

## Ascension Day Dreams

It is the sixth Thursday after Easter—the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the Resurrection of Our Lord—Ascension Day!

*Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*  
(Matthew 28:16-20)

What a glorious day! Wouldn't it be glorious to celebrate the Ascension? I dream about a praise and worship service in the early morning of the sixth Thursday after Easter on a high hill—say in Diefenbaker Park? We could set up our mobile sound system—send out the invitation to believers and doubters the same—wave church flags, provincial flags, city flags and national flags—maybe even a baptism or two! The Apostle Paul hints that there may have been over 500 people there when our Lord Jesus ascended into heaven—wouldn't that be great? People from every denomination, all the Lutheran churches, joining in Ascension Day prayer and praise! Called and gathered in joy and unity by the Holy Spirit to celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus—it would be glorious!

Does this sound good to you? Start praying! Talk about it, let me know, and start planning. May God turn into realities the dreams that glorify our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*