

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY**  
**MAY 24, 2020**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalm 100**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**P: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

L: Come into his presence with singing!

**P: Know that the Lord, he is God!**

L: It is he who made us, and we are his;

**P: Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

L: the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**P: and his faithfulness to all generations.**



**GATHERING SONG:** *“Come Now is the Time to Worship”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPWq8eM4lu8>

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is present, who gives life. Gracious God,

**P: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell with you forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Received the good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.**

**Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SONG: “Upbeat Song” Rend Co.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJxVHzARMmE>

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

<sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that God may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on God, because God cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist the devil, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, that very God of all grace, who has called you into eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice<sup>1</sup> before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

**THE GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>“And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

**PREACHING TEXT: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore dominion to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by divine authority. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “You Galileans, 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.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

<sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**SONG: “Unstoppable God” Sanctus Real**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGUKwWPpoG4>

**MESSAGE:**

**Shivon Miller**

**SONG: “Love” We are Messengers**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2IvHbXZp-I>

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**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.**

## THE OFFERING

*Looking for a way to give to support Trinity ministry? We have now launched our Text to Give program. Simply text the amount you'd like to give to 833-610-0635. Kathy will also continue to check the mail and make deposits weekly. Thank you for your generous giving that enables continued ministries.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

**Generous God, you have given us life, this community and the gifts of the earth. Move into our hearts, that we might use these gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we are, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERING SONG: "Do Something" Matthew West**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndG0IX8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this seventh Sunday of Easter, we gather in our homes and yet together as one, praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Our response to each petition is, "Your mercy is great."

*A brief silence.*

In this time of troubling separation, we pray to you, triune God, for the unity of your churches. Bind us together in the truth of your gospel. Make us witnesses of your mysterious might. As you blessed the early disciples for their unfolding ministry, bless those who lead and serve our local congregation.

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

Nurture the life of your creation. Support those who explore the mysteries of your universe. We praise you for all the scientists who have enriched our understanding of creation. Help all online teachers to instruct our children in the ways of nature.

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

As we prepare for Memorial Day, we pray for peace around the world. Protect all soldiers, and assure them of your never-failing strength. Shield the vulnerable who live in paths of violence. We pray especially for the people of Afghanistan and Syria.

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

Come to the aid of all who suffer. We pray for those who are laden with grief, overwhelmed by anxiety, or struggling without medical care. Uphold all health-care workers who attend to coronavirus patients. Comfort all families and friends who cannot embrace their loved ones at the time of death. We give into your care all the sick, especially those we name here before you (*especially*).

*A brief silence.*

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

Again we pray: give the world a vaccine.

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

Grant your oneness to humankind, so marked by isolation and division. Bring harmony to families, rival gangs, distraught citizens, racial groupings, and members of our legislatures. Give to each individual a wholeness that is birthed in you. Make us one, as you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one.

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

Make us steadfast in the faith, and graciously receive our personal petitions:

*A longer time of silence.*

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

To know you is to have eternal life. We praise you for the lives of all who have died in the faith and who now live in you (*especially*). At the end, bring us with all your saints into your presence.

God of unity, hear us:

**Your mercy is great.**

With bold confidence in your love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God of our past, our present, and our future, we place all for whom we pray into your circle of love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER SONG: “*Bind Us Together Lord*”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=emCaGJfM0gs>

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

**BLESSING**

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. The God of all grace ☐ bless us now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “*Forever God Faithful*” Michael W. Smith**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSM96OA39ic>

**DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**