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**THE SERVICE OF THE WORD**

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**Welcome to Trinity**

**#37 First Christ’s Suffering Saves Us, Then It Becomes our Example.**

Therefore we must note in the first place that Christ by his suffering not only saved us from the devil, death, and sin, but also that his suffering is an example, which we are to follow in our suffering. Though our suffering and cross should never be so exalted that we think we can be saved by it or earn the least merit through it, nevertheless we should suffer after Christ, that we may be conformed to him. For God has appointed that we should not only believe in the crucified Christ, but also be crucified with him, as he clearly shows in many places in the Gospels: “He who does not take his cross and follow me,” he says, “is not worthy of me” [Matt. 10:38]. And again: “If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household” [Matt. 10:25].

Therefore each one must bear a part of the holy cross; nor can it be otherwise. St. Paul too says, “In my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions” [Col. 1:24]. It is as if he were saying: His whole Christendom is not fully completed; we too must follow after, in order that none of the suffering of Christ may be lacking or lost, but all brought together into one. Therefore every Christian must be aware that suffering will not fail to come. (“Sermon on Cross and Suffering,” April 16, 1530, Luther’s Works, v.51, p.198)

**For Grace to Praise God 5.**  
 ALMIGHTY and. Holy Spirit, the Comforter pure, living, true: Illuminate, govern, sanctify me, and confirm my heart and mind in the faith, and in all genuine consolation ; preserve and rule over me, that dwelling in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, I may be and remain forever in the temple of the Lord, and praise Him with a joyful spirit in union with all the heavenly Church; Who with the Father are one God, world without end. Amen (Oremus, 1925, p.37).

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# Propers for the Ascension of Our Lord

## Introit

*Men of / Galilee,  
why do you stand gazing  
up into heaven? Alle- /  
luia.\**

*This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into / heaven,  
will come as you saw Him go into heaven. Alle- / luia.*



Oh, clap your hands, all you / peoples!\*

Shout to God with the voice of / triumph!

For the Lord Most High is / awesome;\*

He is a great King over / all the earth.

God has gone up / with a shout,\*

the Lord with the sound of a / trumpet.

God reigns over the / nations;\*

God sits on His / holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*

and to the Holy / Spirit

as it was in the be / ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

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why do you stand gazing up into heaven? Alle- / luia.\**

*This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into / heaven,  
will come as you saw Him go into heaven. Alle- / luia.*

*(Antiphon, Acts 1:11; Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 8)*

## Collect

Grant, we implore You, almighty God, that just as we believe Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind to heaven ascend, and continually dwell with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

## **2 Kings 2:5-15** *Elijah taken up into Heaven*

*(From Quasimodo Geniti through the week following Pentecost, the Gradual is omitted and the Alleluia Verse is lengthened)*

## Acts 1:1-11

*Jesus' Ascension*

## Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.\* Alle- / luia.

God has gone up / with a shout,\*

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alle- / luia.

You have ascend- / ed on high,\*

You have led captivity captive. Alle- / luia. *(Psalm 47:5, 68:18)*



## St. Mark 16:14-20

*Preach in My Name*

*Followed by The Nicene Creed, p. 141*

## General Prayer of the Church

*This evening we will be using the prayer for "Ascension" from The Lutheran Liturgy (p.354-5).*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Thou eternal Son of God, the Savior of the world, who, having finished the great work of redemption, didst triumphantly ascend into heaven and was seated on the right hand of the Father, being exalted above all angels and principalities, and above all power and might, and above everything that is named in this world and in that which is to come, we worship and glorify Thee that Thy cross and Passion was concluded in rejoicing and through death Thou didst enter into Thine eternal glory and hast opened again the gates of Paradise for the children of men.

Blessed Lord, Thou hast achieved the victory; we are still in the moil and toil of conflict. We pray Thee, look with favor upon us, and think on us for good, who are yet pilgrims and strangers on earth.

O Thou eternal High Priest, our only Mediator, who, having blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, dwells in the high and holy place, appear in the presence of God for us, and be our Advocate with the Father, that by Thy perfect merit and gracious intercession we may escape the righteous judgment of God and that His peace may abide with us forever.

O Thou heavenly King, establish Thy dominion in our hearts. Send down Thy Holy Spirit to enlighten us with Thy grace, to guide us into all truth and to work all good in us, so that Thy spiritual body

may be built up. As Thou hast opened heaven to us, so keep us, that we may not close it again by impenitence and sin. Draw us to Thee, and fill our hearts with holy desires, that on the wings of faith and ardent devotion we may continually ascend to Thee.

Lord Jesus, all power is given unto Thee in heaven and in earth, Thou art able to save to the uttermost all who come unto God by Thee. Thou hast promised to be with Thy faithful people always, even unto the end of the world. Comfort us with Thy presence, and let us all receive of Thy fullness, and grace for grace. Cause Thy blessing to rest upon our government, that peace may be maintained and justice impartially administered to the glory of Thy name.

O Thou faithful Prophet, extend Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thine own blood, and graciously keep us steadfast in Thy saving Word and the right use of the blessed Sacraments. Send forth faithful messengers of the Gospel, and clothe them with the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, that all flesh may see Thy salvation. Govern the hearts of parents and teachers, that they may bring to Thee the children entrusted to their care, and do Thou lead those who are in the morning of their years upon the way of life. Awaken the unconverted, and raise the fallen, that they may no more cleave to the world, but lift up their eyes to the Land of Promise. Have mercy upon all who are in affliction and distress, in sickness and temptation; hear their cry, and refresh them with Thy heavenly comfort. Grant that with patience and hope we may fight the good fight and obtain the prize of eternal life. And finally, when the hour of our departure is at hand, Lord Jesus, receive our spirit, and let us abide in Thy presence, where there is fullness of peace and joy and pleasures at Thy right hand forevermore. Amen.

**Communion Psalm:** *Ant.* Sing ye to the Lord, who ascends above the heaven of heavens, to the Sun rising, alleluia. (Ps 68:33 liturgical verse). **Ps 68:20, 24, 28-29, 32-33.**

### Secret

We beseech you, O Lord, that we might worthily receive the gifts which are given out by the gloriously ascended Son and graciously grant that being delivered from present dangers, we may enjoy eternal

life; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

### Communion

To him who rides in the heavens, the ancient / heavens;  
behold, he sends out his voice, his / mighty voice.

Ascribe pow- / er to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is / in the skies.

*(Psalm 68:33-34)*

### Postcommunion

Grant us, we beseech you, O almighty and merciful God, that what we have received in visible mysteries may profit us by its invisible effect; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

### Assistants

Elder – Cecil Plock (218-3064)

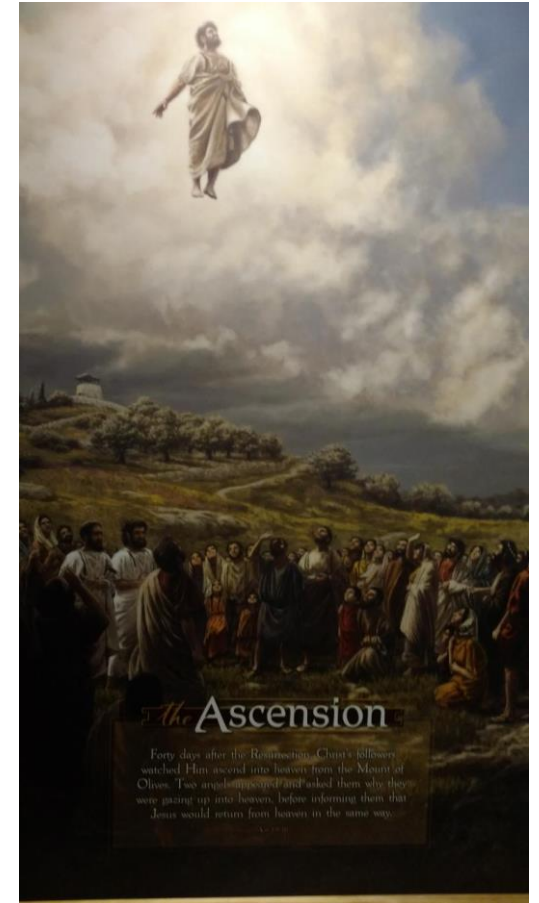
Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne

Organist – LeeAnn Byrne

Church Cleaning – May 23/30

Michael Henson, June 6

– Trinity Learning  
Center



## The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church observes the Scriptural practice (*Eph 4:3, 2 John 1:10-11*) of communing only with those for whom their public profession of faith (congregational

membership) is in agreement with God's Word and the correct exposition of Holy Scripture as found in the Book of Concord (1580). All who desire to receive Christ's Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins are asked to speak with Pastor Henson before coming forward to commune.

Trinity Lutheran Church is served by pastors who are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America([Eldona.org](http://Eldona.org)).

--Those who are members of Eldona-affiliated congregations are welcome to commune after announcing to Pastor Henson.

--Those who are not members of Eldona-affiliated congregations will need to set up an appointment with Pastor Henson to discuss their public church membership.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Trinity Lutheran Church in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until He comes.

Those who are not yet invited to receive the Sacrament are encouraged to meditate on God's Word in the distribution hymns and pray for the day when our divisions will have ceased.