

❖For our new and expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl (Charles Josiah born 1/10).

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, Servant Support), Kacia Hughett (Vice President, Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Lori Wimmer (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodians: Charis Wood, Charlotte Hajda

WORSHIP SPOTLIGHT

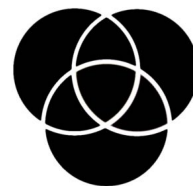
What is the Ascension?

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 12th, 2024

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

"Only A Holy God"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Hebrews 4:14-16

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

#233 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 47:1-9

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

†Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

†Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Sermon

Pastor Chad Anderson

“He Was Carried Up Into Heaven”

Offertory

†Doxology

#625 (*a cappella*)

†Prayer of the Church

...let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

...through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†The Lord’s Prayer

Taught by Our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven...

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, 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

“See the Lord Ascends in Triumph”

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response

#628 IV “Threefold Amen”

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor Chad Anderson

Nursery Volunteers: Karen Salyer, Kacia Hughett

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, May 12th - *The Ascension of Our Lord*

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

❖ **Sunday School** classes are on break for the summer. Classes will resume Sunday, August 18th.

❖ The family of **Lynn and Karen Salyer** invite you to celebrate their **50th Anniversary**, Saturday, May 18th at an open house reception from 2-4 p.m. at the church. Join us to celebrate this wonderful couple and the wonderful things God has done through their union!

❖ We will celebrate our annual **Pentecost Bonfire** Sunday, May 19th at 5:30 at David and Carol Holl’s house: 315 W 81st St. Hot dogs, buns, drinks and s’mores will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and your lawn chairs! Hope to see you there! P.S. If you are willing to come early to set up, that would be appreciated—connect with David Holl if you’re available to help in that way.

❖ You’re invited to **Dave Martin’s graduation party!** Saturday, May 25th 11-1 p.m. at the church. This young man has led and served his family so well through the difficult process of leaving Haiti and re-settling in the U.S. This is our opportunity to celebrate and encourage him as he graduates from Kearney High School and begins the next phase of his journey.

❖ Ladies, save the date for the **TPC Women’s Conference** Saturday, June 8th, featuring Christian author and speaker, Christine Chappell. This one-day event is for any woman who carries the weight of unaddressed sorrows, yearns for a deeper connection with God, has experienced loss or betrayal, and/or struggles to find joy in the everyday challenges of life. It is our hope and prayer that this conference will be a great opportunity for women in the church and the wider community to be encouraged and to commune with others who are lamenting in His body. If you are interested, you can learn more and register at: www.tpc Kearney.org/womens-conference.

❖ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$4,203.50. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$63,052.50. Received 4/14: \$6,320.84. Received year-to-date: \$54,997.39.

❖ **May Birthdays:** (13) Eliza Hajda 2022, (14) Kacia Hughett, (18) Jocelyn Salyer 2014, (19) Anne Lano, (21) Alyvia Goodbrake 2014, (23) Pat Butterfield, (25) Kay Johnson, (28) Jordan Hughett, (29) Marlene McKean

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

❖ That God would keep us from legalism, making His Grace the source for all we do.

❖ **Presbytery:** Zion Church in Lincoln - Pastors Stu Kerns, Keith Ghormley, and Youth Leader Kyle Lindgren.

❖ **Missions:** Matthew and Cathy Groves - Cru at Missouri State University