

LORD's Day Service – Ascension Sunday – May 21, 2023

Preparation for Worship: *Habakkuk 3:2*

Entrance – God Calls Us into His presence; we respond with praise

* Entrance Psalter, #47A
All Peoples, Clap Your Hands for Joy

* Call to Worship Acts 1:1-14

Minister: Grace to you and peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

Minister: Alleluia. Christ is ascended!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: Rejoice! Do not be afraid!

Congregation: Hosanna in the highest!

* Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #212
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Purification - God Cleanses Us; we confess our sins to Him

Call to Confession Ezekiel 16:36, 38, 44, 45, 49, 50

Let us kneel before the Lord our God and corporately confess our sins unto Him.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, and the iniquity of our fathers, for we have sinned against You. Do not abhor us, for Your Name's sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your glory. Remember, do not break Your covenant with us, O LORD our God. Therefore, we will wait for You. For Jesus' sake, have mercy upon us. We ask this in His Name. Amen! (from Jeremaiah 14:20-22) *(Silent prayer)*

Assurance of Pardon Ezekiel 16:60-63

The Almighty and merciful Lord forgive you of all your sins, and grant you true repentance, amendment of life, with grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God! Our sins are forgiven in Jesus' name. AMEN!

Ascension - God Consecrates us by His Word; we listen & offer ourselves to Him

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Congregation: It is proper and right to do so!

Minister: Truly it is proper, right and our bound duty, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God,

through Your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; Who after His glorious resurrection, appeared to His disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where He is, there we might be also, and reign with Him in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the host of heaven and with Your Church on earth, we praise and magnify Your glorious Name, singing:

The Sanctus Songbook, #79

Hymn Trinity Hymnal, #219
Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power

Let us pray: **Almighty God, You have exalted with great triumph Your blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ, Who ascended far about all heavens that He might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who, lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen!**

Epistle Lesson Romans 3:1-3; 9:1-5, 30-33

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

* *Gospel Lesson* Luke 24:44-53

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ!

* *Hymn* Trinity Hymnal, #216
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Old Testament Lesson Zephaniah 3:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon "A Sharp Reproof of Sin, which so easily ensnares us"

Hymn Songbook, #13
At the Name of Jesus

* *Dedication of Tithes & Offerings*

Prayers of the Church Petitions & the Lord's Prayer

Peace - God Communes with us; we eat with joy at His Table

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

We Confess Our Faith in the Triune, Incarnate God

**Let Us Proclaim the Mystery of the Faith!*

**Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ is coming again!**

* Hymn

Songbook, #17
By the Sea of Crystal

Dismissal - God Commissions & Blesses Us; we go out to serve Him

* *The Lord's Commission of Us*

Matthew 28:18-20

* *We Receive God's Blessing, His Good Word to Us*

Jude 24-25

* *We bless the Lord, lifting hands and voices to Him*

Psalter, #72D

Announcements

LORD'S SUPPER

We observe Communion, or the Lord's Supper, weekly in our midst.

We believe it is worthily received by those who:

1. Have been baptized in the name of the Triune God (Matt 28:18-20);
2. Do profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel (Ro 10:9-10);
3. Do live in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit and endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Jesus Christ (Gal 5:16-26); and
4. Are communing members in good standing in an evangelical church (1 Cor 10:1-6)

If these things are all true, we rejoice with you and invite you to commune with us at the Lord's Supper. If any of these are not true of you, we ask that you refrain. We invite you to speak to one of the Elders if you have doubts or questions regarding any of these beliefs, or if you are interested in learning more about Trinity.

Though collections are not ordinarily taken during a service, giving is a vital element of worship. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the basket at the rear of the church. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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Gathering in the Name of the Triune God

Ascension Sunday
May 21, 2023

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN
INDEED!

In the name of the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ welcome: to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; and to whomever will come.

We assemble together each Lord's Day as a gathering of God's children with each other, but primarily, as a meeting of the triune God with His chosen people. God is present with us by His omnipresence but, much more intimately, as the faithful covenant Savior. Christ is the Mediator by whom alone we can come unto God. He is the head of the church. He rules over public worship. In corporate worship – when God meets with His people, Christ with His bride, the Spirit with His temple – we receive God's grace through the Word and sacrament, and we respond to Him with thanksgiving, faith, and love.