

STAFF

Pastor: David Salyer | **Youth:** Eric Wood | **Music:** Jason Robertson
Treasurer: Michael Frietag | **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

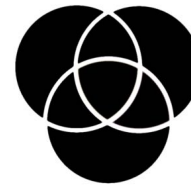
What is the Ascension?

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.



TRINITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 17, 2026

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

#185 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8-9

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

Deuteronomy 32:19-21

Epistle Reading

Acts 21:17-22, 27, 31, 40; 22:6-8, 21-22

†Gospel Reading

John 18:12-14, 19-24

†Profession of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Sermon

Pastor David Salyer

“Paul Arrested in Jerusalem”

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 David Salyer

Nursery Volunteers: Kacia Hughett & Nora Hooton

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday, May 17 - *The Ascension of Our Lord*

(No Sunday School)

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

1:30 p.m. . . . Pat Butterfield’s Birthday Celebration

Friday, May 22

6:30 p.m. . . . Joe & Xan’s Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, May 24 - *The Day of Pentecost*

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

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

◆ **Pat Butterfield's 90th Birthday Celebration** | The family of Pat Butterfield warmly invites you to celebrate her 90th birthday. Please join them on Sunday, May 17, from 1:30–4:00 PM at Grandview Clubhouse.

◆ **Joe & Xan’s 50th Anniversary Celebration** | Friday, May 22, from 6:30–8:00 PM at Trinity. Please join their family in celebrating Joe & Xan’s Golden Anniversary. Coffee and cake will be served.

◆ **Sunday School** | Sunday school will pause for the summer and resume on September 13th.

◆ **WIC Nominations 2026/2027:** Kacia’s 2-year term as President of WIC ends after this summer. Ladies, please prayerfully consider joining WIC. Please contact Kacia Hughett or fill out this WIC Survey if you would be willing to serve as the leader of an area or would like to nominate someone else for the coming year.

◆ **Financial Report:** Budgeted need each week: \$4,067.02. Budgeted need year-to-date: \$81,340.40. Received 5/3: \$3,808.67. Received year-to-date: \$69,257.87.

◆ **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, (31) Mike Johnson

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

◆ For our new and expecting mothers, Kristin Holl (Owen Daniel born 4/25), Amara Block (Alette Marie born 4/29), and Rachel Goodbrake.