

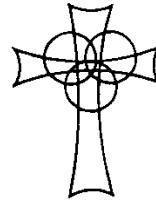
As you  
**SENT ME**  
into the world,



so I have  
**SENT THEM**  
into the world.



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The Ascension  
of our Lord



*Observed*  
May 16, 2021

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!!!**

***Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

We are glad that you are joining us for worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped among us here as the Living Lord and He is seen alive as He comes to us through His Word and the Sacraments. We pray that you will see and meet the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

***A PRAYER AS WE GATHER***

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, Savior, and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



**The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament  
on the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**

*From Divine Service, Setting Four  
Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

Tune: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia*  
“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

- 1 Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
Glorious to His native skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals giv’n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav’n! Alleluia!**
- 2 There the glorious triumph waits; Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
Wide unfold the radiant scene; Alleluia!  
Take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!**
- 3 See! He lifts His hands above; Alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on His Church below. Alleluia!**
- 4 Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Alleluia!  
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heav’n of heav’ns in Thee. Alleluia!**

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

*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.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

**P** We do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

**C** **but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.**

**P** Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,

**C** **that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

*Hebrews 4:15-16*

**P** Seeing we have a Great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith and make confession to our heavenly Father.

*Silence is kept for a time of reflection and self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.



✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

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

- 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,  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”
- C** **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,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 812*

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”  
*A Paraphrase of the Cantic: Dignus es Agnus*

- 1** **Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.**
- 2** **“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,  
“To be exalted thus!”  
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,  
“For He was slain for us!”**
- 3** **Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and pow’r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, forever Thine.**
- 4** **Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred Name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne  
And to adore the Lamb.**

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

The 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.**

The 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.**

The Gradual and Alleluia Verse: *adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6  
Romans 6:9 and Matthew 28:20b*

- P** Christ has risen from the dead.  
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
- C** **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**
  
- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- C** **death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.**
  
- P** Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always,
- C** **to the end of the age. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44-53*

<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.**
  
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Hymn of the Day

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 493*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns 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 faithful foll’wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
  
- 3 To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumph day!”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
  
- 4 “You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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The Sermon

The Prayer of Our Ascended Lord  
Text: John 17:11b-19

*The Congregation rises.*

The Nicene Creed:

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, our Lord took His place as our own High Priest, to intercede for us with His blood. Therefore with boldness and confidence that He will both hear and answer, we come together in prayer. Keep us, O Lord, from idle speculation and wonder; direct us to Your Word, where You continue to make Yourself known to us, and lead us to Your Sacraments, where You continue to deliver the gifts and grace of Your kingdom to us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.



- P** You have placed Jesus over all things and given Him the Name of salvation. Clothe us with Your Spirit and with power from on high that we may proclaim His kingdom here on earth and lift up His Name that all may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give to Your Church and to all her ministers every gift and fruit of the Spirit, that they may faithfully proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments and lead all Your saints in fulfilling their baptismal vocation to worship, witness, prayer, mercy, and service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give Your peace on earth that nations and peoples may live together in peace. Bless all those in authority over us. Keep us from squandering every resource and opportunity in order that we may serve others as You have loved and served us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We remember Your compassion for the sick and the suffering. Give patience and wisdom to all who practice the medical arts, that they may be instruments of Your healing grace to all the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, especially remembering \_\_\_\_\_. Bless them and come to their aid according to Your good and gracious will in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant to us thankful hearts, that we may receive all that You have given us with gratitude and use wisely all that You have entrusted into our care, especially as we thank You for Your goodness to \_\_\_\_\_. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** According to Your promise, You never leave nor forsake us. Hear all of our needs and concerns for ourselves and for others, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and for all of the other petitions we entrust to You from the things silent and unspoken in our hearts and minds... Receive all of these prayers, and answer them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us to welcome the stranger, to love all people in Your Name, and to be united in heart and mind in Christ. Bless our fellowship at the Table of the Lord and help us to receive with faith all that our Lord gives to us here in His Body and Blood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** You have given us all things in Christ and yet we are tripped up by our weakness and fear; grant us the courage to follow the blessed example of Constantine, Helena, and all the saints who have gone on before us by believing in Jesus Christ and making the holy confession of His Name unto the end. Then gather us, we pray, with all the elect to dwell with You in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** The Risen Lord now reigns at God's right hand. He is the Prince of Peace. Alleluia. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*

**✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠**

The Hymn of Preparation

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 701*

“Draw Us to Thee”

- 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.**
- 3 Draw us to Thee;  
O grant that we  
May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way  
Lest we should stray  
And from Thy paths be driven.**
- 4 Draw us to Thee  
That also we  
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.**

*The Hymn concludes on the next page...*

**5 Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.**

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**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 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



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



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer:

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His Body and Blood. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has taught us:

**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.**

The Words of Our Lord:

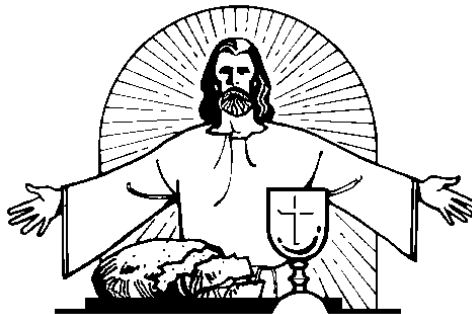
**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

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

**C** **Amen.**



The *Agnus Dei*:

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The Distribution of Holy Communion:

*Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation in a continuous manner in front of the altar. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. The Sacrament is distributed in the following way...Please extend your hand to the Pastor to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood is then received from individual cups from the assistant (wine and white grape juice are available). After receiving, please place your empty cup into the tray at the end of the communion rail and return to your seat by way of the side aisle. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor.*

Music During the Distribution:



*After all have communed, the Pastor continues:*

The Eucharistic Blessing:

- P** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 493*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

- 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!
- $\triangle$  **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!

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The Post-Communion Collect:

- P** Let us pray.  
We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour upon our hearts the spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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 Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 525*

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

- 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 Virgin’s Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The Babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 **Crown Him the Lord of Love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond’ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.**
- 4 **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.**

*The Hymn concludes on the next page...*

**5 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.**

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

*✠ To God All Praise and Glory! ✠*

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### **NOTES AND NEWS**

*OUR THANKS GOES TO ...* Judy Kampia for her sharing of her musical gifts with us and leading us in our songs of worship and praise today in the absence of our Parish Musician, Skip Hall. Skip is away this Sunday to spend time with family in North Carolina as his and Rachel's grandson, Nathan, is confirmed. Thank you, Judy, for being with us. It's always a pleasure.

*PERSONAL SCRIPTURE STUDY ...* Even though we are not able to hold our Sunday Morning Bible Class at this time doesn't mean that you can't continue to be "in the Word" on your own. Pastor has provided parts of our Bible Study guide, "A Longer Look at the Lessons", for your use. The guide for the Easter Season is now online. These materials are posted on the church website, and can be found at: <http://tlcmr.org/our-ministries/christian-education/online-bible-study-materials/> (The link can also be accessed off of our church website home page.)



*MIDWEEK DEVOTIONS AND BIBLE STUDY ...* During these days of the Easter Season, join Pastor online for a study of the First Epistle of St. Peter. Having spent the Lenten Season in reflecting on Baptism and what it means as it leads us back to God, this study through the Apostle's words will help us to remember what our Baptized life in Christ looks like and what that life is all about.

Join us **Wednesday afternoon at 4:00 PM**, when Pastor will livestream from Trinity on the church's Facebook Page. The study will then be available afterward for viewing at anytime by visiting the video archive, also on the church's Facebook Page. Looking forward to being in the Word together with you!

*OFFERING OF LETTERS ON HUNGER...* This year our "Letters" to Congress will be EMAILS to our two U.S. Senators. The message is brief, but urgent. The pandemic has put many Americans and people in poor countries into a frantic search for enough food. And our nation could do much more to help them. What can we do? Send two emails.

Step #1. **Google: U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen**

Step #2. Select his Email page and fill in your name and other required (\*) contact information.

Step #3. List message subject: Hunger (or Health Emergency)

Step #4. Pick "Health" as the nearest of the topics listed.

Step #5. Write your message. In YOUR OWN WORDS say that the Pandemic has made many more people hungry, and we as a nation could do much more than we are doing to help them. And thank him for taking leadership against hunger..

Step #6. Click "Submit."

**Now follow the same steps, but this time google Senator Benjamin Cardin.**

And thank YOU for offering the gift of your citizenship to God to help hungry people in this way!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR...* Fear, love, and trust in the Lord is the way to Wisdom in person, and we meet God's eternal wisdom in Jesus, the Messiah. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday May 16, 2021, for this message by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "**Gain a Heart of Wisdom**", on WMZQ 98.7 FM at 7:00 AM or on Sundays at 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM on WFAZ 1220 AM. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen on line to WFAZ worldwide at WFAZ.com.

*FROM YOUR CHURCH'S PUBLISHER ...* Concordia Publishing House is assisting congregations and their members with materials to help sustain us spiritually during this time of quarantine that many find ourselves in. Please visit [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org) and check out the new and free content available on their homepage which contains many free resources for devotion, learning, and worship.

*OUR PRAYER LIST* ... The weekly “O Christ, Hear Us” page in the bulletin is a listing of those we remember in prayer during worship at Trinity and for whom you are invited to pray for in your own personal prayers during the week. In the version of the weekly bulletin that is published online, we only list the persons we are praying for by their first names because of privacy concerns and laws, while we continue to lift them up by full name in our spoken prayers. Pastor continues to keep the list current and invites you to send him by email any new prayer requests, or to let him know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. The “full text” version of the Prayer List, as it would ordinarily be found in the bulletin, can be made available to Trinity members who request one by sending an email to Pastor.

*ALTAR FLOWERS* ... The flower chart for 2021 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord’s Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center’s open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;  
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

*PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...*

The Day of Pentecost, May 23, 2021

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15



## **Hyattsville Compassion Center**

*A shared ministry of  
Redeemer & Trinity Congregations  
and the Lutheran Mission Society*

**Ms. Elma Pervaiz, Center Coordinator**  
**Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23**

*We are happy to announce that our Compassion Center has reopened!*

Our operating hours are:  
**Monday: 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**Tuesday: 10 AM – 4 PM**  
**Wednesday: 10 AM – 2 PM**

Food and Clothing Ministry is available by appointment during the center's open hours.  
Please call Elma to make arrangements for us to assist you.

The thrift center will be open during our operating hours with the following safety guidelines:

- Masks must be worn at all times
- Please observe social distancing
- Number of persons in the center at a time will be limited

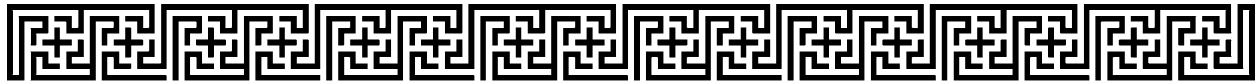
In-Kind Donations for the thrift center are limited at this time owing to reduced staffing at the center.  
If you have donations, please contact Elma at the center before bringing your items during center hours.

## **Trinity Stay-Safe Rules**

- ❖ If you are sick, PLEASE STAY HOME, and please get under a doctor's care.
- ❖ If you are over 65 or immunocompromised, please be careful, follow the rules here at church, or feel free to stay home with God's blessing and ours. (We'll be here when you are ready to come back to worship.)
- ❖ While in the church building, please wear a mask as much as possible for the sake of your neighbors.
- ❖ Please spread out in church in order to do the recommended distancing (six feet). In addition to the pews in the nave, you may also be seated in the balcony or church overflow. Of course, families who reside together may sit together.
- ❖ Wash your hands often. 20 seconds with soap and water. Hand sanitizer is available for you to use as well. Try not to touch your face.
- ❖ Cough and sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow.
- ❖ Please, no handshaking. Use an elbow bump or wave for now.
- ❖ Limit your socializing indoors after the service; or better yet, use distanced visiting with one another outside.
- ❖ All Worship materials are printed for each service. As we will not be reusing them, please take them home with you to recycle.
- ❖ Offerings will not be collected during the service. Please place your offering in the basket on the table in the rear of the nave, or continue to mail in your offering to the church office.
- ❖ Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion using individual wafers and cups. Please follow the direction of the usher to go forward and receive the Sacrament, and please keep a distance in line between persons.

**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16 – 23**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<i>The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
	4:00 PM	Midweek Devotions and Bible Study (via Facebook Live)
<b>Thursday</b>	9 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<i>The Day of Pentecost</i>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, May 9, 2021

Worship Attendance: 21; Communed: 20.



## ✠ O Christ, Hear Us! ✠

### Intercessions for the Week of May 16, 2021

#### **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, Evelyn, Waymond, Alan, August, Clara, David, Ernie, Paul, Sylvia, Angela, Priscilla, and David, Sr.

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Kristie, co-worker of Joyce; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Sue, co-worker of Joyce; Rosemary, sister-in-law of Sylvia; Nicole & daughter, Anya, co-worker of Joyce; Alan, cousin of Kim; Danielle, neighbor of Kim; Lisa, neighbor of Peter & Kim; Alix, friend of Kim, Dennis & Caron, former Concordia Teachers; Zoila, mother of David; Jeff, husband of Mary; Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Joyce, friend of the Peeles; Cora, aunt of Tracy; Catelyn, step-graunddaughter of Ernie; Faith & Family, friend of Tracy; India, co-worker of Kim

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

#### **Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Paul & Verona Juhasz, and Earl & BreOnna Elias, who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

#### **We Keep In Our Prayers**

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ For Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For Elma Pervaiz, our Center Coordinator, and for the work of our Compassion Center.
- ✠ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✠ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✠ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✠ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of the shedding of their blood.
- ✠ Prayers for peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or by acts of terror, and for those who find themselves in harm's way in the war on terrorism.
- ✠ All those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.