



## June 1, 2025 – Seventh Sunday of Easter/The Ascension Of Our Lord

### As We Gather

Today we will celebrate Christ's Ascension! Jesus returned to heaven in triumph. As we praise Him, we remember that He now rules the whole universe for the good of those who love Him! And yet . . . sometimes we do not pay attention to that. We get nervous. We think things are not going well, and we worry. When that happens, we are not paying attention to Christ's Ascension. Jesus returned to His throne in heaven and is reigning right now for us! Know that in spite of what we see happening in the world, God is still in control. Jesus, our ascended Lord, is ruling the universe. Take comfort in that each day.

### Welcome

**Hymn:** LSB 493 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

### Invocation

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### Confession of Sins

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Moment of silence for personal confession and reflection.)*

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**All:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### KYRIE

**Pastor:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:  
**People: Lord, have mercy.**  
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord and fill us with Your peace.  
**People: Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise:** This Is the Feast (*Words and music in hymnal LSB page 155*)

**Refrain** (*Song begins with the refrain.*)

**This is the feast of vic – to – ry for our God. Al – le - lu - ia, Al – le – lu - ia, Al – le – lu - ia.**

1. **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo -ple of God.**  
(*Refrain*)
2. **Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.**  
(*Refrain*)
3. **Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre – a - tion:** (*Stanza 4*)
4. **Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for – ev - er. A - men.**  
(*Refrain*)
5. **For the Lamb who was slain has be – gun His reign. Al – le le – lu - ia. .**  
(*Refrain*)

### **Prayer of the Day**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, enlighten our hearts that we may know the hope to which You have called us. Center our faith in You. Strengthen us for what lies ahead as we embrace the promise of a better future; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**People: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON:** Acts 1:1–11 (*Jesus goes to heaven, and He will return as He left.*)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle Reading:** Ephesians 1:15–23 (*Our ascended Lord is at the right hand of God!*)

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 24:44–53

*(Jesus ascended to heaven, and His disciples responded with joy.)*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**People:** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power. <sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn:** LSB 492 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

**Sermon:** Acts 1:1-11 “A Joyous, Important Event”

**Creedal Hymn:** “In God We Believe” *(Melody LSB 802)*

**In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**

**In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**

**God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.  
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus, You ascended to heaven. You led Your people forth with a shout! You sit at the right hand of the Father.

**People:** **Your rule fills us with wonder and with peace!**

**Pastor:** You completed the task Your Father sent You to do: to claim the victory over Satan, sin, and death itself. You returned home as our victorious Lord.

**People:** **Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

**Pastor:** You promise to return as You left and will judge the nations. Because of Your victory, You give us robes of righteousness so we can look forward to that day.

**People:** **Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever!**

**Pastor:** Yet, when we look at this world, we lose our focus. We may think that it does not look like You rule over all things for the good of those who love You. Forgive us for not trusting You. Forgive us for forgetting that You sit at the Father's right hand.

**People:** **Remind us again that You are King of kings and Lord of lords.**

**Pastor:** Lord of the Church, You give us all good things. Continue to bless Your Church with good gifts, and with willing servants ready to use their gifts.

**People:** **Increase our trust in You. Use us to bless others in our congregation, in our community, and in the world.**

*(Any special petitions will be included here.)*

**Pastor:** And now, Lord Jesus, bless us as we go out into the world. Keep our focus on You, our Lord in heaven, sitting at the right hand of the Father. In Your name

**People:** **Amen.**

## Offerings

### Communion Confession

**Pastor:** The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communion, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians you confess:

**All:** **I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sins and ask God's forgiveness. I believe Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan, and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament and, that under the form of bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.** *(Augsburg Confession-Article X)*

### The Communion Liturgy

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And with your spirit.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *(Words and music in hymnal LSB page 161)*

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We believe that our Savior, whom the disciples saw ascend, is with us today. Grant us to eat and drink faithfully of the fruits of Jesus’ cross and to receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**People:** Amen.

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**All:** 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.

### **Words of Institution**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** Amen.

**Agnus Dei:** “Lamb of God” *(Words and music in the hymnal LSB page 163)*

**All:** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

### **Communion Distribution**

**Distribution Hymns:** LSB 628 “Your Table I Approach”  
LSB 525 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

**Thank the Lord** *(Words and music in hymnal LSB page 164)*

**All:** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgivings. Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**All:** We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. And we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith

toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

### Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

Hymn: LSB 537 "Beautiful Savior"

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of June 1, 2025

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Family for the Week: James Sharp & Brett Arrasmith Families  
Trinity, Freistatt - Rev. Jake Sletten

### Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Family of Sheryl Holle on her passing

Family of Gary Lampe on his passing

### Prayers of Thanksgiving:

### Prayers for Health and Healing:

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)

Pastor Clif Loman – (former Pastor at Grace - health and healing)

### Complete Prayer List:

#### Temporary

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Roger Harris – (Wendy's Dad – health and healing from flu)  
Ervin Jung – (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Deborah Knotts – (our cleaning lady – health and healing)  
Wendy Koenig – (friend of Heidi Costello – health and healing from flu)  
Alissa Loveland – (Bob & Rachel Sanford's daughter healing–accident)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)  
Billy Schmells – (friend of Cheryl Lile – health and healing)  
Robert Sick – (Ardella Frerich's granddaughter's husband)  
Bill Thompson – (health and healing)  
Bryan Velasco – (friend of Bernie Thomas – health and healing)  
Thomas Williams – (Ruth Stoddard's friend)

#### Long Term

Diana Bauer – (daughter–in–law of Gladys Bauer – health & healing)  
Jami Bauer – (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)  
Rick Bauer – (Gladys Bauer's son – health and healing from surgery)  
Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)  
Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)  
Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)  
Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken–hip)  
Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)  
Steve Doss – (friend of Harold Lampe – health & healing)  
Jan Fisher – (daughter of Bill & Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)  
Gary Gardner – (health and healing)  
Betty Gordon – (Health and healing)  
Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Vicki Heppard – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health & healing cancer)  
Ron Hicks – (friend of Glenda Enlow – health and healing)  
Steve Hilton – (friend of Harold Lampe –health & healing, cancer)  
Marty Jones – (Bobby Jones' mother – health)  
Robbie Krueger – (friend of Kathy Holle)  
Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's Sister–In–Law – health & healing)  
Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)  
Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)  
Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)  
Kooper Tutten – (Jeepier Meyer's Great–grandson healing)  
Barbara Jean Wilson – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)  
June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

### THIS WEEK

Sunday

June 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am - Happy Half Hour

9:30 am - Fellowship  
10:00 am – Service with Communion

Monday	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No - Braille LWML Ladies at Freistatt – 1:30 pm
Wednesday	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor in Office
Thursday	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor in Office
Saturday	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	City wide Garage Sale - 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service
Monday	June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:00 pm Ladies Bible Study at Freistatt – 1:30 pm

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**Birthdays:** Scott Stafford-June 5th; Hallee Wright-June 8th; Tyler Juracek-June 8th;  
Bob Sanford-June 9th

**Anniversaries:** None

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### June Graduates

**Jansen Weathermon** - Grandson of Rick & Bernie Thomas  
**Ryan Anderson** - Grandson of Vaughn & Pam Bowling

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### June

#### Greeters

**01: Charlie & Edee Chambers**  
08: Bill & Joanne Michel  
15: Cheryl Lile & Gladys Bauer  
22: Bob & Rachel Sanford  
29: Stan & Sharon Crandall

#### Ushers

**01: Harold Lampe**  
08: Rob Springer  
15: Bill Michel  
22: Charlie Chambers  
29: Matt Miller



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**Pastor Daniel Heitshusen's ordination and installation at Grace** will be July 26 at 3:00 pm. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend! More details to follow – stay tuned!



**Aurora City Wide Garage Sale on June 7<sup>th</sup>** – please bring items you wish to donate and take them to the church basement storage area. Please mark a price on the items, thank you!

**LWML will meet June 2, at 1:30 in the chapel at Freistatt.** Please join us as we learn about another mission supported in our area. All women are invited and welcome to attend.

**Trinity Lambs Cottage will be opening a daycare for kiddos ages 6 weeks to 5 years in July.** Information is available on our website [trinity1874.com/daycare](http://trinity1874.com/daycare)<<http://trinity1874.com/daycare>>. Spots are already filling up and we are in need of Part-Time Caregivers. We have a fabulous director, Sonya Johnson, who will be excited to train and coach anyone with a heart for our mission

to raise up the kiddos in our community. Trinity Lambs Cottage is also on Facebook and Instagram. More information is available on the church bulletin board.