

WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Servant Support (Julie LeFeber), Vacant (Nursery), Sarah Salyer (Secretary, Christian Growth), Jen Zimmerman (Missions/Outreach), Megan Holl (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Karen Salyer (Church Fellowship)

Youth Group: Eric Wood

Custodian: 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.



June 1st, 2025

The Ascension of Our Lord

Prelude

Announcements

Missionary Focus

Anne Aschmann

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

"Lion of Judah"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Psalm 103:8-12

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

Epistle Reading Acts 1:1-7

†Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

†Profession of Faith The Apostles’ Creed

Sermon Pastor Chad Anderson

“The Ascension of Our Lord”

Sermon Series: The Acts of the Apostles

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: Rachel Goodbrake

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, June 1st - *The Ascension of Our Lord*

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

Monday, June 2nd

5:30 p.m. . . . Session Meeting

♦ Have you ever wanted to study the Bible with childlike awe and wonder... but didn’t know where to start? Join us for a **7-week Bible Study Workshop** starting Sunday, June 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the church. We’ll use both modern technology and trusted print resources to help you explore God’s Word. All are welcome—no experience needed! Refreshments and childcare provided. Bring a Bible and/or device (phone/tablet/laptop) if you’d like—but nothing is required. Questions? Contact David Lano at (308) 293-5463.

♦ **Ladies!** Please join us on **June 21** at 10am to **celebrate our expecting mothers**, Bethany Remm and Megan Holl. There will be brunch goodies, games, and an opportunity to encourage Bethany and Megan as they approach the arrival of their sweet babies. Please consider bringing some diapers and/or wipes to help with preparations for these two little ones. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please talk to Kristin Holl.

♦ **Share the Arrows** Women’s Conference - Oct. 11, 2025 - Dallas, TX - Join a group of TPC women, hear from the boldest, most steadfast Christian voices of our day, and leave feeling fully equipped to tackle the lies and obstacles the world throws at us. Interested? Speak to Kristin Holl and visit: www.sharethearrows.com.

♦ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$92,251.11. Received 5/25: \$5,389.47. Received year-to-date: \$83,964.55.

♦ **June Birthdays:** (16) Aria Goodbrake 2016, (17) Floyd Butterfield, (25) Mimi Frerichs, (26) Nora Hooton 2010

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

♦ 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 expecting mothers and their children: Megan Holl, Bethany Remm.

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 (Facilities), Doug Sykes (Chair)