

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD ~ MAY 12, 2024



ASCENSION *Day*

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“Being Transformed By God’s Grace To Love And Serve.”

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If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

please stand in body or spirit

Litany for Ascension Day

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new world has broken into ours—
**a world in which justice does come for the oppressed,
freedom comes for the prisoners,
and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new community has been formed—
**a community that loves and cares for all members,
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,
a place where all find belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
a new creation has begun—
**all that was distorted is being restored,
all that is corrupted is being renewed,
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,
God's new world has begun.

Let us join the choir in singing praises to our God. Alleluia! Amen!

Opening Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

#855

Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

“Rejoice, for Christ is King!”

#430 vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**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 and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

please be seated

First Reading

Acts 1:1 - 11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus,

who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

¹Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

²**For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

³who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

⁴**who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram’s horn.

⁶**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

⁸**God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15 - 23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Jesus Loves Me”

Kid’s Choir

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Gospel Acclamation

“Rejoice, for Christ is King!”

#430 vs. 3 & 4

Gospel

Luke 24:44 - 53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Stephen Zeller

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Hymn of the Day

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

#393

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being

with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

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Offering

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Offertory

“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”

#691 vs. 1 & 2

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**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.**

please be seated

HOLY COMMUNION

By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

Communion Hymns

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

#392

“Beautiful Savior”

#838

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Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in his grace. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

#534

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Ascension Dialog written by Christine Sine.

"CHRIST IS ALIVE, ALLELUIA"



Welcome: Welcome to worship! A special greeting today to moms, grandmas and mother-figures. The relationships that bless our lives are gifts of God's love. Alleluia!

We invite everyone to enjoy coffee and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!

In Our Prayers: "Unspoken prayer concerns", Jon Beckman, Rodger Luetjen, Eugene Oelrichs, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, Dewey Jobe, Judy Smith, Paul Kelly, Renee Weller, Gordon Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Rhonda Haluptzok (mother of Phil Haluptzok), Dustin Woods, Alexis Harrington, Liz Smart, Denny & Pam Karl (friends of Melisa Balke), Josephine Heimsoth, Don Gibbs, Melvin Oelrichs (grandpa of Nicholas Dieckman), Art Heimsoth, Dorothy Brown (mother of Bob Brown), Cliff Eckhoff, Averi Kroenke, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Donna Allen (mother of Adrienn Dieckman), Ken Jenson (friend of Connie Gerken), Jamie Simon, Dena Sikoutris, Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Annie Bright, Kiley Simon (friend of Jenna Nash), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin Lackas (brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Bill Hampton, and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Our Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

Shut-ins

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, SSG Nick Smith and Cpt. Joseph Strathman.



Prayers: If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.



One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will meet on Monday, **May 13th** at 9:00am in the church basement.

LBPS: Little Blessing Preschool will be in session on Tuesday, **May 14th** and Wednesday, **May 15th** from 8:00am until 11:15pm in the church basement.



Evangelism: The Evangelism Committee will meet on Wednesday, **May 15th** at 7:00pm.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **May 16th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



NO Casual
Worship
Service



Casual Worship: There will be NO Casual Worship Service on Saturday, **May 18th**.

LBPS: Congratulations to this year's graduates from our Little Blessings Preschool as they move on to kindergarten this coming year. We will celebrate their accomplishments on Sunday, **May 19th** at a Moving Up Ceremony at 2:00 pm in the Church Basement.



Circle: Esther Circle will meet on Monday, **May 20th** at 7:00pm at the home of Melisa Balke.

~ * ~ **IN OUR COMMUNITY** ~ * ~

Picnic n' Pickin in the Park: The Cole Camp Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a family friendly event on Sunday afternoon and evening, **May 19th**, from 2:30pm – 7:00pm at the Ezekial Williams Park. Free admission as this is Cole Camp Chamber's gift to the community. Two bluegrass bands will be featured throughout the afternoon – Potters Wheel and Hensley Boys, plus a jam session at 6 pm. Food & drink concessions will be available for purchase. Bring your lawn chair. No alcohol, please. Bluegrass music provides all the spirit that you need!



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 12:	8:45am	Confirmation Class
	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Happy Mother's Day
Monday, May 13:	9:00am	Sewing
Tuesday, May 14:	8:00am	LBPS
Wednesday, May 15:	8:00am	LBPS
	7:00pm	Evangelism
Thursday, May 16:	8:00am	BCHD
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		Holy Communion by Stations
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~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

- May 19 Last Day of Sunday School and Confirmation
- June 1 WELCA Cluster Meeting at St. Paul's
- June 2 Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Ministers The Whole Congregation
Presiding Minister Pastor Stephen Zeller
Organist Lois Viebrock
Pianist Jeannette VonHolten
AV Technicians Russ Oelrichs & Todd Rusk
Altar Guild Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman
Ushers Melinda Strathman, Assistant Head Usher
..... Nicholas Dieckman, Mark Oelrichs, Randy Schlesselman & Steve Triplett



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Assisting Minister Darin Oelrichs
Communion Assistants Erin Oelrichs & Hannah Schweitzer
Reader Logan Jackson
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes Miranda Gerken & Kaelyn Keith
Flowers Luther League (Mother's Day)



Day of Pentecost ~ May 19, 2024

Assisting Minister Anne Goosen
Communion Assistants Luther League
Reader Luke Goosen
Children's Sermon Joyce Schlesselmann
Acolytes Grant Kullman & Jace Tinney
Flowers Norma Schlesselman