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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.

**Serving the Lord and Serving Us:**

**Pastor:** Rev. Paul Jenkins

**Today's Focus:** From Jesus' ascension comes hope of our own. Our worship follows a festival order for Ascension.

# **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.*

*Stand*

### **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **Festival Announcement**

**M:** Today we celebrate Jesus' ascension, recalling how our Lord went up in glory to the right hand of the Father after completing all that was required for our salvation. Though the disciples feel sadness and longing as they see him rise, they are also consoled by his promise to be with them – and us – always, a promise fulfilled in his word and sacrament. The first lesson, from Acts, records the details of Jesus' ascension. In the second lesson, St. Paul prays in thanksgiving for the Ephesian Christians, so that the Holy Spirit will grant them renewed faith and hope. Finally, in St. Luke's Gospel we hear our Lord prepare his disciples for the transition that his ascension ushers in.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray. Almighty God, as your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

### Acts 1:1-11

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

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<sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Hymn: 171 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, verses 1-4



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



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!



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



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!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## PSALM: 110

*Read Responsively*

M: The decree of the LORD to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool under your feet."

**C: The LORD will stretch out your strong scepter from Zion. Rule in the midst of your enemies.**

M: Your people will be willing on the day of your power. In majesty of holiness, from the womb of the dawn, the dew of your youth will be yours.

**C: The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the manner of Melchizedek."**

M: The Lord is at your right hand. He will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

**C: He will judge the nations. He will fill the valleys with corpses. He will crush heads over the wide world.**

M: He will drink from a stream beside the way; therefore, he will lift up his head.

## SECOND LESSON

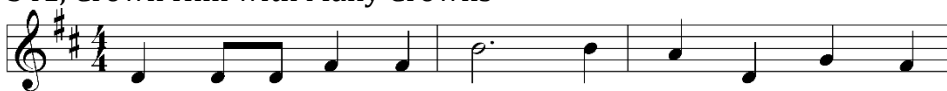
### **Ephesians 1:15-23**

But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. <sup>8</sup>That is why it says, "When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>Now what does it mean when it says "he ascended," other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. <sup>11</sup>He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN: 341, Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the  
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For  
bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
those he came to save. His glo - ries now we  
won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.  
Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

STAND

## GOSPEL

### Luke 24:44-53

M: The Gospel of St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C: Glory be to you, O Lord!**

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."

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He 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, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 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.**

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**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*

**CHILDREN’S SERMON: “What’s Jesus Doing Now?”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: 173, On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build**

1 On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of  
2 Since Christ returned to claim his throne, Great gifts for  
3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re-call-ing  
my ascension. This hope alone has always stilled  
me obtain-ing, My heart shall rest in him alone,  
your ascension, That I may serve you faith-ful-ly,  
All doubt and apprehension; For where the  
No other rest remain-ing, For where my  
A-dorn-ing your re-demp-tion; And then, when  
head is, there as well I know his mem-bers  
treasure went before, There all my thoughts shall  
all my days will cease, Let me depart in  
are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.  
ever soar To still their deep-est yearn-ing.  
joy and peace In answer to my plead-ing.

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

## SERMON:

Text: Psalm 47

Theme: From Crown of Thorns to Crown of Glory

All you peoples, clap your hands!

Shout to God! Sing a loud song!

<sup>2</sup> Yes, the LORD Most High is awesome.

He is the great King over all the earth!

<sup>3</sup> He subdues peoples under us  
and nations under our feet.

<sup>4</sup> He chooses our inheritance for us.

It is the pride of Jacob, whom he loves. *Interlude*

<sup>5</sup> God has ascended with a joyful shout.

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

<sup>6</sup> Make music for God! Make music!

Make music for our King! Make music!

<sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth.

Make music for him with a wise song.

<sup>8</sup> God reigns as king over the nations.

God is seated on his holy throne.

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples come together

as the people of the God of Abraham.

Yes, the shields of the earth belong to God.

He is greatly exalted.

## OFFERING

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register in the pew.*

*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*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For peace among nations, for the redemption of all people, and for unity in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this congregation and for all here present who wait upon the Lord for his abundant and great mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the captive to be free, the weak to be protected, the despairing to have hope, and for the restoration of the fallen, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the sick and all who suffer in body, soul, or spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For a full appreciation for Christ's presence in Word and sacrament and for the faith to receive him who comes to us there, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For patience to wait upon the Lord, and for anticipation of the day when he will draw all things to their final fulfillment, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Recalling the saints of old and all who have departed this life in faith and now rest in Christ, let us give thanks for their faith and witness.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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M: O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love and the favor of your faith.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us and grant us your grace always. Amen.**

*Special prayers*

## **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.**

## **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 you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

**CLOSING HYMN: 171, A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, verses 5-6**

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our  
fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we Shall praise your  
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!

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.

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**Trinity's Little Free Library** is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the fellowship room beside the door to the hallway.

### **Vacation Bible School Registration OPEN!**

Registration is now open for this year's VBS, which will be held July 15-19 from 9:00-11:30 am. Come join us for Scuba VBS where we will dive into an amazing undersea adventure and experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. We look forward to sharing God's Word, singing songs, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together! VBS is for kids ages 3 (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade in the fall. Kids entering 7th grade and older may volunteer as helpers. Please register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity24> or scan this QR Code!



### **You're Invited! - Trinity Homeschool Co-op Science Fair – May 16**

Trinity's Homeschool Co-op invites you to our spring science fair and reception on Thursday, May 16 at 10:00 am at Trinity. Come and view the students' science fair projects and enjoy refreshments afterwards. The congregation as well as family and friends of the students are invited.

## **Wine and Word Bible Study – May 16**

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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. We are studying the Apocrypha with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! The study of the Apocrypha follows the study guide for *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes* (available from Northwestern or Concordia Publishing Houses and other booksellers). You can also follow the readings at [apocrypha.org](http://apocrypha.org). The first session is on the book of Susanna. Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

**Sunday School Picnic on May 19** -- All of Trinity's members are invited to a picnic to celebrate the last day of Sunday school! We will gather at 12:15pm at Lake Ridge Park (12350 Cotton Mill Drive) in the large "White Oak Tent Pavilion" for ice cream sundaes, a picnic lunch, and fun outdoor games. Ice cream sundae fixings and various outdoor games will be provided, but you'll need to bring your own lunch. See you there!

## **Summer Schedule Starts May 26**

On Sunday, May 26 we will switch to our summer worship and study schedule: Bible class (on Luther's Large Catechism) will meet from 9:15-9:45, with Sunday School adjourned. A lone worship service will begin at 10:00.

## **Voters' Meeting May 19**

Trinity's next voters' meeting will be Sunday, May 19 at 3:00pm (to avoid conflict with the Sunday School Picnic) on Zoom. A link and agenda will be coming soon from our President Steve Proksch.

## **April Attendance**

7<sup>th</sup>: Worship: 33+21=54; Bible class: 22

14<sup>th</sup>: 37+32=69; 25

21<sup>st</sup>: 41+30=71; 24

28<sup>th</sup>: 28+28=56; 18

## **Women's Bible Study on Esther**

The remaining dates for the Women's Bible Study on Esther are:

May 11 at 9:00 am (Chapter 7)

The Women's Bible Study meets at Trinity. We are discussing the book "Esther: Providential Persian Queen" by Lou Ann Mokwa. Please join us anytime!

## **Small Choir**

Trinity's small choir sings about 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.

## **Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed**

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. 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 Matt Popelier. If you are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email [admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org](mailto:admin@trinityofwoodbridge.org)

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, 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](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work





## Jesus and the Many Crowns

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20230519/>

On September 8, Queen Elizabeth of England died. After her death, her son Charles became the king of England. However, his coronation as king didn't happen until May 6—nine months later.

In a coronation ceremony, a crown is placed on the new king's head. Even though Charles became king last September, May 6 was an important day. That day the world saw the crown placed on his head to show him as king.

Jesus was the King of heaven from eternity. When he became human that first Christmas, he took off his kingly crown and left it in heaven. You could say he "stored" or "set aside" the use of his powers as King so he could come do his job as our Savior.

Jesus wore two other crowns here on earth.

First, he wore the "crown" of God the Father's approval. The Father said it at Jesus' baptism and at his transfiguration. "This is my Son. In him I am well-pleased" (Luke 3:22, Matthew 17:5). Jesus wore the crown of pleasing God. What pleases God? Matthew 5:48 tells us. "Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Jesus wore the crown of God's approval because he lived perfectly. He wore that crown for you, because you didn't earn that crown by living perfectly.

Jesus wore a second crown here on earth—the crown of God's fair punishment. It included thorns on his head, and it was part of his suffering when he died on the cross. It was what we deserved because we didn't earn God's approval with our lives. He wore the crown and all the suffering until the all-important words: "It is finished."

Fast forward 43 days. Jesus has risen from the dead and spent 40 days teaching and encouraging believers. He is at the top of a mountain. He is going back to heaven to take back his crown as King. It is, in some ways, his coronation day.

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His disciples watch in joy. They are seeing the coronation of their King. We watch through God's Word. Our King is crowned. He has accomplished our salvation by wearing the crowns of God's approval and God's fair punishment for sin. Now he reigns in heaven, where he waits with a crown for each of us.

### **Questions to Consider**

Why did Jesus have to leave heaven and come to earth?

Jesus left some of his power in heaven when he came to earth. When did he get all that power back?

What were the two earthly crowns Jesus wore on earth to save us?

How was Jesus' ascension like a coronation?

Why was God the Father pleased with Jesus?

How was God's approval of Jesus transferred to you?



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**to glorify God**

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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