

Ascension of Our Lord

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 2

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire for-giveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

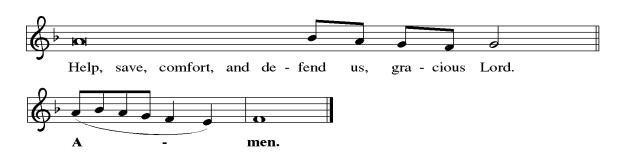
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GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.
- **Kyrie**









PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

Luke writes: ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47 Sung responsively

¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples; shout to God with a | joyful sound. ²For the LORD Most High is | to be feared: a great king over | all the earth, ³who subdues the | peoples under us, and the nations un- | der our feet; ⁴who chooses our inheri- | tance for us, the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. ⁵God has gone up | with a shout, the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn. ⁶Sing praises to | God, sing praises; sing praises to our | king, sing praises. ⁷For God is king of | all the earth; sing praises | with a song. ⁸God reigns o- | ver the nations; God is en- | throned on high.

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the [|] God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- [|] ly exalted.

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

⁴⁴Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR DINAH DUTTA

HYMN OF THE DAY

Thine the Amen

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.



- P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

THE PRAYERS

- A Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.
- A brief silence.
- A Holy One, ruler of heaven and earth, wash us in your Holy Spirit and make us witnesses to your resurrected life in this community. Let our fellowship be a sign to others of the presence of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Through thundering, mighty waters reveal your creative power at work in creation. Cleanse the air, land, and waters with the movement of your Spirit and the participation of your people. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world, especially those affected by the war in Ukraine. Provide safety from violence and assistance for those in need. Guide children and families as they lose their homes and loved ones. Particularly, let us pray for the German Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Ukraine and our own partner synod of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East as they face these times of conflict. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- A God of resurrection, we remember before you those who have died, children, teachers and staff of Robb Elementary School, in Uvalde, Texas. We commend them to your eternal love. Grant healing and wholeness to the survivors who are wounded or traumatized, and restore all whose spirits are maimed by such violence. That we may serve as your arms of care to those in distress, we pray: make us instruments of your peace. God, in your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

A In the suffering and death of Jesus, draw near to those who need your comfort, especially Keith Springer, Peggy Buchholz, Helen Laughlin, Linda Longren, Don O'Brien, Susan Fitz, and Martha Nemeth. Hold them in the palm of your loving hand and give them rest. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Inspire us through the music, dance, and other arts ministries of this congregation. With clapping, shouting, singing, playing, and moving, let our bodies bear witness to the joy you alone can give. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Grant blessings to Charlotte Blenden as she celebrates her birthday and to Brayden Winsor and Liz Utech as they remember their baptisms as they remember their baptisms. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Be with the people of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Salem, Living Lord Lutheran Church in Lake St. Louis, Missouri, Faith Lutheran Church in Oberlin, and St. John Lutheran Church in Bird City, Kansas as they work to fulfill your word. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Rouse us to remember the faithful witness of the saints who have gone before us. By their lives and the life and death of Jesus, enlighten our hearts, give us hope, and lead us in wisdom. God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your lifegiving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

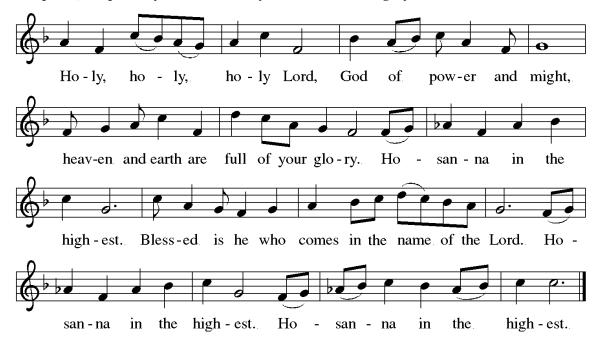
OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

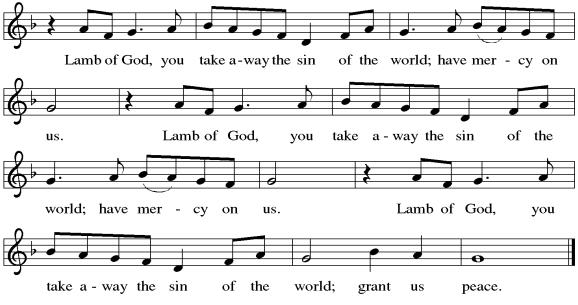
- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

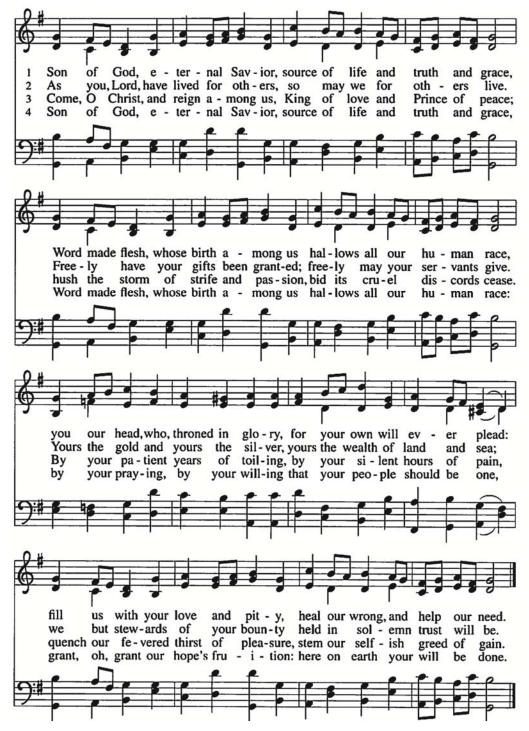
Son of God, Eternal Savior

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DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Welcome to worship at Trinity! Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you found the Spirit of God in our midst. If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767



Please welcome Pr. Dinah Dutta as she leads us in worship today. Pr. Dutta is presiding at worship with us today as Pr. Andrew takes a few days off to travel and visit family.

Please note the envelope included in your bulletin for this month's **5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL**. The funds collected by this offering will help support Parker Jackson as a summer camp counselor. Camp Tomah Shinga asks for help in funding these positions so that they can use other available funds to support campership fees.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Mon, May 30	Memorial Day Observed—Office close	<i>d</i>
Tues., May 31	Quilters	9:00 AM
		after worship

Worship Assistants								
Date	Usher(s)	Announcements	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister	Coffee Hosts
May 29	Duane Pomeroy, Howard Reece	***	Laurie Jackson	Ted Murphy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Pr.Dinah Dutta	Jane Lewis
June 5 Pentecost	Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson	Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty	Carol Marker

The Central States Synod Assembly will take place June 9th -11th. Along with Pr. Andrew, Cindy & David McGinnis will attend as voting delegates. Diane Bottorff also plans to attend.





Our quilters have been busy; Liz & Linda have made five quilts and Jackie has made 44 lap robes. This ministry is of so much value to the ladies who gather to make the quilts and lap robes, but also to many others after they are given to Doorstep for distribution to neighbors in need. Most of the fabric they use is donated, but the batting must be purchased and it is expensive. Please consider contributing to their fund so they can continue their work. And they would also love to have some more folks join them on Tuesdays at 9 am.

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
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					Income Minus			
				Average	Average			
			Total Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/		
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion		
May 1	\$3,276.13	\$1,585.00	\$4,861.13	-\$2,761.27	\$2,099.86	27		
May 8	\$460.00	\$410.00	\$870.00	-\$2,761.27	-\$1,891.27	30		
May 15	\$3,108.00	\$139.00	\$3,247.00	-\$2,761.27	\$485.73	22		
May 22	\$1,120.00	\$100.00	\$1,220.00	-\$2,761.27	$-\$1,\!541.27$	26		
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Apr. 2022	\$7,311.00	-\$11,513.95	-\$4,202.95			
		Jan Apr.	\$31,993.33	-\$45,793.56	-\$13,800.23			



June is Trinity Lutheran's Month at Doorstep!

How You Can Help...

Donate food items for the pantry. We are one of five congregations responsible for stocking the food pantry during the month of June. <u>Needed</u> <u>items are:</u>

Macaroni N Cheese Spaghetti Sauce Canned Soups Peanut Butter/Jelly *Hygiene Items* Canned Fruit Oatmeal Tuna Powdered Milk Evaporated Milk Dry Cereal Egg Noodles

Make a monetary donation to Doorstep and note your membership with Trinity Lutheran for credit.

Your Doorstep Contacts are:

Board Member - Diane Bottorff

Coordinator- Cindy McGinnis

Join our Doorstep Family by Volunteering!

Since March 2020, we have been providing services by phone intake & interview. Clothing has been by appointment only. We've had roughly 75% of our volunteers return; however, thinking ahead, once we return to in-person services again, we will need more volunteers. We rely heavily on volunteers each day to accomplish so many tasks.

We currently have openings in the food room, clothing room, sort room, front desk / check-in desk, and volunteers willing to do pick-ups for us; items such as bread, dog/cat food, and miscellaneous items. Most hours are Mon – Fri, from 8:30am – 1:30pm. Visit our website https://DoorstepTopeka.org for a volunteer application, or stop in the office to pick one up. We have a sheet outlining the positions/tasks. Interested? Call Tracy at (785) 357-5341 or tracy@doorstepinc.com

Summer Cash Bash is back in 2022! Watch for details on this and Christmas in July!!



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OFFICE HOURS 10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

${f T}$ ogether in Community

Living with Christ's Love Caring for Neighbors

Living with Christ's Love

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

Congregation Council

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