

**Welcome
to Trinity**

#40 There Are Two Natures United in One Person

... Therefore be satisfied to say: "I believe in the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, the one Son of God the Father and of the Virgin Mary. He has two natures, but He is one Person. He is not two Christ's, nor is He two sons." Just how this happens to be so, reason cannot grasp; but it will be sufficient for you to know that there are two natures united in one Person.

Thus this text states that Christ descended from heaven; and after He had carried out His office here, He ascended again visibly into heaven, sits at the right hand of God, and rules there with might—not only according to His divine nature, as He did from eternity, but also according to His human nature. And everything—angels, principalities, and all creatures—everything is subject to the Son of Mary, very man; for divinity and humanity are now one essence and one Person in Christ. In John 6:61–62 Christ says to His disciples: "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of man ascending where He was before?" In this chapter we also hear that He is above and that He is below, for He ascends as He is God's Son and He descends as He becomes man. According to His human nature, He dwelt on earth, died, and was buried; but according to His divine nature, He ascends into heaven again, where, in His divine nature, He had always remained. Thus Christ is the highest, the center, and the lowest; in short, He is the One and All. Thus St. Paul says to the Ephesians (4:8–10): "When He ascended on high, He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men. In saying, He ascended, what does it mean but that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things." Therefore Christ is the highest and the lowest, and none can be found to compare with Him. (Luther's Works, v. 22, pages 326)

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Isaiah 57:15

¹⁵ For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Acts 1:1-11

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. ⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹

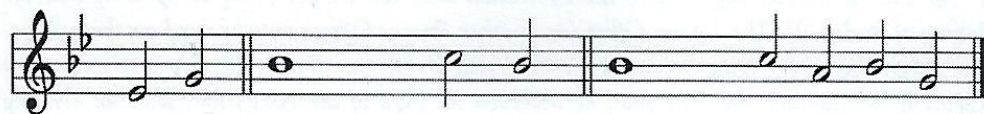
Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

St. Mark 16:14-20

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. ¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. (*The Paschal Candle is extinguished*). ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD. (WHITE)

PSALM 8, 21, 47/24, 68, 148



Introit.

Ant. YE MEN || of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into | heav- | en?:
— | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

|| This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into | heav- | en:

Hallelujah. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

Psalm. || O clap your hands, all ye | peo- | ple:

shout unto God with the | voice | of | tri- | umph.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

Collect.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thy Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens; so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Epistle. Acts 1:1–11

Gospel. Mark 16:14–20

Additional reading: Isaiah 57:15

Gradual.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. God is gone up with | a | shout:
the Lord with the sound | of | a | trum- | pet.

|| Hallelujah. Thou hast ascended | on | high:
Thou hast led captivity captive. | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

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.**

Ascension

35. Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

Dr. Martin Luther, 1523

Nun freut euch, lieben Christen

8, 7, 8, 7, 8, 8, 7

Wittenberg H. B. 1524

1. Dear Chris-tians, one and all re-joice, With
2. Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay, Death

ex-ul-tation spring-ing, And with u-ni-ted
brood-ed dark-ly o'er me, My sin op-pressed me

heart and voice And ho-ly rapt-ure sing-ing,
night and day, There-in my moth-er bore me;

Tell how our God be-held our need,
And ev-er deep-er yet I fell,

And sing His sweet and wond-rous deed;
Life had be-come a liv-ing hell,

Right dear-ly it had cost Him.
So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me. A-men.

3. My good works could avail me naught,
For they with sin were stained;
Free-will against God's judgment fought,
And dead to good remained;
Grief drove me to despair, and I
Had nothing left me but to die,
To hell I fast was sinking.

4. Then God beheld my wretched state
With deep commiseration;
He thought upon His mercy great,
And willed my soul's salvation;
He turned to me a Father's heart—
Not small the cost!—to heal my smart,
He gave His best and dearest.

5. He spake to His beloved Son:
'Tis time to have compassion;
Then go, My heart's most Precious One,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him, that he
May live with Thee forever.

6. The Son His Father did obey,
And, born of virgin-mother,
He came awhile on earth to stay,
That He might be my brother.
His mighty pow'r He hidden bore,
A servant's form like mine, He wore.
To lead the Devil captive.

7. He spake to me: "Hold fast by Me,
I am thy rock and castle;
I wholly give Myself for thee,
For thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am thine, and thou art Mine,
Henceforth My place is also thine;
The foe shall never part us.

8. "The foe shall shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving;
All this I suffer for thy good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win,
Mine innocence shall bear thy sin,
So art thou blest forever.

9. "Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav'n ascending,
Thence heav'nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
He shall in trouble comfort thee,
Teach thee to know and follow Me,
Into all truth shall guide thee.

10. "What I have done and taught, do thou
To do and teach endeavor;
So shall My kingdom flourish now,
And God be praised forever;
Take heed lest men with base alloy
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;
This counsel I bequeath thee."

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.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is being celebrated today. Please note that our practice of closed communion with those who are in fellowship with us—members of congregations of the ELDoNA—is not meant to offend, but is the historic practice of the Church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for God's people. It does not deny that members of other denominations may be Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Rom. 16:17) and the Bible's witness that doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42) is the central issue to the common reception of the Sacrament of the Altar. Therefore, we ask GUESTS desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service so that he may know that you are a member of a congregation in fellowship with Trinity Lutheran Church.

Assistants

Elder – Stephen Phillips (303-0769)
Altar Guild – LeeAnn Byrne
Organist – LeeAnn Byrne
Church Cleaning – May 14/21 Taft, May 28 ECLC



The Luther Bible 1534: 1 Kings 18 – Elijah's Chariot, #498

To Pray Aright.

O LORD, I beseech Thee to look upon Thy servant, whom Thou hast enabled to put his trust in Thee; and grant him both to ask such things as shall please Thee, and through Thy love, obtain the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen (Oremus, 1925, p.38).