



# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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How can we celebrate a day like today? Our Savior and Friend, our Good Shepherd and our life-giving Vine has departed from us. We no longer see Jesus, and he no longer walks physically among us. Shouldn't this be a day of mourning instead of rejoicing?

Today, Jesus assures us that his ascension is for our benefit. When he ascends to heaven, he is enthroned over all creation, and he now bestows his gifts on us not just in one place, but wherever his people gather and go. He sends his Holy Spirit to kindle faith in our hearts, to give us understanding and peace and confidence, and to work through our testimony about him. From his throne on high, he builds his Church and equips his members for service to God and his kingdom. He rules over all things so that history marches on toward our final salvation. This is a good thing! This is a glorious thing! Jesus' ascension inspires celebration, rejoicing, and hope in his people.

## THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus' love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

**WELCOME TO TRINITY!** We're happy you're here! Thank you for joining us this evening to worship our gracious God. This **worship folder** has everything you'll need for the service except some of our songs and hymns. For those, you'll be able to find the words on the projector screen in the front of the church and the music in the blue hymnal.

We love to see **families worshipping together**, and to see little children coming to Jesus unhindered. There's no better way to teach your children how important their relationship with Jesus is! However, if you would like a place to quiet your little ones' "joyful noises," there is a **nursery** down the hall on the south side of the building. There, you'll find a television streaming the service so you can follow along until you feel comfortable returning to the sanctuary.

The **restrooms** are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. If you need anything before, during, or after the service, our **ushers** will be happy to assist you.

God bless your worship with us today!

## Acknowledgments

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*Stand***Ascension Dialogue**

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.  
**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!  
**He has set his glory above the heavens.**

For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.  
**He is exalted far above all gods.**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.  
**God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.  
**He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

The throne of our God will last forever and ever.  
**A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.**

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.  
**His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

*Be seated***Hymn of Praise***549 Across the Lands***Reading***Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

## Hymn of the Day

*472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

## Devotion

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup>This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup>(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup>So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

*Stand*

## **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.**

## **Prayer**

Ascended Lord, seated at the right hand of the Father, we rejoice in your rule. In wisdom you govern the kingdoms of this world. Bless all those in positions of authority. Lead them to confess that all power comes from you.

**Continue to work all things together for the good of your kingdom, and guard and protect us from all harm and danger.**

When you ascended on high, you gave good gifts to us. We thank you for sending the apostles and evangelists to record your words and explain them in Scripture. Continue to provide pastors and teachers to guide and equip your people.

**Empower us to share your gospel with all nations.**

Direct us always to you for grace that will help us in our time of need. As our High Priest, continue to intercede for us with the Father when we pray in your name.

**Bear our petitions before the Father whether we pray together or alone.**

*Silent prayer*

Lord Jesus, as you humbled yourself even to death on the cross before you were exalted on high, lead us through all our trials in patient and humble faith.

**Finally, lift us up on high where you have gone to prepare a place for us.**

On this festival day, we join the angels in rejoicing that you completed the work of salvation and returned to your glory. With those who gazed up toward heaven, lift up our hearts as we await your return.

**Come quickly and redeem our bodies as you have redeemed our souls. We praise and bless you, our victorious Savior. Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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**

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and keep us.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Hymn**

*747 Christ High-Ascended*

*If you would like to give an offering, you may leave it in the plates at the sanctuary exit.*

# THINGS HAPPENING SOON

**ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY RESCHEDULED:** We will attempt our spring Highway 14 ditch clean up again on Friday, May 10th and 11th. *5pm on the 10th, and 9am on the 11th.* Please come and help if you are able!

**TLS CLOSING SERVICE:** Come on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm for the TLS Closing Service and Graduation of 2- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Philip Lendt and Madeline Russow.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:** Life in Asia! Come join us for a presentation about mission work in Asia while enjoying an evening Asian meal on **Saturday, June 8, 2024, at 6:00PM** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nicollet. End your day of graduation parties with a relaxing evening. 😊 **Cindy Lendt** will share pictures, stories, and lessons from her mission work in Asia during 2019-2022. Women, Wine & Word will continue afterwards with any discussion on Asia. It would be nice if you could RSVP for an approximate count, but not necessary. RSVP to 507-317-8471.





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