

ASCENSION

Ascension Sunday
Sunday, May 29, 2022



**TODAY'S OFFERING OF WORSHIP
THIS ASCENSION SUNDAY**

We gather together...

INTROIT

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, prepare yourself to worship today.
Be ready to have God stretch your imaginations to sense
the majesty and mystery of Christ's ascension.

**Might God help us perceive how Jesus' presence in heaven
can give us confidence in our praying and hope for the future.**

Might God's Spirit give us words when our words, and even our faith, fail.

Proclaim the victory of Christ, once crucified and apparently defeated,
now exalted in heaven.

Let us sing praises to God's own Son, who reigns over all creation.

**HYMN #264: Crown Him with Many Crowns*

***CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

While we proclaim the ascension of our Lord,
the events of these days diminish our confidence
in God's power to deal with the world.
Let us confess the challenges of our faith in this time.
Let us pray.

We come, O Lord, on this day of glory to confess our lack of trust.

**While we sing of your lordship over all creation,
we have too often acted as though you are powerless
in the face of today's events.**

**Help us to live with confidence in your presence today
and in hope for life with you forever. Amen.**

Hear the good news of the gospel:

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ who has experienced our human frailty and is now exalted overall.

He has defeated sin, death, evil and even our fears and feeble faith.
In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

...to hear God's Word...

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11 (*New Testament page 118*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalms 47 (*Old Testament page 518*)

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23 (*New Testament page 192*)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Amen.**

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 24:44-53 (*New Testament page 91*)

The Gospel of our Lord, God's living Word. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

***HYMN #263:** *A Hymn of Glory*

SERMON: *Rev. Todd Johnson*

...and to respond with our lives...

***HYMN #265:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERINGS OF CHURCH LIFE AND FINANCES

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

...in the places we now go.

*HYMN #590: We Are a New Creation

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Join us after the service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall, for coffee, treats and a time of conversation.

Welcome!

NURTURING FAITH

ART EXHIBIT TODAY during coffee hour in FELLOWSHIP HALL

ART AS AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH

An exhibit of art created by the (then) 6th graders in Sunday school (2019-2020).

CLASS

Axel • Elsie • Jonah • Signe *(now 8th graders)*

THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT

An exhibit of art created by 15 workshop participants, inspired by the fruits of the spirit. Galatians 5:22-25

• Heidi, Jeff, Ueli, Svea, Adam, Etta, Thea, Axel, Elsie, Stephanie, Stella, Kendall, Deeann, Rich, Kevin, Sandy



TODAY'S FLOWERS

The flowers this morning are given by **Cinda Madonna** in celebration of the birth of her beloved new great-graughter, **Olivia Taylor Campbell**.

GREETERS: Kendall Magnuson and Stephanie Nelson

READERS: Corbin Sheffels and Jo Portinga

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Lauren Pattie

USHER: Jane Leach

COFFEE SERVERS: Dick and Carol Sundholm

LIVESTREAM: Signe Blomgren



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