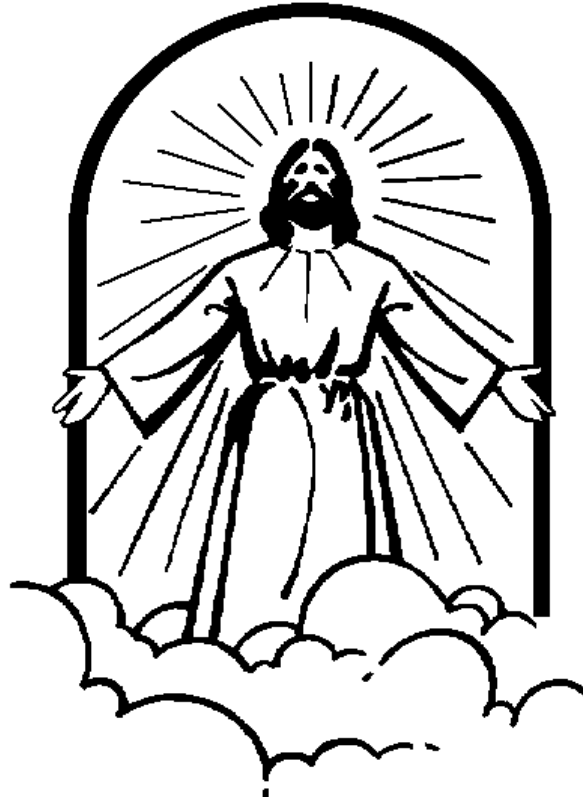


Trinity Sunday

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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians
intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 138 (page 154 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 246 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” ⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth with it, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged.” ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

PSALM OF THE DAY (responsively) – from Psalm 115

M: Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,

C: BECAUSE OF YOUR MERCY, BECAUSE OF YOUR TRUTH.

M: Why should the Gentiles say, “So where is their God?”

C: BUT OUR GOD IS IN HEAVEN, HE DOES WHATEVER HE PLEASES.

M: Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands.

C: YOU WHO FEAR THE LORD, TRUST IN THE LORD. HE IS THEIR HELP AND THEIR SHIELD.

M: The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us.

C: HE WILL BLESS THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD, BOTH SMALL AND GREAT.

M: May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

**C: WE WILL BLESS THE LORD FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOREVERMORE.
PRAISE THE LORD!**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:14-17 rise

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

The Apostle's Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 239 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

SERMON: John 3:1-17

THE TRIUNE GOD SAVES US

¹ There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷



Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak

what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave

His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 245 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"God Loved The World So That He Gave"*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 248 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *"Father Of Glory, To Thy Name"*

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our usher is Glenn Libby. In our Bible Study we'll continue (finish?) our discussion regarding the Joint Statement. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM, BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Care Center Bible Study: 10:10 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Rick Louderman. SERVICES: NACC: 3 PM, BR: 4 PM.

CHURCH WORK DAY TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, on SUNDAY, JUNE 10, immediately following our church service (no Sunday School or Bible Class that Sunday).

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$906.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our attendance last Sunday was 14. Our

General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$1,435.00.

ASCENSION DIRECTORY: There is a ROUGH DRAFT of our UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY on the TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Please look it over and make any necessary additions and corrections.

CLC NEWS: Teacher Ted Quade of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners WI, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. St. John's Lutheran Church of Okabena, MN, has called Teacher Nathan Wales of Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC. Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights, MN, has called Caleb Schaller, co-pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Luther Memorial Lutheran Church of Fond du Lac, WI, has called Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, WA.