
ASCENSION DAY (OBSERVED)

June 1-2, 2019

AS WE GATHER

In a mysterious way, the ascension of our Lord into heaven is both a going but also a coming. Our eyes see Him ascending through the clouds, meaning He no longer needs to be appearing and reappearing as He did for forty days after Easter. He is with us whether we can see Him or not. But the eyes of faith see Him demonstrating His power to continue coming to us by His Spirit working through the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments up to this very day and to the end of the ages. Therefore this final event of His earthly ministry is not something to be feared. Rather, it gives us great joy and confidence for our continued faith and hope.

HYMN

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

LSB 492

Stand CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father,

seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

INTROIT

Ps. 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5

P God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C **The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

P The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

C **The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

C **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.**

P God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

KYRIE 

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C *Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS 

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C *To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!*

*We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

*To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—*

*For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

Sit **FIRST READING**

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs,

appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,**

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C **he has put all things under his feet.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance

in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand ALLELUIA AND VERSE 🎵

C *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they

worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

[Saturday] **APOSTLES' CREED**

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

[Sunday] **NICENE CREED**

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,

**being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN *"How Shall They Hear," Who Have Not Heard* *LSB 831*

SERMON *"Looking Up"* *Acts 1:9-11*

Stand **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** God has gone up with a shout and the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn. Come let us raise up our prayers to ascend before Him and to plead for us and for all people as they have need.
- P** Blessed Lord, in humility You served us even to death, and in glory You reign over all that You have redeemed with Your blood. Give to us a spirit of wisdom and knowledge, that our hearts may be enlightened by Your Word and our wills may be

directed toward Your purpose and Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You established Your Church and cleansed her with Your blood. Continue to cleanse and renew Your people, that we may remember our baptismal vocation of worship, witness, prayer and service. Give to Your Church faithful men and women who will heed Your call to church-work vocations, and bless especially those men who have been set apart for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. Continue to guide Rev. Gary Schultz as he considers our Call to be Pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You have revealed to us the Father's will in words and works that show forth His saving love for us. Bless those who govern in our land, and give them pause that they, too, may consider the sacred character of their responsibility and serve You for the protection of the weak, the relief of the oppressed and the defense of Your precious gift of life. Be with those who serve us in the armed forces and as police, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You healed the sick and raised the dead. Come to the aid and comfort of those whose names we lift before You, that in their illness, pain and struggles they may know Your healing power, especially for _____ and those whom we name in our hearts. Give them strength to endure their afflictions and patience as they await with us the perfect healing of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You are the head of the Body and the fullness of all that is good and right. Teach us the humility of faith and the joy of service, that we may not presume what is not given to us but excel in what You have called us to do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, from You all things come and to You all things must return. Receive our thanks for the saints of every generation

whose fidelity has commended the faith to us, and make us as faithful in preserving the hope to which we have been called. Bring us at last to that day, when all things are under Your feet and Your name is above all names and we shall rest in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things, blessed Lord, we pray to the Father in Your name, and by the Spirit we trust that You will answer the prayers of Your people and well provide us with grace sufficient for every need. To You, the Triune God, we pray.

C **Amen.**

Sit **OFFERING**

While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!

Saturday's Service continues with the Lord's Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Stand **PREFACE**

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten

Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS 🎵

LSB 208

- C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

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- C** **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Saturday's Service continues with the Benediction

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

C *O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.*

*O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

Sit DISTRIBUTION

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643

Stand NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

C *O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.*

*All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You

and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

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