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## welcome to trinity

*We're glad you are here! You've come to a place where you can experience a real God with real grace for your real life, a place where you can connect with our Savior and His people! If you're a guest with us today, we consider it a privilege to have you with us and hope you'll come again. Please share your name with us by signing the Connect Card in the Trinity Today in your bulletin. Please include your address, phone number, and email. If you have any questions about the service or need assistance with anything, please don't hesitate to ask one of our ushers for help!*

**DEAR PARENTS:** Out of all the responsibilities parents have in raising their children, leading them to know and connect with Jesus is the most important. We know it can sometimes be a challenge, but we commend and thank you for what you do when you bring your kids to church. Your family—with all its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy—aren't just tolerated, but you're a vital part of the community gathered in worship. If you need it, we have "busy" bags to help keep your young children occupied during the service. The bags are located near both entrances to the sanctuary. We also have a staffed nursery for children ages 4 and under if there is a need to take your child out of the sanctuary. It is located on the front left-hand side of the sanctuary.

**WIRELESS HEARING ASSIST HEADSETS** are available in the back of the sanctuary so that you can hear better during worship. Feel free to ask an usher for one at any time.

**FREE PARKING:** Everyone is welcome to park on Sunday morning, free of charge, in the Central Parking Lot (directly across Washington Avenue from Trinity's Campus).



## connect

*Our mission: Connecting people to Christ for life.*

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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (HOLY COMMUNION)

In Holy Communion (Lord's Supper), we believe and joyfully confess that, as Jesus Himself says, He gives us His true body and blood to eat and drink with the bread and wine! We call this the "Real Presence." Jesus gives this gift of Himself to us to forgive our sins, strengthen our faith and our union with Him, and strengthen our unity with one another as His Church (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Our Lord invites to His table baptized Christians who trust in Him alone for forgiveness and salvation, who trust His Words that He is present and offering forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament, who repent of all sin, who forgive others as He forgives us, and who are able to "examine" themselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) regarding these things.

As we share in Christ's body and blood together, the Bible says we also confess the Gospel and our unity in it (1 Corinthians 11:26). Because of this, we practice "Close Communion." This means that those who commune together do so with the intent of being united in the faith we confess and in our life together. We want all to partake of the Lord's Supper. Because we desire everyone who communes at Trinity to do so in the unity that our Lord intends and to receive the fullness of the gifts He offers (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), we lovingly ask any who have not yet been instructed in the faith of Scripture, who have doubts about the church's teachings, or who have united themselves in membership to a church that is not in fellowship with the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod to *first speak with the pastor about communing*.

If you are a Christian but are not receiving Communion, we invite and welcome you to the Lord's altar for a blessing. Please cross your arms to indicate you have come for a blessing.

We offer both individual and common cup. If you are unable to come to the front easily, please let the pastor or one of the ushers know. The pastor will bring the Sacrament to you at your seat. We encourage parents to bring your non-communing children for a blessing.

**COVID-19 Protocol** – We ask everyone to please observe social distancing in accordance with your own comfort level as well as that of the people around you. Wearing of a mask is optional. Please take your worship bulletins with you when you leave. Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

# The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

## As We Gather

What have you witnessed? Jesus' disciples witnessed Jesus teach with authority, feed the five thousand with a few loaves of bread and some fish, heal people of a variety of diseases, and even bring Lazarus back to life. Yet, in spite of what they witnessed, they struggled to believe the story would continue after Jesus was crucified on Good Friday. Surprise! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Following the resurrection, they witnessed more amazing things Jesus said and did, and now they would get their chance to share what they had seen and heard. What have you seen and heard about Jesus? What have you seen and heard Jesus do in your life? Who can you share with what you have witnessed?

## Welcome and Announcements

*Please note that during portions of the service where there are responsive speaking parts, P=Pastor, A=Assistant, and C=Congregation.*

*LSB = Lutheran Service Book (burgundy hymnal)*

## ✠ Preparation ✠

### Prelude

*Please stand*

**Opening Hymn**    *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*        *LSB 495*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

*Invocation comes from the Latin "to call upon." The words "In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our baptism.*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

*1 Corinthians 15:22; Romans 6:11*

**P** Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**C** **Most merciful God, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We are guilty of placing our hopes and dreams in the people, places, and things of this world, which are here today and tomorrow are thrown in the fire. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who lived, died, rose, and ascended to Your right hand, and lead us to bear witness to the real hope we have in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**P** As a called and ordained servant of our ascended Lord Jesus and by His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace and bear witness to the hope that is yours because of Jesus!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

*Introit is Latin for "enter." The Introit is always verses from a psalm which are spoken or sung near the beginning of service.*

**P** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

**P** The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind,

**C** "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

**P** The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** God has gone up with a shout,

**C** the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

### Hymn of Praise ~ A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing LSB 493 (verses 1, 4)

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New Up  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high  
hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -  
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O ascended Lord Jesus, lift our hearts and minds to focus on Your continued presence among us. Empower us to be Your witnesses in our communities, state, nation, and throughout the world; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

## First Reading

**Acts 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>*In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.*

<sup>4</sup>*And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “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 had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>*For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in*

*the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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 one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

### **Alleluia and Verse**

*Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

*The Verse is a portion, or portions, of scripture sung or spoken before the Holy Gospel, usually with "Alleluias" at the beginning and end.*

**P** Alleluia.

**C** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**P** Alleluia.

**C** Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

**P** Alleluia.

### **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:44-53**

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

*<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

## Children's Message

**Hymn of the Day**    *Up through Endless Ranks of Angels*    LSB 491

### Sermon

Rev. Michael Croom

*Please stand*

### Nicene Creed

*This is one of the Christian Church's ancient statements of faith, dating all the way back to the 4th Century A.D. The faith we confess in the Creed connects us to one another and Christians past and present.*

**☩ 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and  
the dead,  
whose kingdom will 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 in 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus, we live in a world filled with hopelessness and fear. Yet You give fruits of the spirit of love and self-control, not fear. Lead us as we proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Your name to all nations. Ascended Lord,

**C** **empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we lift up to You those who are grieving. We pray that they do not grieve as those who have no hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. Ascended Lord,

**C** **empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are struggling with physical and mental health challenges, [*especially . . .*]. Give them strength to meet the days ahead—healing of body, mind, and spirit—and ever-present reminders that You are always with them. Ascended Lord,

**C** **empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

**P** Lord Jesus, some may trust in horses and chariots, but we trust in the Lord, our God. As we put our trust in You, we pray for our elected leaders and ask that You lead them with Your wisdom, that they govern diligently and faithfully. Ascended Lord,

**C** **empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

**P** Lord Jesus, we look forward to that day when You will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. As we wait for that day, we ask that You watch over and work through all first responders and members of the military, [*especially . . .*], to bring peace and healing to our community and world. Ascended Lord,

**C** **empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

**P** Lord Jesus, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace and mercy. In Your holy name, we pray.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Tithes and Offerings

*Please stand*

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to read the statement regarding the Sacrament of the Altar (Holy Communion) on page two of this bulletin and in Spanish on page thirteen.*

## Preface and Proper Preface

*The Preface and Proper Preface are the opening words to the Communion portion of the service. They express greeting in the Lord and great thanksgiving and praise to God.*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*

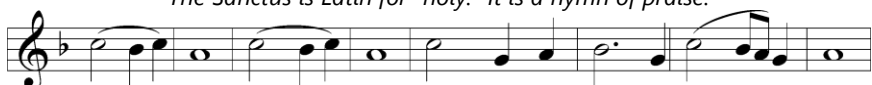
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

*The Sanctus is Latin for "holy." It is a hymn of praise.*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## The Words of Our Lord

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.

### Pax Domini ~ The Peace of the Lord

*John 20:19*

*Pax Domini is Latin for "the peace of the Lord."*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

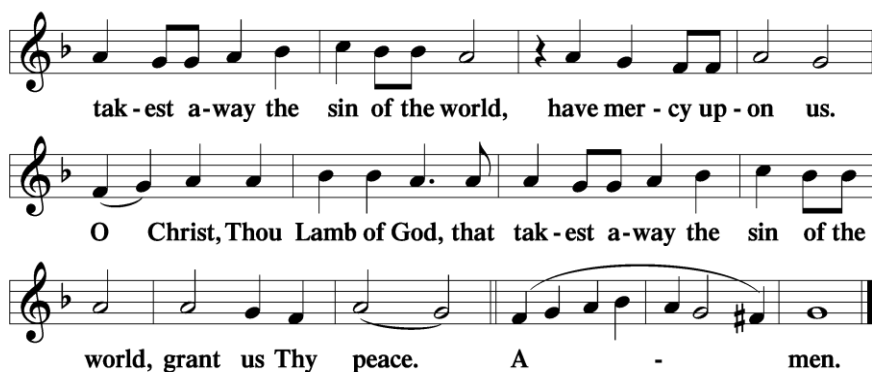
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

*John 1:29*

*Agnus Dei is Latin for "Lamb of God," the words used by John the Baptist to describe Jesus as the sacrifice for our sins.*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



*Please be seated*

## Communion Distribution

*All who desire to commune at the rail will commune first. Those communing in the "continuous" format will follow.*

## Distribution Hymns

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

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* LSB 575

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* LSB 821

*Beautiful Savior* LSB 537

*Please stand*

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

**C** **Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;**

**P** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*The Benediction is a blessing from the Lord, spoken by the pastor at the end of the service.*

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

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**The Dismissal**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Postlude**

**✠ Go in Peace, Serve the Lord ✠**

*The altar flowers for today are given by the Altar Guild to the glory  
of God.*

**Readings for Sunday June 5, 2022**

Old Testament: Genesis 11:1–9

Second Reading: Acts 2:1–21

Holy Gospel: John 14:23–31

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## EL SACRAMENTO DEL ALTAR (SANTA COMUNIÓN)

Amorosamente le invitamos, a que hablen primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión antes de pasar. Si deseas recibir la bendición puedes pasar con tus brazos cruzados sobre el pecho en señal de bendición, es una alegría para nosotros compartir la bendición contigo e invitarte a estudiar para participar de este don celestial.

En la Santa Cena (Cena del Señor), creemos y confesamos con alegría que, como Jesús mismo dice, ¡Él nos da Su verdadero cuerpo y sangre para comer y beber con el pan y el vino! Llamamos a esto la "Presencia Real." Jesús nos da este don de sí mismo para perdonar nuestros pecados, fortalecer nuestra fe y nuestra unión con Él, y fortalecer nuestra unidad unos con otros como Su Iglesia (Mateo 26:26-28; Marcos 14:22-24; Lucas 22:19-20; 1 Corintios 11:17-34; 1 Corintios 10:16-17). Nuestro Señor invita a Su mesa a los cristianos bautizados que confían sólo en Él para el perdón y la salvación, que confían en Sus Palabras, que Él está presente y ofrece perdón y gracia en el Sacramento, que se arrepienten de todo pecado, que perdonan a los demás como Él nos perdona, y que son capaces de "examinarse" ellos mismos (1 Corintios 11:28) con respecto a estas cosas.

Al compartir el cuerpo y la sangre de Cristo juntos, la Biblia dice que también confesamos el Evangelio y nuestra unidad en él (1 Corintios 11:26). Debido a esto, practicamos la "Comunión Cerrada." Esto significa que aquellos que comulgan juntos lo hacen con la intención de estar unidos en la fe que confesamos y en nuestra vida, juntos. Queremos que todos compartamos de la Cena del Señor. Porque deseamos que todos los que comulgan en la iglesia Trinity lo hagan en la unidad que nuestro Señor enseña y reciban la plenitud de los dones que Él ofrece (1 Corintios 11:27-30), amorosamente le pedimos a cualquiera que aún no ha sido instruido en la fe de las Escrituras, que tiene dudas sobre las enseñanzas de la iglesia, o que tiene su membresía en una iglesia que no está en comunión con la Iglesia Luterana-Sínodo de Missouri LCMS, que hable primero con el pastor acerca de la comunión.

Ofrecemos tanto copa común como copas individuales. Si usted es cristiano pero no está recibiendo la Comunión, lo invitamos y le damos la bienvenida al altar del Señor para una bendición. Por favor, crucen los brazos sobre su pecho para indicar que han venido para una bendición.

Actualmente, sólo ofrecemos una copa individual. Si no puede ir hasta el frente fácilmente, por favor hágaselo saber al pastor o a uno de los ujieres. El pastor les traerá el Sacramento a usted en su asiento. Animamos a los padres a traer a sus hijos no comulgantes para una bendición.

**Protocolo COVID-19** - les pedimos a todos que mantengan distanciamiento social de acuerdo con su propio nivel de comodidad y el de las personas que lo rodean. El uso de mascarilla es opcional. Por favor lleve sus boletines de adoración con usted cuando se vaya. Lávese las manos y/o use desinfectante para manos regularmente.