

Take a moment to notice the \* at the beginning of various portions of the order of service. The \* indicates the place where it is inappropriate to enter or leave the sanctuary because it marks a time of prayer or respect for the Word of the Lord. Please be considerate of others around you by honoring these notations.



The right hand of God is not a confining physical spot! It is, rather, the almighty power of God which fills heaven and earth. **The Ascension of our Lord** to God’s right hand, therefore means that He now fills and rules all things with His power and majesty, not only as God, but also as man. For Him it is not too great a thing to be present with His very body and blood in the Lord’s Supper as He promised. Rejoicing in His gift today, we request that guests desiring to commune would speak with the pastor or elders before the service. For Biblical reasons, we practice close communion.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent

May 21, 2023

**AS WE GATHER:** 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.

\*COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Almighty God,  
People: **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. Amen.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Divine Service III

Announcements  
Opening Hymn

LSB 493  
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

\*Confession/Absolution: LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*Kyrie: LSB 186  
\*Gloria in Excelsis: LSB 187  
\*Salutation: LSB 189  
\*Collect of the Day: printed

Catechism Review

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:5-15  
Pew Bible Page 571

Epistle: Acts 1:1-11  
Pew Bible Page 1690

\*Alleluia and Verse LSB 190  
\*Holy Gospel: Mark 16:14-20  
Pew Bible Page 1585

\*Nicene’ Creed: LSB 192

Sermon Hymn: LSB 492  
“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

Sermon

Offertory LSB 192

\*Prayer of the Church

\*Lords Prayer LSB 196

\*Benediction LSB 202

This concludes the service for online viewing

\*SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT  
LSB 194ff

Distribution Hymns:

“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph” LSB 494  
“Crown Him with Many Crowns” LSB 525

\*Nunc Dimittis: LSB 199

\*Thanksgiving: LSB 200

\*Benediction: LSB 202

Closing Hymn: LSB 491  
“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

***Please help us keep our prayer requests current by calling the office (235.6705) with updates – especially with our long term requests and military personnel.***

**As Prayer Warriors with Love, Inc.:** For women – a woman please pray for her ability to stay in her home with some outside help instead of going into assisted care living. a woman please pray for her situation as she had 2 adult sons living with her, and not working enough to make ends meet for them as a family. a woman please pray that she will get closer to the Lord. a woman please pray for her circumstances, and her finances. a woman please pray over her financial decisions, and for discernment in her life. a woman please pray over her kids and her finances. a woman please pray: To stay humble. To help others. To not be defensive. To be neighborly. To be safe. To keep good connection with adult children. a woman please pray for freedom from anxiety and stress. a woman please pray over her young child's life, and please pray for her finances to improve. a woman please pray for more patience. a woman please pray that she will be able to do what she needs to do to get her own place and be able to be on her own. a woman please pray for her and her husband to have patience as they wait for God to provide. They have a new business that they started and the beginning is rough. They are growing professionally, but it is rough. a woman please pray that she will get a job, and that she will have a fulfilling life. a woman please pray that she will find a job that is a good fit for her; that she will not have to stand all day on her feet. For men – a man please pray that he seeks guidance, patience, and the POSITIVES in life. He requests that prayer warriors pray for his mother who had a stroke. Please Lord take care of our family, and give us recovery. a man please pray that he will focus on staying on the right path. Please pray that he will understand what needs to be done to move forward.



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