

## The Ascension of Our Lord

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Ascension Eve, May 8, 2024

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**Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper** If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation. In Christ, Pastor Bender

*Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.*

*Stand and face the processional cross*

**Processional Hymn** 493  
"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

**Entrance Psalm 110** *Sung by the choir*  
"The Lord says to my Lord" Christopher Ahlman

**Refrain:** The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,  
until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

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until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

The Lord sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter.  
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of Your power,  
in holy garments; from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of Your youth will be Yours.

The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind,  
"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." **Refrain**

The Lord is at Your right hand;  
He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.

He will execute judgment among the nations,  
Filling them with corpses;

He will shatter chiefs  
over the wide earth.

He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore He will lift up His head.

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.

**Refrain**

**Old Testament Reading** 2 Kings 2:5-15

The Ascension of the Prophet Elijah

**Choral Response**

"O God, The King of Glory" by Robert J. Powell

O God, the King of glory, You have exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send to us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory, everlasting. Amen.

**Second Reading** Acts 1:1-11

St. Luke records the Ascension of Our Lord

**Alleluia Verse** *Sung by the choir*

Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia!  
You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in Your train Alleluia!  
*(Psalm 47:5; 68:18a)*

**Holy Gospel** Luke 24:44-53

St. Luke testifies to the resurrection and ascension of Our Lord.

**Hymn of the Day** 494

"See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"

**Ascension Proper Preface**

It is truly meet, right, and salutary  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples  
and in their sight was taken up into heaven  
that He might make us partakers of His divine nature.  
Therefore with angels and archangels...

**Distribution Hymns**

"Draw Us to Thee" 701

"Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide" 585

*Choir sings stanzas 2 and 4*

"The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns" 532

**Hymn to Depart** 491

"Up through Endless Ranks of Angels"