

The Ascension of Our Lord
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Divine Services: Sunday 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent

On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. But although Jesus is hidden from your eyes, He is not absent from you. For He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues “to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His name (Mark 16:14–20; Luke 24:44–53), giving you His true body and blood in the Supper. Jesus is your great Elijah who pours out on you a double portion of His Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments (2 Kings 2:5–15). He is Lord over all things for the sake of the Church. He whom heaven cannot contain has raised your human nature to share fully in the glory of God. You who believe and are baptized into Christ’s body are already sitting in the heavenly places; for you are in Him who is at the Father’s right hand. When He comes again in the clouds on the Last Day, you also will appear with Him in glory.

WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH. We are thankful that you are with us today. Please fill out our attendance booklet during the offering. You are invited to join us again. May the peace of Christ be with you.

THE LORD’S SUPPER is a confession that we are united in holding to all the doctrines of God’s Word. Those who do not know and hold to the doctrinal commitment of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are requested to attend the Adult Instruction Class for membership before communing at Faith Lutheran Church.

Divine Service Setting Three

Lutheran Service Book (page 184)

Processional Hymn: "See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"

LSB 494

Invocation - Confession and Absolution

p184 ff

Service of the Word

Introit

(Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11)



P Men of | Galilee,*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

C This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.
Alle- | luia.

P Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

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

P God has gone up | with a shout,*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

C God reigns over the | nations;*
God sits on his | holy throne.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

P Men of | Galilee,*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

C This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.
Alle- | luia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P 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.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:5-15

(Due to length, you are invited to listen to the reading.)

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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

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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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." 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. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 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."

After the reading:

P This is the Word of the Lord,

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet. *Psalm 47:5 (ESV)*



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

P You ascend- | ed on high,*
Leading a host of captives | in your train. *Psalm 68:18a (ESV)*



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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| Nicene Creed | <i>p191</i> |
| Sermon Hymn: “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels” | <i>LSB 491</i> |
| Sermon | |
| Offertory | <i>p192 ff</i> |
| Offering | |
| Prayer of the Church | |
| P Lord, in your mercy, | |
| C hear our prayer. | |

Service of the Sacrament

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| Preface - Sanctus | <i>p194 ff</i> |
| Lord’s Prayer - The Words of Our Lord | |
| Pax Domini - Agnus Dei | |
| Distribution Hymn: | |
| <i>“God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”</i> | <i>LSB 682</i> |
| <i>“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”</i> | <i>LSB 821</i> |
| <i>“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”</i> | <i>LSB 680</i> |
| Nunc Dimittis | <i>p199 ff</i> |
| Collect - Benedicamus - Benediction | |
| Recessional Hymn: “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” | <i>LSB 492</i> |

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