

**The Ascension of
Our Lord
May 29, 2025**



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PASTORAL LETTER FOR MAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During Lent, the Adult Sunday School class worked through a curriculum I created called The Body of Christ. One week we considered the Blood of Christ. Jesus shed his blood for us on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus also gives us his blood every Sunday in the Lord's Supper, for the forgiveness of our sins.

We noted that human blood serves many important functions in our bodies. These include:

- It carries oxygen and nutrients throughout your body.
- It forms blood clots to manage bleeding.
- It protects your body from infections.
- It carries away waste products.
- It regulates your body temperature.



The blood Jesus shed on the cross for us was real human blood, Jesus is truly divine and truly man. The blood we receive in the Holy Communion is also Jesus' true blood, to use Luther's words, "in, under, and above" the wine. What our blood does for us makes a good analogy for what Jesus' blood does for us.

- Jesus' blood nourishes and enlivens our faith. We cannot be strong, active Christians without it.
- When we are hurt, whether it be emotionally, physically, or spiritually, Jesus' blood gives us comfort and healing.
- When our faith is tested, when bad thoughts and heresies attack us, Jesus' blood protects from the Enemy's assaults.
- We all sin and are guilty, but Jesus' blood takes away our sins and cleanses us.
- When our faith in God grows cold and our love for others loses its spark, Jesus' blood warms our hearts and rekindles our zeal for the life of faith.

May we never grow tired of receiving our Lord's body and blood. We need it so very much.

Let us pray: O Jesus, in communion with your most precious blood, poured out on the cross and offered at every Divine Service, I bring you my prayers, work, joys and sorrows, in praise of your Holy Name. Please forgive me my sins, bring all people to faith in you, unite all believers, and at last bring us to our final heavenly home with you. Amen.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Eric Ash

The Ascension of Our Lord

C	L	O	U	D	L	A	S	L	S	N	R	A	N
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MOUNTAIN
 ASCENSION
 HEAVEN
 CLOUD
 APOSTLES
 POWER
 WITNESS
 JERUSALEM
 JESUS
 OLIVET



On May 18 at 9 am there will be an intergenerational presentation called **"Walk Thru the Bible"** led by Pastor Ash. Adults and children will memorize the names of all 27 books of the New Testament in order and a concise summary of each one, using images and movement. People of all ages are invited to attend. It's unique and fun -- and free. A significant amount of printing is required, so we will ask those who plan to attend to sign up beforehand.



MAY

CELEBRATIONS



Anniversaries

- 6 Ron and Christina Wightman
- 21 Paul and Leilani Mariotti
- 31 Dan and Rose Mary Vossler



Birthdays

- 5 John Willson
- 6 Kaelyn Crawford
- 11 Emma Hunt
- 13 Donald Baker
- 17 Marsha Sick
- 18 Judy Brainard
- 18 Paul Vossler



Easter Egg Hunt 2025



**Thank you
to all who
helped!**



**Our
Easter
play.**





**Hunting for
eggs!**



Happy kids!



MEMORIAL DAY TRIVIA

1. On what day of the week is Memorial Day always celebrated?

- ☐ Sunday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Friday
- ☐ Monday

2. Why was the end of May chosen for this holiday?

- ☐ the war ended
- ☐ it's the first day of summer
- ☐ flowers are blooming
- ☐ the declaration was signed then

3. What war was Memorial Day started to commemorate?

- ☐ Revolutionary War
- ☐ Civil War
- ☐ WWII
- ☐ WWI

4. What would you traditionally fly on Memorial Day?

- ☐ remote airplanes
- ☐ American flag
- ☐ kites
- ☐ boats

5. What year (many experts believe) was the first memorial day observed ?

- ☐ 1865
- ☐ 1888
- ☐ 1818
- ☐ 1902

6. In which city and state is the official birthplace of Memorial Day?

- ☐ Waterloo, New York
- ☐ Richmond, Virginia
- ☐ Charleston, South Carolina
- ☐ Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

7. What sporting event is always celebrated on Memorial Day?

- ☐ Kentucky Derby
- ☐ Indianapolis 500
- ☐ Super Bowl
- ☐ World Series

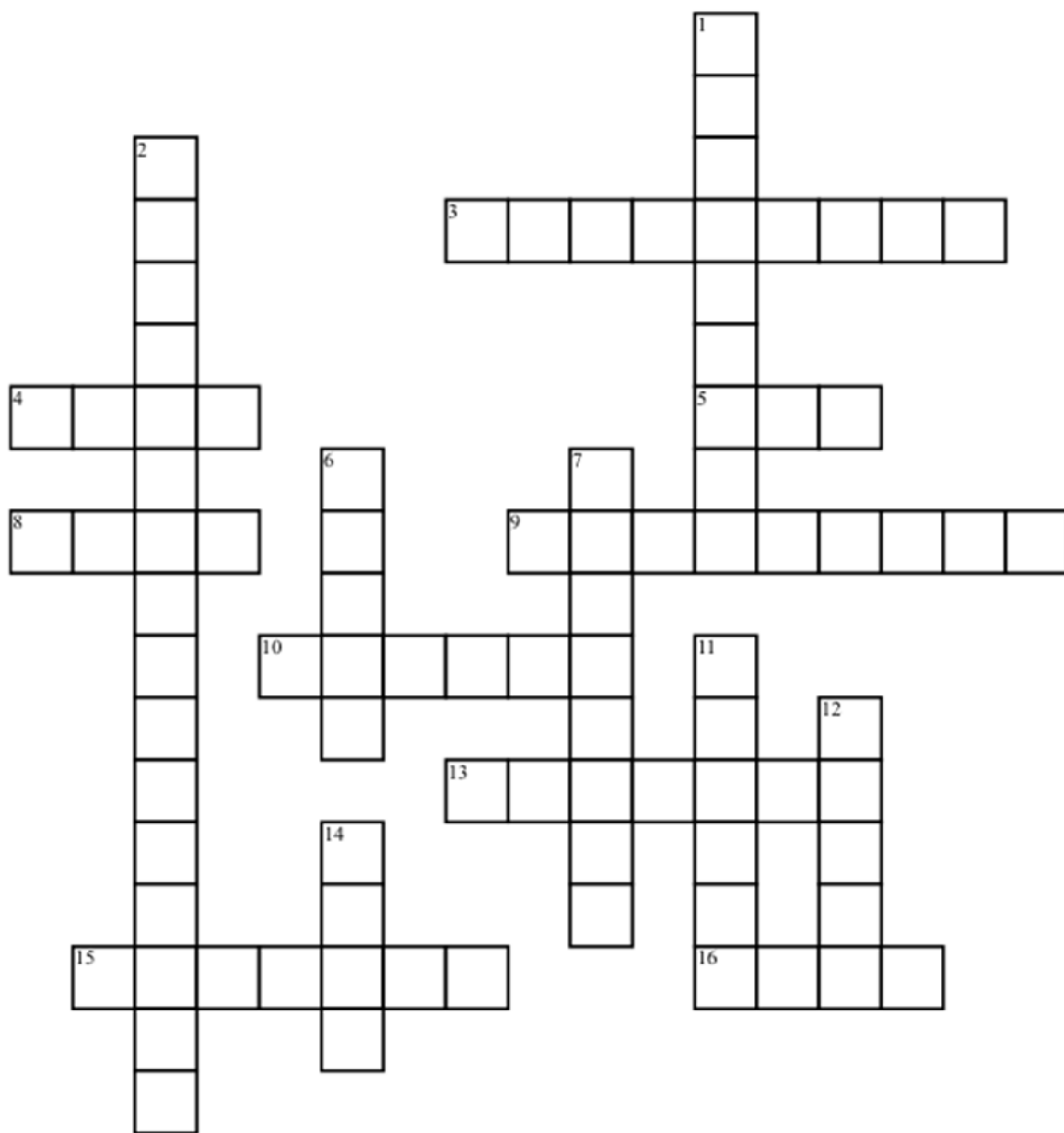
8. What were decorated in remembrance of this day?

- ☐ cemeteries of family
- ☐ tombs of fallen Union soldiers
- ☐ homes
- ☐ yards

Carole's Retirement Luncheon



Mothers in the Bible, Mother's Day



Across

3. Who was Solomon's mother?

4. Who was the mother of Obed and great grandmother of David? hint: daughter in law to Naomi

5. Who was the "mother of all living"?

8. Wife of Jacob, mother of Rueben, Simeon, Levi and Judah

9. Whose husband built the Ark?

10. Mother of the prophet Samuel

13. Wife of Isaac, mother of Jacob and Esau

15. Which judge was a "mother in Israel"?

16. Grandmother of Timothy

Down

1. Wife of priest Zacharias, mother of John the Baptist

2. Who adopted Moses?

6. Who was the mother of Isaac ("laughter")?

7. Who was the mother of Moses?

11. wife of Jacob, mother of Joseph and Benjamin

12. Who was the mother in law of Ruth?

14. mother of Jesus Christ, cousin of Elisabeth

Remembering Remembrance
 Reflection
 Memorable Forgotten Flag Enshrining Loss Unforgettable
 Salute Never Honoring Disastrous Honor
 Inspiration Remember Commitment
 Dedication American Army Courage Pride Stand Appreciation
 Defend Life Love Committed Families Fight
 Heartfelt Brothers Struggle Family Women Devastating
 Lives Men Barbeque Power Bless Navy Serve Brave
 Monumental America Lost Service Front Troops Democracy Trust
 Military Deifying Dad Force Line Forget Gallant Perseverance
 Father Fallen Cost Prayers
 Children Air RIP Brace
 Respect Freedom Blessed Liberty
 Heroic Husband
 Marine Honorable Son Country Grandpa Reminder
 Bravery Soldiers Selflessness Heroism Beholden
 Deployed God Fighting Recognition Thank You
 Veterans Grateful Gratitude Thankful
 Sacrifice Heroes Celebrating
 Reverence Battleground

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