



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, May 14, 2026 7:30 p.m.
Lutheran Service Book Page 184 Divine Service 3

PRELUDE

“O Christ, Our Hope”

Sigvart A. Hofland

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **OPENING HYMN**

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” **LSB 492**

* INVOCATION

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* CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

* INTROIT (*Vicar chants Antiphon; congregation chants bold verses*)

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

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

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind.*

“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel-|chizedek.”

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 be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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

* KYRIE

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* GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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* SALUTATION

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* COLLECT OF THE DAY (*Vicar chants; congregation sings “Amen”*)

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. Amen.

THE LESSONS (*after each Lesson: “Thanks be to God”*)

The First Lesson – Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus
began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after
he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles
whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after

his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days
and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And 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; 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, will
you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them,
“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has
fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the
earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking
on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And
while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men
stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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.”

CHOIR ANTHEM “Why Do You Peer into the Skies? Jacob B. Weber
GRADUAL **Psalms 47** (*Chanted responsively by whole verses*)

The Epistle – Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord
Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give
thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that 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, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable
greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the
working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he
raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the
heavenly places, ²¹far 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. ²²And he put all things under his
feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is
his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

* ALLELUIA and VERSE

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion / over him. Behold, I am with you always, to the end / of the age.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

* The Gospel – Luke 24: 44-53 (Responses Pages 190-191)

⁴⁴Then [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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

* NICENE CREED

HYMN of the Day *"Up through Endless Ranks of Angels* **LSB 491**
SERMON *"The Ascending View of Life"*

* OFFERTORY Page 192

OFFERINGS (Please sign an attendance form.)

VOLUNTARY "God Is Ascended Up on High" Jan Bender

* PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Response: "Hear our prayer")

* SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT Page 194

(Please see Communion policy below.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph" **LSB 494**

"Look, Ye Saints the Sight Is Glorious" **LSB 495**

"On Galilee's High Mountain" **LSB 835**

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* **CLOSING HYMN** *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"* **LSB 493**

POSTLUDE *"Look, the Sight Is Glorious"* Frank Ferko

Pastor: Pastor Carlton Riemer

Vicar: Vicar Seth Horn

Altar Care: Elizabeth Amendt

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