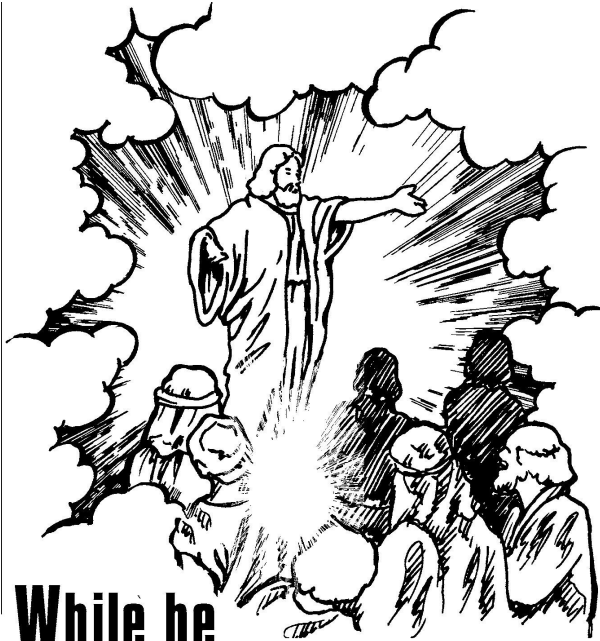


# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD ~ MAY 29, 2022



**While he  
was blessing them, he...  
was taken up into heaven.**

Luke 24:51

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*If it is uncomfortable for you to stand where indicated, please feel free to remain seated. The congregation responds where it is bold print.*



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*please stand in body or spirit*

Litany for Ascension Day

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new world has broken into ours—

**a world in which justice does come for the oppressed,  
freedom comes for the prisoners, and healing for the sick.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new community has been formed—

**a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a family that welcomes all who are abandoned and rejected,  
a place where all find a place of belonging.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun—

**all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that is corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.**

Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
God's new world has begun.

**Let us join our voices in singing as we praise our God. Alleluia! Amen!**

*Credit at end: Ascension Dialog written by Christine Sine.*

Opening Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Greeting

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.....**Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## First Reading:

Acts 1:1 - 11

[Luke writes:] 1In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 47

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Second Reading:

Ephesians 1:15 - 23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.      **Thanks be to God.**

*please be seated*

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bryant Kaden

*please stand in body or spirit*

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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Gospel

Luke 24:44 - 53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter.      **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>44</sup>[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and

was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*please be seated*  
Sermon

Pastor Bryant Kaden

*please stand in body or spirit*  
Hymn of the Day

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

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Nicene Creed

***We believe in one God,***

**the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,***

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

***We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,***

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy.     **Hear our prayer.**

Sharing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.     **And also with you.**

*please be seated*

Offering

*please stand in body or spirit*

Offertory

“Thankful Hearts and Voice Raise”

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.....Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words Of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Hear, O Lord, the prayer you taught us to pray.....**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION By Stations

All who believe that Jesus is present in the Bread and the Wine  
and has the power to forgive are welcome to commune.

Red wine or white grape juice is available.

*please be seated*

Communion Hymn

"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

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"Beautiful Savior"

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*please stand in body or spirit*

Post-Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.....We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

"O Christ, Our Hope"

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Dismissal

Alleluia. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

# "CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!"



**Welcome:** On this special Sunday when we recall the amazing Ascension of our Lord, we welcome everyone to join in the celebration of this great event. The Ascension symbolizes that the risen Christ — no longer confined to a human body — is now available to all people in the world no matter where they might be.

*We invite everyone to enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship before worship in the Gathering Space. Please join us!*

**In Our Prayers:** "Unspoken prayer concerns", Joann Brauer, Elroy VonHolten, Norene Ives, Glen Webb, Taylor Prince, Jon Beckman and Kyle Luetjen.



Rebecca Heimsoth (friend of Norma Schlesselman), Gerald Goodson (uncle of Melisa Balke), Helena Marriott (grandmother of Tiffinay Nash), Lowell (Tiny) Viebrock, Phil Wellington, Shirley Boose (mother of Melisa Balke), Dieter Knowle (brother of Kim Knowle-Zeller), Ronnie Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marvin Logan (brother of Gale Logan), Marlin & Ruth Lackas (sister & brother-in-law of Paul Fuelling), Reagan Phillips, Bill Russell (friend of Florence VonHolten), Bill Hampton, Alex Stevens (friend of Tina Ives), Jeffery Jones (son of Bonnie Bohling) and Adam Gumbel (son of Jim & Kim Gumbel).



**Nursing Home:** Vern Dean Bohling: *Ambrose*. Luella Viebrock, Marie Viebrock, Elroy VonHolten, Florence VonHolten & Cecelia Wiedemann: *GSCC*. Kathy Hallauer: *Loving Arms*.

**Military:** Please keep all those who have served our country past and present in your prayers, especially: ENS David M. Gardner (son of Pam Balke), Private Bradyn Hood (grandson of Connie Gerken), MSgt. Jason Ostberg (son-in-law of Suzanne Lutjen) Lt. Col. Ron Poe, Cpt. Joseph Strathman, Sgt. Russell J. Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann) and Cpt. Wayne Wiedemann (grandson of Cecelia Wiedemann).



**Prayers:** If you would like your name added or removed from the prayer list, please contact the church office at 668-3537.

**St. Paul's Son of the Congregation:** Pastor Bryant Kaden is our guest pastor **today**. It is a delight to have him with us for the weekend! Following the service, there will be a barbecue, allowing for all to have an opportunity to visit with Bryant and meet his family. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the outdoors or seating will be available in the Fellowship hall. We will have burgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and dessert. Come and enjoy!!



WELCOME



**Sewing:** "One Stitch At A Time" will not be sewing on Monday, **May 30th**.

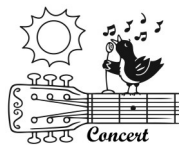
**Health Care:** The Benton County Health Department will be here on Thursday, **June 2nd** from 8:00am until 10:00am to help you with your health care needs.



Worship  
SERVICE

**Worship Service:** Rev. Aimee Appell will bring the Pentecost message on Saturday, **June 4th** and Sunday, **June 5th**. (Don't forget to wear your red!) She joined the Synod staff in 2021 as Director for Evangelical Mission. She currently serves Peace Lutheran in Washington, MO. Come hear her message and stay after church and support the World Hunger Fish Fry.

**World Hunger Fish Fry:** Fishermen, cast your lines! We need your fish for the World Hunger Fish Fry and Turkey Dinner on Sunday, **June 5th** from 11:30am until 1:00pm. Please consider helping with the fish fry. You can contact Glenalee Dillon or Joyce Schlesselmann if you plan to volunteer or have questions. As you satisfy your hunger please remember those whose hunger is never satisfied.



Concert

In The Park

**Concert in the park!! Jonny Diaz**, a contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, will be on stage for a concert at the **William Smart Sports Complex on Saturday evening, June 18th**. A local group of musicians will perform that evening at 7:30 pm, followed by Jonny at 8:00 p.m. Jonny is best known for his 2009 hit "More Beautiful You", followed by a 2015 Top Twenty hit single "Breathe". He has been featured on K-Love and Spirit FM radio stations. More information can be found at <https://jonnydiaz.com/>. While there, check out some of his music. There is no admission charge, however, a free will donation is appreciated. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair, as the seating will be on the outfield. (No outside food or drinks, please). The Sabbatical Committee has worked hard and is very excited to present this event. Spread the word and invite your friends!! Let's fill the outfield!!

**WELCA:** The Central States Women of the ELCA will be holding their annual convention (first time in-person since 2019) on Friday evening - Sunday morning, **July 22-24**. The convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park. The board has worked hard to make this an exciting convention with break-out sessions addressing relevant topics pertinent to today's society. Pastor Stephen is leading one of the sessions on the topic of "Sabbath Rest". Also the key-note speaker for Friday evening is our own Pastor Kim. She will be addressing the theme of the convention "Rejoice in Hope".



Registration forms are on the ushers' stand (organ side). All women are invited to attend (one day registration is also available)!! It would be wonderful to have some of our younger ladies attending this year. **Registration deadline is June 1.** Any questions, see Janice Gerken.



**Retreats:** As we've been discussing sabbath, rest, and emptying, Communities of Calling would like to host some retreats for our community. However, we would like to gauge how much interest there might be in each kind of retreat before starting to plan. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Link and an online survey has been emailed out. Please let us know if any of the listed retreats would be of interest to you, or if you have another idea for something!

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

<b>Sunday, May 29:</b>	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Pastor Bryant Kaden
<b>Monday, May 30:</b>	NO	Sewing
<b>Thursday, June 2:</b>	8:00am	BCHD
<b>Saturday, June 4:</b>	5:30pm	Casual Worship
<b>Sunday, June 5:</b>	9:00am	SS / Adult Class
	10:00am	Worship
		Holy Communion by Stations
		Pastor Aimee Appell
	11:30am	World Hunger Fish Fry



**~ \* ~ Coming Events ~ \* ~**

June 4 & 5	Pastor Aimee Appell
June 5	World Hunger Fish Fry
June 9-11	Synod Assembly
June 11 & 12	Pastor Karen Palmer
June 26	Ice Cream Social

## Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Ministers** ..... The Whole Congregation  
**Presiding Minister** ..... Pastor Bryant Kaden  
**Organist** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Pianist** ..... Jeannette VonHolten  
**Altar Guild** ..... Shirley Cash & Norma Schlesselman



## Ascension of our Lord ~ May 29, 2022

**Assisting Minister** ..... Melisa Balke  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Vickie Fox & Erin Oelrichs  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Pastor Bryant Kaden  
**Reader** ..... Luke Goosen  
**Acolytes** ..... Wyatt Keith & Leighton Tinney  
**Flowers** ..... Teresa Viebrock  
**Ushers** ..... Bruce Wienberg, Assistant Head Usher  
..... Jim Gumbel, Mark Oelrichs, Justin Tinney & Kelly Viebrock



## Day of Pentecost ~ June 5, 2022

**Assisting Minister** ..... Janice Gerken  
**Communion Assistants** ..... At The Altar  
**Children's Sermon** ..... Paul Fuelling  
**Reader** ..... Lois Viebrock  
**Acolytes** ..... Ben Goosen & Jace Tinney  
**Flowers** ..... Norene Ives  
**Ushers** ..... Greg Bredehoeft, Head Usher  
..... Melisa Balke, Eric Kullman, John Oelrichs & Ryan Schlesselman