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“I AM ASCENDING  
TO MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER,  
TO MY GOD AND YOUR GOD.”

JOHN 20:17

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# Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

Ascension Sunday  
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## Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

*WS 737 Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels*

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

- C** (spoken) Amen.

- P** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** (spoken) And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . .
- C** (spoken) Amen

First Reading

*Mark 16:14-20*

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is

baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

## Psalm of the Day

*Psalm 110 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)*

**P** The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand,

**C** **Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”**

**P** The Lord shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

**C** **Rule in the midst of Your enemies!**

**P** The Lord has sworn and will not relent,

**C** **“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”**

**P** The Lord is at Your right hand;

**C** **He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.**

## Second Reading

*Acts 1:1-11*

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them

in white apparel, 11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

## Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits 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.

**Hymn of the Day** *TLH 218 See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph (vv. 1-3, 6)*

## Sermon

*Genesis 5:21-24*

Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. 22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and

daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

## Enoch Was Not

**I: Not a promise that we would be spared temporal death**

**II: Not given eternal life because of his works**

**III: Not the most important ascension**

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

*TLH 342 Chief of Sinners*

Offering

Prayer of the Church + the Lord's Prayer

**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**

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Closing Hymn

*LSB 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

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

cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for

ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them. all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing. me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.'

## Silent Prayer

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# Welcome to worship at Trinity!

**Please wait to be ushered** out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

**Guest and Visitors**, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIBLE CLASS** – There will be Tuesday afternoon Bible class in the North entry, as well as Sunday morning Bible class next week. Our last day of Sunday Bible classes will be June 4<sup>th</sup> before we recess for the summer. Tuesday bible class plans for over the summer are yet to be determined.

**CHURCH COUNCIL + WOMEN’S CIRCLE** – The church council and Women’s Circle will meet following worship this morning.

**PASTOR ABSENCE** – Pastor Naumann will be away from the parish from Wednesday until Saturday taking some vacation time. In case of an emergency, don’t hesitate to contact him!

**Walk with the Apostle Paul (Greece and Turkey trip)** - A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a possible three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to Athens, Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and much more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the visits of the Apostle Paul recorded in the Book of Acts. We will be reminded of the zeal and spread of the early Christian church. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. A video of a similar trip can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul-o6E47MMw>. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request.

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Please keep Molly Bettinger’s friend from Ohio, **Jeanne**, in your prayers. Jeanne’s had a recurrence of brain cancer. May the redemption that Christ won for all people anchor the hope of Jeanne, her family, and her friends during this difficult time.
- **Etta Lillquist** has been having hip pain for some time now and is scheduled to undergo surgery to address it this summer. Please keep Etta in your prayers for her pain and for the upcoming procedure.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.

## CALL NEWS

- Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX is *considering* the call from Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor.
- Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI has *extended* a call to Pastor Sam Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
<b>4/23/23</b>	23	\$680
<b>4/30/23</b>	17	\$1,750
<b>5/7/23</b>	20	\$2,975
<b>5/14/23</b>	17	\$1,045

GREETER SCHEDULE	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Randy &amp; Lynne Estes</b>
<b>6/4</b>	<b>Joyce Miller</b>
<b>6/11</b>	<b>Jeanne Helke</b>

MAY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
<b>North Entry</b>	<b>Estes</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>Bettinger</b>
<b>Basement</b>	<b>Naumann</b>



