

Children's Bulletin for May 21

Ascension of Our Lord

Good morning! Welcome to Trinity!

***DID YOU KNOW?** The word **ascension** means that something is rising up and up and up until we can't see it anymore. Have you ever watched bubbles float away? Or seen a bird or butterfly fly so high that you can't see it anymore? Or watched an airplane flying higher and higher until it disappears into the clouds? Today we will hear the story of how Jesus went back up to heaven to live with God. Try to imagine what the disciples must have thought when they saw Jesus go up higher and higher until he disappeared into the clouds!*

Get ready for worship

Pastor Ray Ranker will lead our worship today. Are there any other people visiting our church today? Please say hello to them and welcome them to Trinity.

There is a big rosy-colored window near the organ and choir that shows Jesus rising up to heaven, like he did on Ascension Day. Can you see Jesus' face looking up? What else can you see? Some people see arms lifted up, or a butterfly, or wings.

Opening Prayers

God, help us to remember that you love everyone and you hear all of our prayers. Jesus, thank you for showing us how to be faithful people who do God's work in the world.

Time for music!

Our opening song today is **You Servants of God**. Listen closely to the second verse. It tells how Jesus is still near us, even though he has gone up to heaven. All of the angels are singing about how great God is!

Let's learn together

This morning, our lesson is on page 430 of your Whirl Story Bible. It is the next part of the big story we've heard this month. First, Jesus promised to go ahead of us to Heaven and prepare a place for us to live with Him and God forever. Then, Jesus promised never to leave us alone. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to live with us and help us to follow God's commandments.

This week, we learn what is the commandment that Jesus wants us to follow: to tell everyone in the whole world that God has forgiven their sins. Jesus helped the disciples to understand that how they should teach people, and then he went up to heaven. He did exactly what he said that he would do!

Remember this week's lesson. Next week, we will hear what the disciples do next. It will be Pentecost, the birthday of the church! The Holy Spirit will come to everyone!

Time to sing about what we have heard!

Our Hymn of the Day is **Lord, You Give the Great Commission**. The *Great Commission* is what we call Jesus' final instructions to the disciples before he went up to heaven. We should heal the sick, baptize new believers, and teach everyone everywhere about Jesus and God.

Nicene Creed, Prayers and Peace

We all stand and say the Nicene Creed together. It says what we all believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Then we all pray together to thank God for all of the good things that we have, and we ask God for things that the world and people need.

After the prayers are finished, we all share God's peace with our neighbors. Don't forget our online neighbors! If you are worshipping online, please wave back at us!

Preparing for Holy Communion

We sing songs and say special prayers about how God sent Jesus to earth to save all of us. Pastor Ray and the assisting minister will prepare the bread and wine for us. One of the special prayers we use is one that Jesus himself taught to his disciples. It is called "The Lord's Prayer."

We will all gather together to eat, drink, and remember Jesus. Communion" means that all of us are together with each other and with Jesus, and that means our online neighbors, too!

We are sent into the world to do God's work!

Pastor Ray says a blessing, and we sing a song together. Today's sending song is **Go To The World**. We want to follow Jesus' instructions, and share with the whole world the news of how we are all forgiven and saved!

**Thanks for joining us this morning.
Please wear something red next Sunday for
the church's birthday party!
Remember that Jesus is always with you!**

