

ASCENSION SUNDAY ~ MAY 25, 2025



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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/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

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

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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

"This is the Feast"

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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:] ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After 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. ⁴ While 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But 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." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They 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.

¹ Clap 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,**
³ who 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.**
⁵ God 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.**
⁷ For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.
⁸ **God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**
⁹ The 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

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I 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, ¹⁸ so 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God 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, ²¹ 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 age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller

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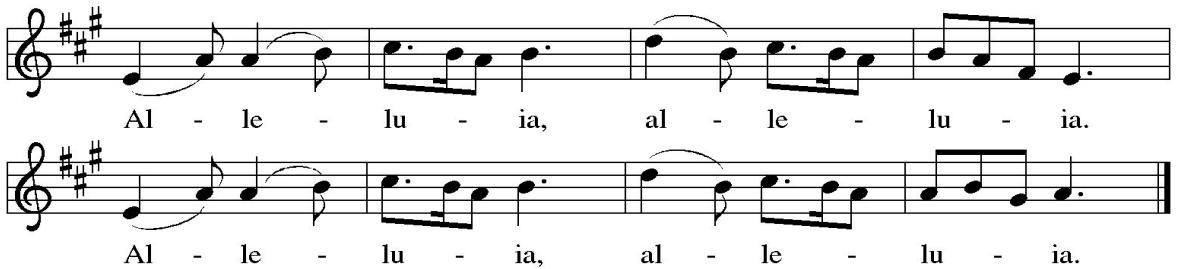
Gospel Acclamation

"Celtic Alleluia"
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Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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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.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And 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.” ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and 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

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.**

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" #384 vs. 1 & 4

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray... Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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

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

"O Christ, Our Hope"

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"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... Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come ✠ light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

“NEW LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE”



Welcome: Today we recognize Ascension Sunday. We remember with gratitude that Christ is with us spiritually so that no matter where we are, our Lord is present. Joyfully we welcome all who have come to worship.

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

In Our Prayers: “Unspoken prayer concerns”, Diann Holsten, Wanda Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Vern Dean Bohling, Renee Weller, Ron Eickhoff, Gordon Ives, Norene Ives, Jon Beckman, Scott Cash, Judie VonHolten, Greg Ives, and Kyle Luetjen.



Kylie Simon, Vanessa Doop & baby, Hazel Karstons, Ashley Campbell, David Woolery (friend of Jerry & Melisa Balke), Susan Canfield, Les Bruns, Janelle Howard (daughter of Penny Merriott), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Don Brooks, Vernitta Brooks, Mike Hinkel, Larry Haase (brother-in-law of Gene Beckman), David Mobely (brother-in-law of Randy Healan), Stacy Morrison (friend of Teresa Viebrock), Joyce Jones (sister of Connie Gerken), Kaleb Mundy, Kris Barnes (friend of Julie Cronin), Jamie Simon, Joe Campbell, Liz Smart, Art Heimsoth, Cliff Eckhoff, Carmilla Swaim and husband (friends of Debbie Eckhoff), Joseph Fuelling (nephew of Paul Fuelling), Karen Haase (sister-in-law of Gene Beckman), Jackie Ross (sister of Randy Healan) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



Nursing Home: Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Marie Viebrock & Florence VonHolten: *GSCC*.

Military: Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Major Joseph Strathman, Rank E3 Jensen Hamilton (son of Matt & Isabel Hamilton and grandson of Judie VonHolten), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in law of Suzanne Lutjen) and Capt. Ashlie Colston (daughter of Jon Beckman).



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



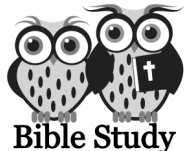
One Stitch at a Time: The Sewing Group will not meet on Monday, **May 26th**.

Health Care: The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **May 29th** from 8:00am until 10:00am to assist you with your health care needs.



Calling All Fishermen! We're in need of fish for our upcoming Fish Fry on Sunday, **June 1st!** If you're a fisherman or know someone who can help, we'd love to have your catch to make this event successful. Your support will help us serve delicious meals and raise funds for the mission. Please contact Krista Poe or Debbie Eckhoff if you're able to contribute. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to help! Thank you and God bless!

"But I say to you..." Pastor Stephen invites you to join him for a 5-week summer Bible Study coming soon! Beginning with the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus builds on, fulfills, and upends many teachings and laws that were familiar to so many of his followers. We'll focus in on this series of teachings in Matthew's gospel, but expand it to other parts of the Bible as well. We will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, beginning **June 3**, running each week through July 1. Please join us!



Synod Assembly: Synod Assembly is **June 5th - 7th**. Please remember our delegates Greg Bredehoeft, Janice Gerken and Pastor Stephen Zeller in your prayers during those days.

Confirmands: On Sunday, **June 8th** we will share in the joy of the Rite of Confirmation for three of our members. They are Grady Elliott, Ben Goosen and Grant Kullman.





Ladies of St. Paul's: The Central States Women of the ELCA will be holding their **Bi-Annual Synodical Convention in Independence, MO at the Hilton Garden Inn on June 20-22, 2025.**

The theme of the convention is Vessels of Grace. The convention will open with an evening meal at 5:00 on Friday, June 20 and conclude with closing worship on Sunday, June 22.

The board has been hard at work to make this an inspiring convention with keynote speaker, worship led by Bishop Candea, informative breakout sessions, Sing-a-longs, Bingo and our Saturday night musical highlight with the "Potter's Wheel". Our own praise band will be part of our worship on Friday evening.

Registration forms can be found at each usher's stand. See Janice for questions. **ALL women are invited to relax, shop, be inspired/informed, and worship with other Lutheran women from Kansas and Missouri!**

Ice Cream Social: The Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, **June 22nd** beginning at 6:00pm. Entertainment will begin at 7:00pm.



VBS: Mark your calendars for this year's VBS, **July 7th - 11th!** We'll gather around the "campfire" and explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. A link for online registration will be posted to the church's Facebook page and website in early June. See you there! See you there!

Mid-MO Bible Camp: This year's Mid-MO Bible Camp will be Sunday, **July 20th** - Thursday, **July 24th**, at the usual place, Camp Rising Sun in Lake of the Ozarks State Park. It's for youth who this summer have completed 4th - 9th grades. Friends are invited! Cost is \$100 per camper, but St. Paul's will pay for half of the fee for our members and a friend. Registration forms are on the usher's stands at church and are due by June 27th. Adult volunteers during the week - for a couple hours or a couple days - are always welcomed and needed! Talk to Pastor Stephen if you have any questions!



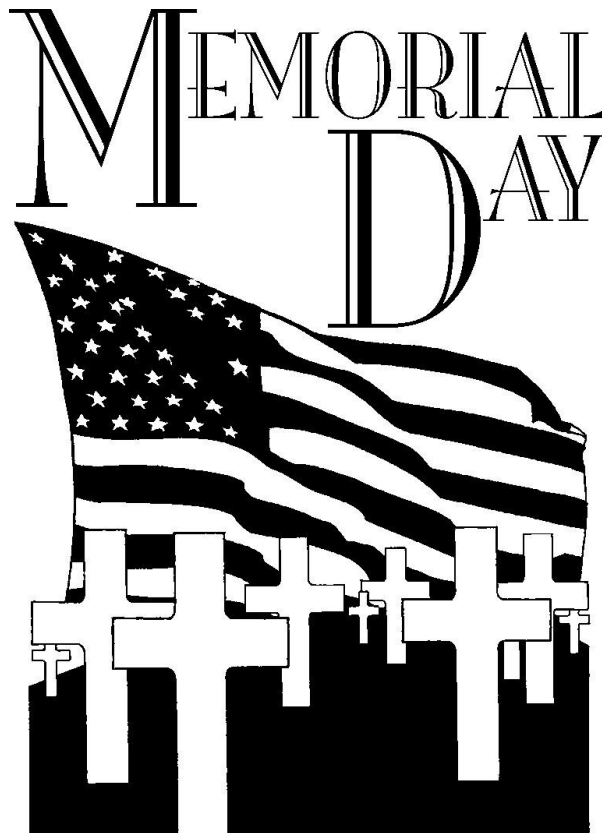
~ * ~ IN OUR COMMUNITY ~ * ~

Ice Cream Social: Trinity Pymont Lutheran Church will host their annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, **June 8th** beginning at 5:00pm. They will serve hot dogs, chili dogs, sandwiches, sides, pie, cake and ice cream. The entertainment is from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Out on a Limb bluegrass and gospel band will play a lively mix of bluegrass and fiddle tunes with a goal to provide toe-tapping fun and Christian fellowship. This a free will offering with the money going to the Show Me Christian Youth Home.



**“Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we
enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them.”**

—Franklin D. Roosevelt



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, May 25:	9:00am	Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
		Holy Communion by Stations
Monday, May 26:	NO	Sewing
		Memorial Day
Thursday, May 29:	8:00am	BCHD
Saturday, May 31:	5:30pm	Casual Worship Service
Sunday, June 1:	9:00am	Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship Service
	11:30am	World Hunger Fish Fry



~ * ~ Coming Events ~ * ~

May 26	Memorial Day
June 1	World Hunger Fish Fry
June 5-7	Synod Assembly
June 8	Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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



Ascension Sunday ~ May 25, 2025

Assisting Minister.....Janice Gerken
Communion Assistants Susan Goosen & Trisha Goosen
Reader..... Rhonda Schlesselman
Children's Sermon Pastor Kim Knowle-Zeller
Acolytes..... Gannon Elliott & Kelsey Viebrock
Flowers Wanda Viebrock



Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ June 1, 2025

Assisting Minister..... Tom Oelrichs
Communion Assistants No Communion
Reader..... Glenalee Dillon, Susan Goosen, Jake Jackson,
..... Kaylan Poe & Brian Randall
Children's SermonNone
Acolytes..... Lexi Goyette & Logan Jackson
FlowersNorene Ives

