

# Ascension

## My Ascension Day Prayer

Lord Jesus, who on the day of Your ascension withdrew Your visible body from the eyes of Your disciples, yet promised to be with them always unto the end of the world, make Your presence felt among us as we gather in Your name and around Your holy Word and Sacraments. Let these means of grace be not only Your enduring and comforting presence but also a strengthening of my faith throughout my life and to the very end of days. Remove from my heart and life the uncertainties and the doubt, the questioning and the fears brought on by the woes and chaos of the world. Strengthen my faith, that I may confidently trust Your power to save and to rule. Enable me to trust that You direct all things for good to Your Church, into which You have called me—a sheep under Your care. Above all, fill my heart with longing for that heavenly home to which You have gone to prepare a place for me, and give me a strong desire and watchful readiness for the day when I shall see You coming again to take me and all the Church into Your mansions above. In your name I ask it. Amen.

—From the Lutheran Book of Prayer

## In Our Prayers this Week—

- *Peace among nations.*
- *The victims and families of all violence throughout our country and world.*
- *Those who mourn the death of Virginia McDonald, sister of Betty Payne, who passed away last week.*
- *Bob Klug, for successful recovery.*
- *Ed Friede, recovering at Newcastle, Mequon.*
- *Joan Eippert, receiving treatment for cancer.*
- *David Meier, brother-in-law of Dan Dolezal, who is recovering from surgery.*
- *Marion, Terry Ourada's mother, sick with cancer.*
- *Sarah Grisar, daughter-in-law of Dave and Bunnie Grisar, continuing battle with cancer.*
- *Taylor Johnson, who is currently deployed.*
- *May mission of the month, Sheboygan County Hispanic Outreach.*
- *Please also keep in prayer*

—our seminarians, Josh Benish and Luke Konkell;

—John Wille our district president, and Matthew Harrison our synodical president, for the LCMS;

—for the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel, for salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord's body and blood;

—our circuit congregation, St. John in Sherman Center and Rev. Christopher Gillespie;

—our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and

—our shut-in Members, Bill Taylor, Phil & Donna Bloedel and Bob & Alice Denhardt.

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



*And 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.*

**Luke 24:50-51**

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**WE WELCOME** all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God. **IF YOU ARE VISITING** this evening, we are happy that you could join us today. *Would you please sign our guest book in the narthex to leave a record of your visit?* **IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE**, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. **IF YOU HAVE YOUNG CHILDREN** with you today we want you to know that they are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex. **IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE** with anything, please speak to the pastor or the usher. **RESTROOMS** are available in the back of the church or in the education wing. We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come

**MAY 18, 2023**

Elder/Usher — *Jeff Ourada*

Acolyte — *Tim Marks*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

**NOTE: Offering collected at the back of church.**

## ***The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth***



After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the Apostles, *“appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God”* (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but fills all things in heaven and on earth, and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues *“to do and teach”* (Acts 1:1), preaching *“repentance and forgiveness of sins”* (Luke 24:47), even *“to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His Apostles, by the promise of His Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon *“the church, which is His body”* (Eph. 1:23). In this holy, Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands, and seats us with Himself *“in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 1:20).



## **The Ascension of Our Lord**

**Introit** *(spoken responsively)* Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

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 Melchizedek.”

**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 beginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

God has gone up with a shout,\*

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**Collect** *(spoken by the pastor)*

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.



## **ORDER OF SERVICE:**

***Lutheran Service Book***

*Vespers*

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Office Hymn ..... **#491**

### READINGS

**Acts 1:1-11**

*The Ascension*

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

*Thanksgiving and Prayer*

**Luke 24:44-53**

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