

Proper Preface for The Ascension of Our Lord

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 and with all the company of heaven
we laud and magnify Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and saying: Holy, holy, holy...

Distribution Hymns

“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” 494
“Wide Open Stand the Gates” 639

Hymn to Depart

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You” 941
choir sings st. 2

The Ascension of Our Lord

Ascension Eve
Wednesday, May 13, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Divine Service Setting Three Lutheran Service Book p. 184

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”

Introit *sung by the choir*

Antiphon *Psalm 47:5*
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

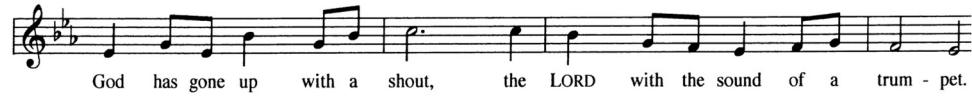
Psalm *Psalm 110:1, 4-5*
The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My | right hand,*
until I make Your | enemies Your footstool.”
The LORD has sworn and will | not change His mind,*
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”
The Lord is at Your | right hand;*
He will shatter kings on the 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.

Antiphon is repeated

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11
St. Luke records the Ascension of Our Lord

Psalm 47 *The congregation sings the refrain. Verses are sung responsively.*



¹Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

²**For the Lord, the Most High, is | to be feared,***
a great king over | all the earth.

³He subdued peoples | under us,*
and nations un- | der our feet.

⁴**He chose our heritage | for us,***
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,*
the Lord with the sound of a | trumpet.

Refrain

⁶Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

⁷**For God is the King of | all the earth;***
sing praises | with a psalm!

⁸God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

⁹**The princes of the peoples | gather**
as the people of the God of | Abraham.*

¹⁰For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly ex- | alted!

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.

Refrain

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

Christ reigns for the sake of His Church.

Stand and face the processional cross.

Alleluia Verse *sung by the choir*

Alleluia!

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

Death no longer has dominion over Him.

Alleluia!

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Ascension of Our Lord

Nicene Creed *confessed after the Holy Gospel*

Hymn of the Day

“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

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Sermon

Choral Offertory

“The Blood of Jesus”

by Lisa Clark/Mark Knickelbein

We wash our hands to rid the stain
And scrub our guilty hearts in vain.
Our tears and jeers are hurled His way;
We spit with spite and rage and say:
“Now crucify, and hear our plea!
The blood of Jesus on us be.”

We whip our Savior deep with scars
To punish ev’ry crime of ours.
We shake our fists and fight and swear
And add to all that Christ would bear.
We raise Him up and clearly see
The blood of Jesus on us be.

The price He paid we surely know.
Forgiveness God will now bestow.
We join His Table without fear;
We touch His blood and body here.
Our crimes are gone, and we are free:
The blood of Jesus on us be.

When Christ returns on that Last Day,
May I be bold enough to say,
“Though I deserve the whole world’s blame,
My Lord paid all, removes my shame.
I now can sing eternally:
The blood of Jesus covers me!