

Ascension Day/Confirmation Day

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Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sunday at 8:00am & 10:00am Mondays at 6:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521)

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

(Hymn 171 vv.1,2,5,6)

1. A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his followers they see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we
Shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please rise

6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Old Testament Lesson

How do you picture God? Do you see him distant and aloof? Do you picture him right with you, holding you close and protecting you? Do you imagine him in his heavenly office taking prayer requests and sending blessings? Do you see him vast and terrible, bursting with power and majesty?

I don't know that we can really comprehend God. He is beyond our imagination and beyond our reason. We do know things about him, things he has revealed to us on the pages of Scripture. When Moses blessed Israel just before his death, he described God like a superhero. "He rides through the heavens to help you." His arms are always under us to catch us when we fall. And his promises are solid.

There is no one like God. He is greater, more powerful, more loving, more terrifying, more just, and more forgiving than anyone or anything. He rescued us from slavery and certain death. He protects us when we are defenseless. He helps us when we are helpless. He loves us when we are unlovable. He blesses us and calls us his very own.

God is my hero.

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 (EHV)

- ²⁶ There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,
who rides through the heavens to help you.
In his majesty he rides through the clouds.
- ²⁷ The everlasting God is a dwelling place,
and his eternal arms are under you.
He drove out the enemy in front of you,
and he said, "Destroy!"
- ²⁸ So Israel settled down in safety.
Jacob dwelt in security
in a land of grain and fresh wine,
and, yes, its heavens dropped down dew.
- ²⁹ How blessed are you, O Israel!
Who is like you?
You are a people saved by the LORD,

the shield who gives you help,
the sword who gives you majesty.
Your enemies will come cringing before you,
and you will trample on their high places.

Epistle Lesson

Christ's ascension reminds us of exactly who he is. He is God almighty, returning to his throne in heaven after accomplishing the impossible. He consistently did things that we could never do. He stepped down into creation from on high. He cast out Satan. He defeated death. He paid the debt for our sins. He saved lost and helpless souls. He fulfilled God's laws, his prophecies, and his plan.

He saved us. Now he helps us grow. He provides apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to build up the church. We grow into maturity and into the fullness of Christ. He provides gifts so we can encourage each other and build each other up in love..

Ephesians 4:7-16 (EHV)

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. ⁸ That is why it says, "When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people." ⁹ Now what does it mean when it says "he ascended," other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. ¹¹ He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, ¹² for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. ¹³ This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴ The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶ From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

The 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.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

(Hymn 341)

1. Crown him with many
crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem
drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless
King Through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of
love -
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his
wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns
As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns
For he is King of all.

Gospel Lesson/Sermon

Don't you just love "aha!" moments? When your mind is opened and you can see something you never knew before?

I wonder how many "aha!" moments the disciples had after Easter. For three years Jesus had been teaching them. And, for three years they mostly didn't get it.

Here in Luke 24 Jesus opened their minds. Think of that aha moment for the disciples. They realized that everything in the Bible is absolutely true, and they were living in the fulfilment of prophecy. They realized that Jesus conquered death, that he beat Satan, even though they missed it! They realized that God was right there, right then, talking to them.

Don't you just love "aha!" moments? When God opens your mind to see him, right there, right then? To feel him walking us through this chaos, right at our side. To see him controlling the world, over disease and conflict and disappointment.

And he doesn't stop there. After Jesus opened the disciples' minds, he blessed them. And he kept blessing them all the while he was going into heaven. And they were filled with joy.

The disciples responded by going to church. They needed to praise God. What better place than the temple?

Now we get to do that. God is opening up the church again. What better place to praise him?

And we don't want to stop there. We want to change the world. We want to bring light into darkness and God's love into a world that is divided. We want to show people Jesus.

Jesus promised his disciples that he would fill them with his power. The disciples were people like us and Jesus used them to turn

the world upside down. They wouldn't hide behind locked doors anymore. They were clothed with power. They wouldn't be afraid of anything, because Jesus ruled from heaven.

He still does. He will do the same with us.

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ He said to them, "These are my words that 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."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He 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, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Melanie Bell, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Angie Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Becky Schrank and Karen Schrank.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew). **Firefighter: Steve Campbell.** **Police: Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw** (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) **and David Peterson** (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

The Benediction:

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: ***Amen***

Draw Us to Thee

(Hymn 170 vv. 1-2)

1. Draw us to thee,
For then shall we
Walk in thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where thou art gone
To be with thee, dear Savior.

2. Draw us to thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

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Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Matthew 5:16 - *"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*