◆ For our mothers with newly born children: Megan Holl (Moses James born 8/5), Bethany Remm (Brooklynn Grace born 7/28). And our expecting mother, Kristin Holl.

STAFF

Pastor: David Salyer

Youth: Eric Wood | Church Admin: Sarah Salyer | Custodian: Charlotte Hajda 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)

WIC: Kacia Hughett (President), Lisa Hajda/Julie LeFeber (Christian Growth), Karen Salyer (Kitchen), Kristin Holl (Women's Events), Megan Holl (Servant Support), Carol Holl (Church Fellowship), Sarah Salyer (Nursery)

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.



November 23, 2025

The Last Sunday of the Christian Calendar

Prelude

Announcements

GOD SUMMONS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

#27 "Tell Out My Soul"

†Congregational Singing

†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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

†Collect

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

†Congregational Singing

#177 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:18

Silent Confession

Corporate Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

†Assurance of Forgiveness

†Congregational Singing "Our Great God"

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading
Epistle Reading
TGospel Reading
TProfession of Faith
Sermon
Psalm 136:1-9, 26
Romans 15:1-7
The Philippian Hymn
Pastor David Salyer

"Together... With One Voice" Sermon Series: Biblical Worship

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 "All Glory Be To Christ"

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

†Commission and Benediction

†Congregational Response #628 IV "Threefold Amen"

Postlude

Worship Leader: Pastor David Salyer **Nursery Volunteers:** Anne and Miabelle Lano

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, November 23rd - The Last Sunday of the Christian Calendar

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School 10:30 a.m. . . . Worship Service

12:00 p.m. . . . Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal/Hanging of the greens

 $3:00 \text{ p.m.} \dots \text{ Youth Group}$

Monday, November 24

6:00 p.m. . . . WIC Meeting

Wednesday, November 26th

6:30 p.m. . . . NO evening studies.

Sunday, November 30 - The First Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. . . . Sunday School

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

Monday, December 1

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

Wednesday, December 3

6:30 p.m. . . . Devotional Classics (LeFeber's home)

◆ Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal | The special Thanksgiving fellowship meal today, following the service. Even if you did not bring anything, please stay and eat with us!

Serving Team #2 will be serving: *Freitag, Jen Zimmerman, D. Salyer, Barber, Hughett, Goodbrake, K. Zimmerman, Sykes, Schillinger, Bates, Lutkemeier, George, Preston.* - 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.

- **✦ Hanging of the Greens** | After the Thanksgiving Fellowship meal, we will be hanging the greens to *decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas* seasons.
- ◆ Financial Report: Budgeted need each week: \$4,392.91. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$202,073.86. Received 11/09: \$3,526.19. Received year-to-date: \$183,830.08.
- ◆ November Birthdays: (24) Evelyn Salyer 2011, (26) Tory Hooton, Lisa Hajda, (29) Knox Johnson 2011 December Birthdays: (4) Joshua Sykes 2004, (5) Megan Holl, (6) Becky Parish, (9) Lana Dunn, (13) Steven Lano 2015, (14) Don Bates, (20) Chuck Larsen, (25) Doug Sykes, (27) Rosalind Rodgers 2016, (29) Janet Irlmeier, Sarah Salyer

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- ◆ That God would bring people in need of a church family to Trinity, and that we would minister to them in love.
- ◆ Presbytery: Grace Chapel in Lincoln Pastors Ben Loos, Stu Kerns, Isaac Terwilliger; Redeemer Church in Lincoln - Pastor Matt Odum; Lincoln Church Plant - Pastor Adam Odell.
- ♦ Missions: Collage Center