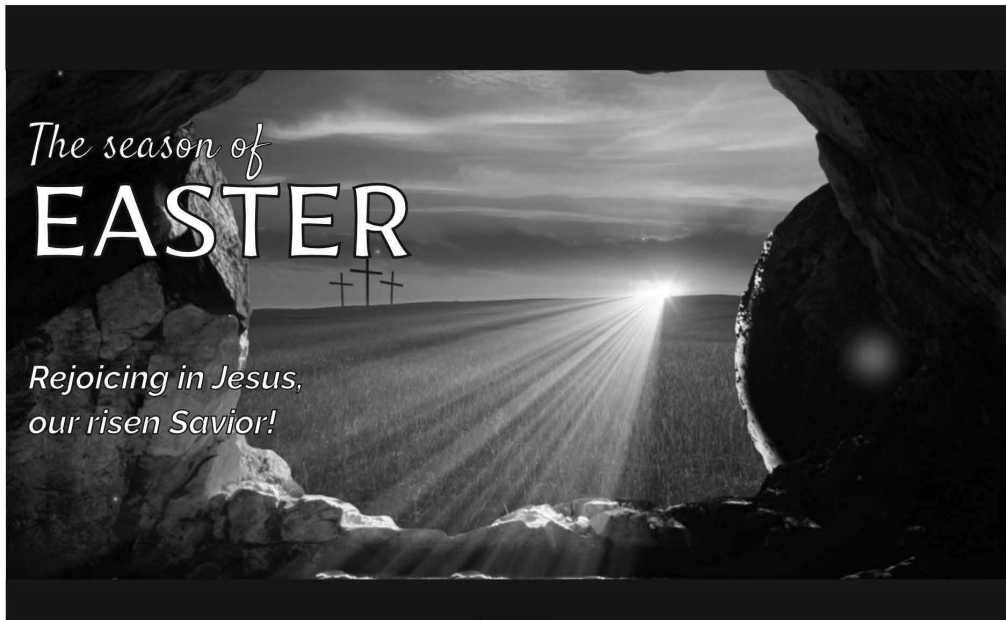


Weekend of
May 16, 2021

Ascension
"Jesus Rules His Church in Grace"



"With one mind and one voice we glorify God the Father."









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Welcome to Worship!

	<p>To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the visitor we welcome you most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home we offer fellowship in Christ and the opportunity to actively join in sharing the Good News: Jesus Christ our Savior was born in Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary and risen from the grave for all people.</p> <p><i>Please sign our guest register.</i></p>
	<p>If you need to leave the service temporarily, the audio-video of the service is broadcast in the Gathering Room. A rest room is located in the hallway across from the elevator. As you exit the sanctuary turn to your left – go through the short hallway and turn right. The baby changer is located inside the restroom.</p> <p><i>Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.</i></p>
	<p>Regarding standing for hymns or readings – At various times during the worship service the congregation is invited to stand. If this gets to be too difficult – <i>please feel free to remain seated.</i></p>
	<p>We are a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body in fellowship with the WELS. We hold to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God and that we are justified before God by grace for the sake of Jesus Christ through faith.</p>
	<p>Trinity Lutheran Congregation supports a private Elementary School (Preschool through Grade 8). We teach all subjects from a Christian perspective as we prepare children for life in this world and the next. If you desire more information, please contact our Principal, Mr. Jim Speerschneider, Email at mrjim@trinityels.org or Phone at School (262)-675-6627.</p>
	<p>In order to maintain a reverent atmosphere for worship and praise, please make sure all cell phones and other electronic devices are put on "silent," or, better yet, turned off.</p>

Remember Your Offerings!

- Your offerings are important to YOU:
"Honor the LORD with your wealth" (Proverbs 3:9, EHV)
 - Your offerings are important to GOD:
"Jesus responded, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one [else] found to return and give glory to God...?'" (Luke 17:17–18, EHV)
 - Your offerings are important to the CHURCH:
"On the first day of every week, each of you is to set something aside in keeping with whatever he gains, saving it up at home, so that when I come, no collections will need to be carried out." (1 Corinthians 16:2, EHV)
- Leave your offerings in the collection areas in the entryway or Gathering Room,
or use the link above to give digitally. ↑**



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship • Ascension

[Acts 1:11 (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray to the God who is not dead, but lives! Today we pray to the God who is not dead, but lives! Though He has left our sight, He still rules over all things for the good of His church. May we always praise Him because He is exalted in Heaven as the glorious King of our Salvation.

"Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? —Alleluia!"

CONGREGATION 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. — Alleluia!"

First Hymn • "The Head that Once was Crowned"

[ELH 393]

1. The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now;
 2. The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,
 6. The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:

A roy - al gold - en crown a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.
 The King of kings, and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light.
 His peo - ple's hope, His peo - ple's wealth, Their ev - er - last - ing theme.

-Stand-

Confession of Sins

[ELH p 41, alt]

P Let us confess our sins to God and pray:

We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord

and Maker, in thought, word and deed. In Your perfect justice, You should reject and condemn us for all eternity.

☞ Therefore we come before You with sorrowful hearts, dreading Your holy justice and terrorized by everlasting death. Our sins are a great enemy and we should hate them in every way as long as we live.

☞ But merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we run to You—our infinitely merciful God—for refuge. We pray to You for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. We beg You, dearest Father, to forgive our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts so we are fully assured of Your grace.

☞ We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Mercy ~ Kyrie Eleison

[Mark 10:47]

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff begins with an 'Introduction' and is followed by the lyrics '☞ O God the Fa-ther in heav-en, have mer-cy up-on us.' The second staff continues with 'O God the Son, Re-deem-er of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.' The third staff concludes with 'O God the Ho-ly Ghost, true Com-fort-er, have mer-cy up-on us.' The lyrics are written in German and are aligned with the musical notes.

Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

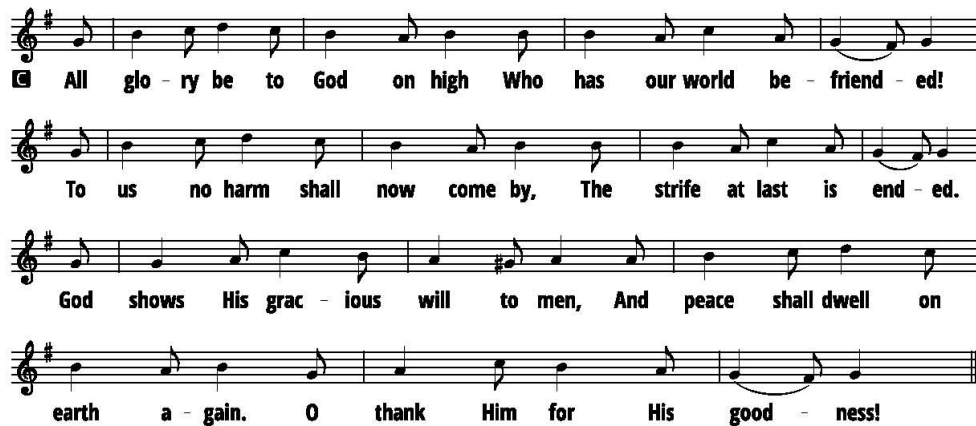
☐ *Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:*

He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Indeed, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Praise ~ Gloria

[Luke 2:14, John 1:29 • text: ELH 35, alt. • tune: CW 69]



☐ All glo - ry be to God on high Who has our world be - friend - ed!

To us no harm shall now come by, The strife at last is end - ed.

God shows His grac - ious will to men, And peace shall dwell on

earth a - gain. O thank Him for His good - ness!

Prayer of the Day • Ascension

☐ *The Lord be with you, His people.*

☑ **And with your spirit as you minister to us.**

☐ *Let us pray:*

O Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God, You are no longer in humiliation here on earth. You are seated at the right hand of Your Father and You rule over all things. We ask You to send us Your Holy Spirit. Give Your Church faithful pastors. Preserve Your Word. Hold back the devil and all the forces working against us. At the end, put them all under Your feet in victory.

☑ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.**

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-Be seated-

Lesson • Acts 1:1–11



The account of Jesus' ascension into heaven is one of comfort for the disciples and us because Jesus promises to be with us anyways.

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After 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.

⁴Once, 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. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons 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.”

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They 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.”
(EHV)

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation • Ascension

[Psalm 68:18a (EHV)]

☐ Alleluia, alleluia. You ascended on high. You led captivity captive. Alleluia.



Gospel • *Luke 24:44–53*

Jesus' ascension is the final fulfillment of His promises to His disciples. God's Word is always true from the first word to the last. Now, knowing that He is ruling us, we worship Him in joy.

[*Jesus*] said to them, “These are my words, which 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. (EHV)

 *This is the Gospel of our Lord.*



-Be seated-

Chief Hymn • “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

[ELH 392]

1. On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2. Since He re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for us ob -
3. O grant, dear Lord, this grace to us, Re - call - ing Your as -

cen - sion; This hope a - lone has ev - er stilled All doubt and ap - pre -
tain - ing, My heart shall rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er rest re -
cen - sion, That we may ev - er with You walk, A - dorn - ing Your re -


hen - sion; For where the Head is, there full well I know His
main - ing; For where my Trea - sure went be - fore, There all my
demp - tion; And then, when all my days shall cease, Let me de -


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

Sermon • Acts 1:1-11**Jesus Leads Us to Lead**

1. Having Witnessed His _____
2. Being Witnesses to _____

*-Stand-***Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed**

 *Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:*

 **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer

Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room. For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer of the Church

☞ *Heavenly Father, may Your will be done in this world.*

☞ **May the governments You have established run well for the benefit of Your people.**

☞ *May Your pure Word which is taught by Your holy Church be preserved in every place.*

☞ **May many more people enter into Your kingdom by faith.**

☞ *Keep us, who are gathered here, in the true faith.*

☞ **As You re-created us in our Baptisms, we pray that You continue to enlighten us through Your Word, and strengthen us through Your holy Supper.**

-Special prayers may be offered here-

☞ *Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions.*

-Silence for private prayer-

☞ *We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.*

☞ **Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.**

PART 3: THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Questions and prayers for preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38–40.



FOR OUR GUESTS: Please note that Trinity practices "Close Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). This means we only Commune with people who believe and teach the same doctrine which we do (ELS or WELS). This is necessary because Christ commands us to be unified as a congregation (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17). He warns that—much like abusing a powerful medicine—those who improperly receive Holy Communion receive Divine judgment rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29). And, contrary to the way many congregations practice today, "Close Communion" is the ancient practice of the Christian church (Acts 2:42). Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, please speak with the pastor BEFORE the service to find out how our "Close Communion" practice affects you.

Prayer of the Communicant

☞ *Lord Jesus Christ, You desire to give Your body as real food and Your blood as real drink. Cause us to remember always that this is the body that You gave in death for the life of the world and that this is the blood that You shed for our iniquity and the sin of the whole world. Give us a fervent desire to receive this saving remedy for sin and death, so that we may bear all crosses until You grant full deliverance and rest.*

☞ **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

[Lk 11:2-4; Mt 6:9-13]

☞ *Hear us as we pray, O Lord:*

☞ **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.**

Words of Institution

[Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25;
Through these words, the presence of Our Lord's Body and Blood is effected in our midst.]

☞ *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.*

Prayer to the Lamb ~ Agnus Dei

[Jn 1:29]

☞ **O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

-Be seated-

Distribution

[Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers.
During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn(s)]

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

[ELH 389]

1. A hymn of glo-ry let us sing! New songs through-out the world shall ring: Alle-
 2. The ho-ly ap-os-tol-ic band Up-on the Mount of Ol-ives stand.

lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia! Christ, by a road be-fore un-trod, As-cends up to
 And with His fol-low-ers they see, Je-sus' all-glo-

the throne of God. Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia! Alle-lu-ia!
 rious ma-jes-ty.

3. The angels said to those nearby,
 "Why stand and gaze upon the
 sky?"
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 "This is the Savior!" thus they say,
 "This is His noble triumph-day."
 Alleluia! Alleluia! ...

4. "Again shall you behold Him so
 As you today have seen Him go."
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 "In glorious pomp ascending high
 Up to the portals of the sky."
 Alleluia! Alleluia! ...

5. O grant us heavenward to tend
 And with unwearied hearts ascend,
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Unto Your kingdom's throne may we
 By faith, see Your great majesty!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! ...

6. Be now our Joy and strong Defense,
 Who are our future Recompense:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 So shall the light that beams from
 You
 Be ours eternally and true.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! ...

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

"We Thank You, Jesus, Dearest Friend"

[text: ELH 394 • tune: ELH 216]

1. We thank You, Je-sus, dear-est Friend, That You did in-to heav'n as-cend.
 2. As-cend-ed to His throne on high, He's near, though hidden from our eye,
 O Sav-ior, grant us grace to live And strength to soul and bo-dy give.
 He rules and reigns at God's right hand And has all pow'r at His com-mand.

3. The one who trusts in Him is blest
 And finds in Him eternal rest;
 This world's vain pleasures we despise
 And fix on Christ alone our eyes.

4. We therefore heartily rejoice
 And sing His praise with cheerful voice;
 He from our sin's captivity
 And bitter death has set us free.

5. Through Him we heirs of heav'n are made;
 O Brother, Christ, extend Your aid
 To trust in You unshakably
 And through You live eternally.

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

☐ *Let us give thanks and pray:*

We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Supper. We pray that through it, You would mercifully strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another.

☑ **We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.**

God's Final Blessing ~ Benediction

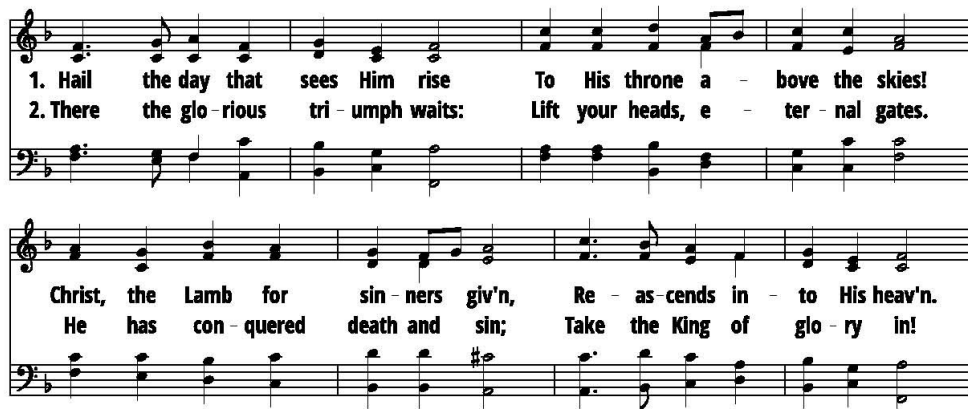
[Num 6:24-26]

☐ *The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace ☩.*

☑ **Amen.**

Closing Hymn • “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

[ELH 388]



1. Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne a - bove the skies!

2. There the glo - rious tri - umph waits: Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates.

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends in - to His heav'n.

He has con - quered death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!

-Be seated-

Education Presentations (10:30 service only)

School Anthem • “Lighthouse”

Trinity School Student

Trinity School Board

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Student

Martin Luther College Update

Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary Update

Worship Notes

- Preacher: Pastor Daniel J. Hartwig
- Organist: Thursday - Donna Moll Sunday – Alana Neumann
- Ushers: Thursday - Group 7
Sunday – Group 6
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