

Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

Thanks to all who serve at this festival

Preacher:	Pr. Matthew P. Johnson
Liturgist:	Pr. Matthew V. Moss
Kantor:	Dr. Crystal Rossow
Liturgy:	Festival Setting of the Liturgy DS I (Michael Burkhardt)
Choir:	St. John's Adult Choir
Brass Ensemble:	
Trumpets~	Kevin Pomerence, Johanna Rossow
Horn~	Gretchen Kliche
Processional:	
	Crucifer~ Sam Say
	Torchbearer~ Jack Stoffels
	Torchbearer~ Max Stoffels
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Thursday, May 30, in the Year of Our Lord
Two Thousand Nineteen
7:00 p.m.

† **The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord** †
May 30, 2019

Pre-Service Verse, Prayer, and Music for Personal Preparation and Reflection

Verse: 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. (Ps. 47:5; 68:18a)

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, draw us to Thee through Thy Word of grace and Thy sacraments of love, that we might ever love and revere You, setting our hearts and minds on things above, where Thou art seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling over all things for the benefit of Thy congregation and holy Church. Amen.

Prelude: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (Paul Manz)

The Divine Service

Processional: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* **LSB 493**
(arr. Charles Schramm) p. 152

Kyrie p. 152

The Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast* p. 155

Salutation p. 156

Collect of the Day

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.

Old Testament Lesson: 2 Kings 2:5-15

The Gradual is omitted for Eastertide

The Second Reading: Acts 1:1-11

The Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

C: **[sung] Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words which 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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to

all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **[sung] Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Following the Gospel, the Paschal Candle is extinguished to signify our Lord's visible departure from our world. It is then placed near the baptismal font where it will be lit at baptisms to remind us of our union with our risen Lord in the waters of holy baptism)

Sermon Hymn: *See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph* **LSB 494**
(v.4 choir; setting by Henry V. Gerike)

Sermon: "Seek the Lord While He May Be Found, Call Upon Him While He Is Near" (Lk 24:44)

Te Deum Laudamus p. 223

Prayer of the Church

Offering: O Praise Ye the Lord *(based on Ps. 148 & 150, H. W. Baker; C. H. H. Parry, setting by S. Drummond Wolff)*

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful **LSB 955**

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NOTE: Our celebration of the Lord's Supper is reserved for members in good standing of congregations of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Guests from sister LCMS congregations who agree with our doctrine and practice should please talk with one of the pastors before joining us at the Lord's Table. Thank you.

Distribution Hymn: Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious **LSB 495**

Hymn of the Day: Up through Endless Ranks of Angels **LSB 491**
(v.2 women, v.3 choir; setting by Henry V. Gerike)

Canticle: Thank the Lord p. 164

Collect and Benediction p. 166

Closing Hymn: On Christ's Ascension I now Build **LSB 492**

Postlude: Toccata from Partita on Ascended Triumph (Robert Hobby)