



The Ascension of Our Lord

May 29, 2022



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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Service Volunteers:

Worship Leader: John Ohlendorf

Usher: Steve Proksch, Lawrence Kovaciny (Late)

Asst Ushers:

Keyboard Operators:

Livestream Producer: Jack Proksch

Music: Suey Nordberg

Today's Focus: Our risen Savior ascends to his heavenly throne to rule over everything for the good of his Church. Today we'll be following a special order of service for this festival of the Christian Church.

We Come into the Presence of God

PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

HYMN: 171 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (Small Choir Sings Verses 1 & 2;
Congregation joins in for Verses 3-6) Please stand for Verse 6



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through -
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the
5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un -
And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as -
"This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his
"Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing
Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we Shall praise your



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
name e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673–735, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) *Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623, alt.

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our ascended Savior has promised to be with us always. He has lovingly told us that he is preparing mansions for us on high, even as he rules all things in this world for our eternal good. We confess to him our sins.

C: **Ascended Lord, we confess that we were conceived in sin. Even after the Spirit's call to faith, we have sinned with worry, selfishness, and discouraged spirits that reflect our imperfect faith in your promises. Lord Jesus, forgive all our sins for the sake of your holy life, innocent death, and glorious resurrection.**

M: Jesus has ascended to plead for us before our heavenly Father. For Jesus' sake, God forgives all your sins fully and freely. May we live in the confidence of Jesus' gracious promises. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

M: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

PSALM: 47:1-7

M: All you peoples, clap your hands!

C: Shout to God! Sing a loud song!

M: Yes, the LORD Most High is awesome.

C: He is the great King over all the earth!

M: He subdues peoples under us

C: and nations under our feet.

M: He chooses our inheritance for us.

C: It is the pride of Jacob, whom he loves.

M: God has ascended with a joyful shout.

C: The LORD goes up with the sound of a ram's horn.

M: Make music for God! Make music!

C: Make music for our King! Make music!

M: For God is the King of all the earth.

C: Make music for him with a wise song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord Jesus, your Father raised you on high, seated you at his right hand, and appointed you to be head over everything for the sake of his Church. Gather the elect from all nations into your Church and make them a holy people to praise and adore you, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:21-31

The Lord reigns and gives victory to his people. Our risen and ascended Jesus reigns to bring us the ultimate victory over our enemies.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all night long the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned the sea into dry land. The waters were divided. 22 The Israelites went into the middle of the sea on dry ground. The waters were like a wall for them on their right and on their left. 23 The Egyptians pursued them, and all of Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his charioteers went after them into the middle of the sea. 24 During the last watch of the night, the LORD looked down on the Egyptian forces from the pillar of fire and cloud. Then he confused the Egyptian forces. 25 He jammed their chariot wheels, and they had difficulty driving them. The Egyptians said, "We must flee from Israel, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt!"

26 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, and the waters will come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their charioteers." 27 So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea returned to its normal place. While the Egyptians were fleeing from it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the middle of the sea. 28 The waters came back and covered the chariots and the charioteers, the entire army of Pharaoh that went into the sea after the Israelites. Not even one of them survived.

29 But the Israelites went through the middle of the sea on dry land, and the waters were like a wall for them on their right and on their left. 30 On that day the LORD saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. 31 Israel saw the mighty hand which the LORD put into action against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in Moses, his servant.

PRAYER

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth, so that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

The ascended Jesus draws the minds of his people to seek things above, where Christ is seated and our true life is hidden.

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

M: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. (*Matthew 28:20b*)

STAND

GOSPEL AND SERMON TEXT

Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 173, "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for
3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing



my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled
me ob - tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone,
your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,



All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the
No oth - er rest re - main - ing, For where my
A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when



head is, there as well I know his mem - bers
trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall
all my days will cease, Let me de - part in



are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.
ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604–40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.
Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON

Text: Luke 24:44-53
Theme: Jesus Lifts Up His Hands

OFFERING

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

M: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

C: God's love is everlasting.

M: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

C: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

M: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradery of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For family; for living and eating together; for amusements and pleasures shared:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their play and startling honesty; for their sudden sympathies:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For the young; for their high hopes; for their candid criticism; for their search for freedom:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; for time made precious by its passing:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger:

C: We thank you, O God.

M: For the Church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and sacrament; for our life together in the Lord:

C: We praise you, O God.

M: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love, who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship:

C: We praise you, O God.

M: Above all, for your Son, Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him:

C: We thank and praise you, eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

C: God's love is everlasting.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: The LORD reigns; let the nations tremble.

C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim; let the earth shake.

M: The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

C: A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.

M: Praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted.

C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens. (Psalm 45:5-7)

M: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!"

M: On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

C: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. (Revelation 19:15-16)

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on with favor (+) and give you peace.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN: 175, "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"



1 Hail the day that sees him rise To his
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits: Lift your
 3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he
 4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he
 5 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; His pre -



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for
 heads, e - ter - nal gates. He has con - quered
 loves the earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing
 shows the prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious
 vail - ing death he pleads. He, the first of



sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.
 death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!
 to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.
 lips be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
 all our race, Near him - self pre - pares a place.

6 There we shall with you remain
 Partners in your endless reign,
 There your face unclouded view,
 Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.
 Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

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Wine and Word Bible Study – meeting Thursday, 6/2

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are journeying through the book of Genesis with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

It's Time to Register for VBS!



It's time to register for this year's VBS, which will be held here at Trinity July 18th-22nd. Come join us as we learn how Jesus' power pulls us through anything! We're looking forward to sharing God's Word, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together.

Please register now, as registration opened to the public at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th. There is also an online form to register as a volunteer and we need you! Here is the link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity2022>

Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

In-Person Bible Study

Our final Bible study of the spring, on the prophet Zechariah, is now in full swing on Sunday mornings between services. But it's never too late to join!

The same sessions are repeated each Wednesday night (Thursdays during Lent and Advent) at 7pm online, for those who teach Sunday school, are out of town on Sunday, or otherwise unable to attend in person. These classes will be on Zoom, with the links provided in pastor's weekly email.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius and is also available in the Narthex. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Scott Mund.

Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or revpauljenkins@yahoo.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.