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## **Ascension Sunday**

May 17, 2026

Divine Service 1

### **PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

#### **AS WE GATHER**

While the Ascension is often underappreciated, it is a very important feast, and its message is deeply profound. We tend to think of Jesus' ascension as an ending point, and no one likes to wave goodbye. Even the apostles felt a sense of apprehension. But our Lord prepared them by opening the Scriptures to them so that they might know where to hear His voice even as His visual appearance would not be with them. We know that they understood this, because they returned with joy and not fear, celebrating this event as a new beginning and not an end.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

#### **HYMN OF INVOCATION: 549 ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME** *sts. 1, 3, 6-7*

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.
  
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
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And crown Him Lord of all.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

*LSB 151*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 151*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

*LSB 151*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ,

and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### INTROIT

**P** God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."**

**P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,  
"You are a priest forever after the order of  
Melchizedek."

**C The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

### KYRIE

*LSB 152*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-  
being of the Church of God, and for the unity of  
all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious  
Lord.

**C Amen.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB 154*

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His  
people on earth.

**C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and  
Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:1–11*

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

### **The Ascension**

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy

Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

*Psalm 47*

### God Is King over All the Earth

**L** <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all peoples!  
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

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

**L** <sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us,  
and nations under our feet.

**C** <sup>4</sup>**He chose our heritage for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

**L** <sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** <sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

**L** <sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!

**C** <sup>8</sup>**God reigns over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup>**The princes of the peoples gather  
as the people of the God of Abraham.**

**P** For the shields of the earth belong to God;  
he is highly exalted!

## EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

### Thanksgiving and Prayer

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that

you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked 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 one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 156*

**C** **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

## The Ascension

<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 blessed them, he parted 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 were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ

*Sit*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: 492 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD**

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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## **SERMON: "OUR ASCENDED LORD!" *Eph. 1:15-23***

*Stand*

### **NICENE CREED**

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;**

who for us men and for our salvation came  
down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the  
virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius  
Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to  
the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission  
of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH RESPONSE

**P** ...Lord in your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer

*Sit*

## OFFERING

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

*LSB 159*

**C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits  
to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will  
call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on  
the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the  
presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of  
you, O Jerusalem.

## Service of the Sacrament

## PREFACE

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE (ABBREVIATE)

*LSB 161*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*LSB 161*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*LSB 161*

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples

and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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.**

## PAX DOMINI

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

*LSB 163*

**C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 544 O LOVE, HOW DEEP

#### 544 O Love, How Deep

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take  
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,  
Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame,  
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore  
His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp He knew;  
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;  
For us His daily works He wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus  
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
He bore the shameful cross and death;  
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;  
For us He went on high to reign;  
For us He sent His Spirit here  
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God  
For love so deep, so high, so broad;  
The Trinity whom we adore  
Forever and forevermore.

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### DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry,  
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumph day!”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 “You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Stand*

## THANK THE LORD

*LSB 164*

**☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## BENEDICTION

*LSB 166*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen

## HYMN TO DEPART: 537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## **VOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY after worship** **We will be voting for Officers**

**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** God's Word is our source for life. Through deeper study of the Gospel of John, we will see the bigger picture of God's plan for our lives. If you crave more intentional, comprehensible, and practical application study of God's Word, you will appreciate the Life by His Word study of the Gospel of John. Whether you are new to the church, a life-long member, or studying on your own, this study will connect you with the full story of God's work in your life and lead you to see His promises anew. Each lesson is divided into easy-to-use one-page handouts. Join us on Tuesday mornings **at 10:00!**

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS May 17, 2026**

**Acolyte:** Kyptin Gray

**Elders:** Bill Hertel

**Pastor:** Pastor Ken Huner

**Service Music:** Daniel Eppler

**Special Music:**

**Altar:** Barb Yek and Athena Reister

**Counting:** Deb Dugan and Joanna Krueger

**Ushers:** Lynda and Mitch Minger

**Greeters:** Clara Miller and Natalie Fix

## **MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sun May 17**

9 am – Adult Bible Study

Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday

School

10 am – Seventh Sunday of

Easter

VOTERS MEETING AFTER

WORSHIP

### **Mon May 18**

### **Tues May 19**

10 am -- Adult Bible Study

11 am -- Prayer Warriors

### **Wed May 20**

10 am -- Quilters

### **Thurs May 21**

10:30 am – Christian Art Class

7 pm – NO Council

### **Fri May 22**

### **Sat May 23**

### **Sun May 24**

9 am – Adult Bible Study Matthew

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Day of Pentecost

## **Sermon Notes:**

### **"Our Ascended Lord!"**

*Eph. 1:15-23*

#### **Our Blessings Through Our Ascended Lord:**

**1. The Hope of His Calling**

**2. The Riches of His Glorious Inheritance**

**3. The Immeasurable Greatness of His Power**