

STAFF

Pastors: Chad Anderson (Senior), David Salyer (Associate)

Elders: Michael Freitag, David Holl, Tory Hooton, Jordan Hughett, David Lano

Deacons: Josh Goodbrake (Offering and Service), Josiah Holl (Mercy), Micah Holl, Sam Lanka (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)

WIC: Annie Hooton (President), Sarah Salyer (Secretary), Anika Fong (Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kacia Hughett (Nursery), Julie LeFeber (Servant Support), Deborah Anderson (Women's Fellowship), Julie LeFeber & Carol Holl (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodians: Eleanor Hajda, Charis Wood

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

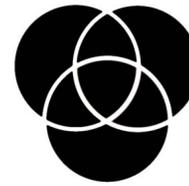
What is the Ascension?

In the order of Israel's worship the first sacrifice was the *purification offering* (which corresponds to our time of confession). The next sacrifice was the *whole burnt offering*, though a more literal translation would be *the ascension*. The unique thing about the ascension offering was that it was the only offering completely consumed by the fire. The sacrifice was transformed into smoke which then *ascended* to God. Since the animal takes the place of the worshipper, this portrayed the worshipper ascending to God and entering His holy presence.

We follow the same sequence in Christian worship, though now the ascension offering has been fulfilled in Christ. Having paid the penalty for our sins on the cross, Jesus rose from the grave and *ascended* into heaven. United to Him by faith, we ascend with Jesus! God has "raised *us* up with him and seated *us* with him in the heavenly places in *Christ Jesus*" (Eph. 2:6).

In the book of Revelation the Apostle John was granted a vision in which he ascended to Heaven and joined the worship service going on there. We don't see the Heavenly service with our *eyes* each Sunday. But we trust that, in Christ and through the power of his Spirit, we *do* get to join the angels and all the faithful in Heaven as we worship the Lamb. That's why, at this point in the service, we often sing songs that speak of Heaven and borrow the "holy, holy, holy" refrain of the angelic songs from the books of Isaiah (6:1-3) and Revelation (4:8-11).

What a privilege to join the Heavenly worship service and enter into the Father's presence! What a comfort to know that we sing with all Christians around the world and with those who have already died and are now with Jesus! The ascension is a time of great rejoicing and reverent awe. Now that we have entered the Father's presence, he will speak to us from his Word.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 21st, 2023

The Ascension of Our Lord

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 47:1, 5, 7, 8

†Congregational Singing

#232 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

†Responsive Scriptures

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia! Christ has ascended on high!

O come, let us worship Him!

†Collect

Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension, you declared him Lord of all. Lift up our hearts to heaven where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

"The Lord is My Salvation"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:5-7

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have followed the way of the world. We have failed to give Him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing

“See the Lord Ascends in Triumph”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:16-20

Epistle Reading

Revelation 4:1-4; 5:1-6, 11-14

†Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

†Profession of Faith

The Apostle’s Creed

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“The Ascension of the Lamb”

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of Dedication

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ are invited to share the Lord’s Supper. Baptized children are welcomed to the Supper once they have been admitted by the Elders.

If you do not trust in Jesus, please allow the bread and cup to pass you by. If you desire to follow Jesus and share in His Feast, please speak with one of our pastors after the service.

The outer ring contains wine. All other cups contain grape juice. Take your portion, pass the rest to your neighbor, and then eat and drink as soon as you desire.

During the passing of the cup, we encourage you to offer words of blessing to your neighbors such as: “May the Peace of Christ be with you” (Jn. 14:27), and the response: “And also with you.”

Declaration of God’s Invitation and Promises

Prayers and Distribution

†Congregational Singing

#233 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer

Nursery Volunteers: Deb Anderson, Mary Lanka

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, May 21st - *Ascension Sunday*

10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

After the service . . . Fellowship Meal (Serving Team #3)

3:00 p.m. . . . Youth Group

- ❖ We plan to gather for a **Fellowship Meal on Sunday, May 21st**. Please bring a main dish and side/dessert to share. Serving Team #3 will be serving: Hooton, J. Holl, LeFeber, Larsen, D. Holl, Lanka, L. Salyer, Brock, L. Williams, Reiter, Gibbons, Parish, Burchell, Stratman. Note: Being on the list in no way obligates you to attend or serve at Fellowship Meals, but is a way to include everyone in the invitation and give opportunities to serve for those willing and able to do so.
- ❖ Would you be willing to provide some **meals** for these families in the coming weeks?
 - ❖ Jacob and Rachel Hajda—(freezer meals in the church freezers which Eleanor/Lisa will pick up and deliver to Broken Bow).
 - ❖ mealtrain.com/z3gzqe
 - ❖ Jason and Bethany Remm
 - ❖ mealtrain.com/wq40yw
- ❖ **Sunday School classes are on break** for the summer. We plan to resume classes August 20.
- ❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$3,952.93. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$75,105.67. Received 5/7: \$3,326.46. Received year-to-date: \$77,349.21.
- ❖ **May Birthdays:** (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean
- ❖ **June Birthdays:** (1) Eldon Reiter, (16) Aria Goodbrake 2016, (17) Floyd Butterfield, (24) Margaret Hajda 1998, (25) Mimi Frerichs, (26) Nora Hooton 2010

If you would like to receive TPC announcements and prayer requests via e-mail, please email your contact info to: tpc@tpckearney.org

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ❖ For Howard Bass and family as they mourn the loss of Arleata.
- ❖ That God would protect our pastors, elders and their families from the strategic attacks of Satan and grant them many years of fruitful ministry in Christ.
- ❖ Presbytery: The work of all our churches in the Platte Valley Presbytery.
- ❖ Missions: PCA Mission to North America (MNA) Church Planters and Families.
- ❖ For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Kristin Holl (Jane Marie born 2/10), Bethany Remm (Julia Rose born 4/6).