from sight received him when the forty days were o’er, shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”? It’s not really the end of the story, for Jesus promises to be with us until that final day when he will return on a cloud, just as he ascended. Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Peace,

Jeffrey Blersch

Church Events

Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
Monday	6:30pm	Quilters
Tuesday	9:00am	Care Ministry Committee
	9:00am	Tai Chi
	9:30am	Alanon
	10:30am	Missions & Social Ministry
Wednesday	9:30am	Eucharist
	10:00am	Fellowship
	6:30pm	Women’s Bible Study
Thursday	6:30pm	Tai Chi
	7:00pm	Gamblers-12 Step
Sunday	8:00am	Eucharist
	9:00am	Blood Pressure Checks
	9:15am	Choir
	9:15 am	Education Hour
	10:30am	Eucharist
	7:00pm	Jazz Concert

Sunday's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Randy and Joan Workman in thankfulness for all God's blessings.

Pacific Hills members who have pledged to support the Forward in Faith Together capital campaign should use separate envelopes from their regular offering envelopes. Envelopes are available in the narthex.

Storm Chasers Lutheran Night Baseball is June 4.

Tickets are available in the church office. Cost per ticket is \$12.

The 67th Regular Convention of the LCMS—Please begin praying for our church body and leadership as pastors and lay people prepare for the convention. The theme for the convention is JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN based on 1 Thess 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. The convention will take place July 20-25 in Tampa, Florida.

Children Youth and Family Events:

Help us show our love for others by participating in one or more activities:

- June 8th, 2pm to 4 pm. Join Pastor and Cheryl visit shut-ins. Share cards, goodie bags and yourself with them. Call Cheryl about your participation, 913-209-2625 or the church.
- June 29th. 12pm - until food is gone. Help us offer lunch, hamburger and hot dogs, to people driving by the church. Call Sandra with questions, 402-571-8407.
- July 20th. Help prepare and deliver a meal to the Ronald McDonald house. Call Kay Storck with questions.
- The board is helping to pay 50% of the cost for youth to attend summer Lutheran camps. Please keep your receipts and give them to Sandra Glissmann for reimbursement.

Thank you! Questions? CYF Board: Alice Osborn, Cheryl Drebes, Sharon Irvin, Kay Storck, Pam Hafsaas, and Sandra Glissmann

We have Pacific Hills coffee mugs! The 14 oz. mugs are on sale for \$5 each in the narthex after each service Sunday. The money will go into the Outreach Board's account for future outreach efforts. We'll also give some to visitors. Check them out!

The Bible Verse of the Week

"Then he led them out as far as Bethany,
and lifting up his hands he blessed them."

Luke 24:50

Summer Jazz Concert Series Funding Request. For about the last 20 years Pacific Hills has sponsored three summer evening jazz concerts on our courtyard. This year we are continuing to do the same as the series has been a wonderful outreach event into our community. These three concerts cost a total of \$1200 and in recent years these concerts have been difficult to fund. We have moved forward in faith that we would secure the funds we need for these concerts: however, we are still in need of funds. If you enjoy these concerts and are able to support this worthy cause, please help us to fund these concerts. **Make your check payable to Pacific Hills Lutheran Church and memo on the offering envelope "Other" category "Jazz Concert Series"**. Thank you for your consideration.

Sunday evening Courtyard Jazz at Pacific Hills at 7pm:

June 9 — Jorge Nila and the Jazz Ninjas

July 14 — Robert Glaser and Urban Delight

August 18 — Michael Lyon Quartet (hamburgers and hot dogs social at 5:30pm)

Additional Sunday music events that we should support:

June 16 – Papillion Area Community (PAC) Band Concert at Sumtur Amphitheater

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Music and Worship Committee

Events of Other Congregations and Agencies

First Lutheran Preschool in Papillion is taking applications for a preschool teacher for the 3/4 year old class. This is a part-time position, three mornings a week. For more information, or to apply, contact Dave Ricke at 402-339-3668.