

The Mission Central Meyer Minute

Lent? Check. Easter? Check? Ascension? Check. Pentecost? Check. Now we're in the long season of Pentecost when no special church festivals happen, when little happens religiously.

A great time in the Barn for the annual Ascension Service! I was very pleased to be there. We had a Bible study from 3:00 to 5:00 about the importance of the Ascension, a great meal, and then the service. If you were there or if you weren't, my sermon could be summed up in one sentence. You didn't forget the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Dasn't" was the word my father used when he wanted to make his point as clearly as possible. "Dale, you dasn't do that." It came from his childhood; he was born in 1920. Grandpa and Grandma Meyer spoke Low German but raised their children to speak English. Those were troubled times for Americans of German descent. I suspect "dasn't" was a German-English hybrid. This strange word seemed to me a good way to urge us not to check off Ascension.

Where is Jesus right now? He's not in the manger, not on the cross, not coming out of the tomb, not on the Mount of Ascension. Jesus has been there, done that. Where is He now? Now "He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead." Sitting at the right hand of God is the Bible's way of saying that Jesus is now exercising all His power as God. Read Colossians 1:15-20. He's in the control room, guiding all things for the good of His Church, for our salvation. There may be no church festivals during the long season of Pentecost, but we didn't check off Jesus. Right now, He's looking out for us and His Church.

And "soon and very soon, we are going to see the King." All the wrong in our world, mass shooters, Putin, traffickers in drugs, sex, human life, all purveyors of evil, they will all get what they deserve when Jesus comes to judge us all. You and I have no hope either, save for this: "Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness / My beauty are, my glorious dress; / Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed, / With joy shall I lift up my head." All that and more is why you didn't forget the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Barn was great, but the best is yet to come!