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**Ascension**  
*of our*  
**Lord**

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### Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

### A Prayer before Worship

*Come Holy Spirit, You who illuminate our hearts, and allow us to see the glory of Christ. Come to Your Church and help it witness with power and joy about God's love that drove Him to give His only Son so we would be saved. Let the Gospel be preached with power and authority, as joyous as it is, so everyone's eyes will be opened and everyone's hearts will be filled with a longing for your salvation. Let Your light shine in the darkness so we are drawn to the glory that shines forth from Christ's face. Holy Spirit, save us. Amen. (Bo Gieritz, 1905-1998 Lutheran Bishop of Sweden)*

### Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.



### The Ascension of Our Lord

The Ascension of Our Lord is a Christian liturgical celebration marking Jesus Christ's ascent into heaven 40 days after Easter. It's a key event, signifying Jesus' entrance into God's heavenly domain and his continued presence with the Church through the Holy Spirit.

From Luther's Ascension Day Sermon: *On this festival we concern ourselves with the article of our Christian faith in which we confess that Jesus Christ, God's and Mary's Son, our Lord, ascended into heaven to sit at God's right hand. This festival was instituted to commemorate that event, so that in faith we Christians might preach, hear, and learn about it, regularly calling to mind the ascension of our Lord and Redeemer, lest it ever be forgotten by us.*

#### Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:

Rev. Joel Shaltanis

Organists:

Sebastian Shaltanis and Victoria Frinsko

Choral Director:

Victoria Frinsko

Ensemble Accompanist:

Daniel Kim

Crucifer/Book Bearer:

Logan Montgomery

Torchbearer:

Athan Shaltanis

Elder:

Doug Hite

Sound:

Doug Hite

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## The Ascension of Our Lord

May 29, 2025

7:00 PM

Evening Prayer – *LSB 243*

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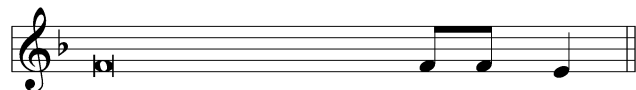
### +++Service of Light + + +

#### Opening Chimes

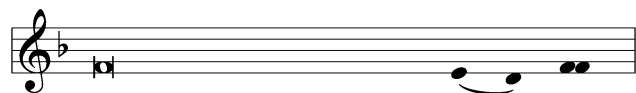
*Stand and face the paschal candle*



**L** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,



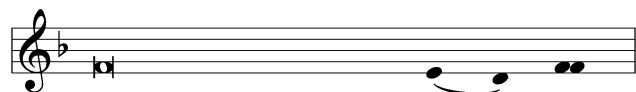
**C** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



**L** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C** and the day is almost o - ver.



**L** Let Your light scatter the dark - ness



**C** and il - lu - mine Your Church.

#### Phos Hilaron

*LSB 244*



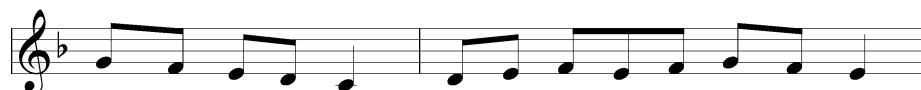
**L** Joy - ous light of glo - ry:



**C** of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bless - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



*Phos Hilaron* is Greek for “Joyous Light”. This is one of the oldest parts of the liturgy.

We sing to God, the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it:

You are wor-thy of be-ing praised with pure voic-es for -

ev - er. O Son of God, O Giv - er of life:

the u - ni - verse pro - claims Your glo - ry.

### Thanksgiving for Light

LSB 245

**L** Blessèd are You, O Lord our God, king of the u - ni - verse,

who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of

fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ;

may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;

for You are mer - ci - ful, and You love Your whole cre - a - tion

and we, Your creatures, glo - ri - fy You, Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

**C** A - men.

# +++Psalmody + + +

## Psalm 141

*The congregation sings part **C** and the choir will sing parts **I** and **II**.*

LSB 245



Liturgical incense will be used as the prayer of the psalm is sung: 'Let my prayer rise before you as incense'.



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**I** O Lord, I call to You; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice



when I cry to You. **C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



**II** Set a watch be - fore my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.



**I** Let not my heart in - cline to an - y e - vil thing;



let me not be oc - cu - pied in wick - ed - ness with e - vil - do - ers.



**II** But my eyes are turned to You, O God; in You I take ref - uge.



Strip me not of my life. **C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and



to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it; as it was in



the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,

the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**L** Let us pray.

Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.

**C** Amen.

# Office Hymn: Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

LSB 495



1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of  
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown Him! Rich the tro - phies  
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the  
4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -

Sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,  
Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him,  
Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him,  
um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;

Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Own His ti - tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Oh, what joy the sight af - fords! Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and

vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.  
King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior King of kings.  
vic - tor's fame. Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.  
Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

## +++Readings + + +

### First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

**P** A reading from Acts, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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.

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

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>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.”

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choral Anthem

“Ascension Alleluia,” by Michael Sitton

*Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again.*

*Death no longer has dominion over Him.*

*Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, alleluia, I will come to you. Alleluia.*

### Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

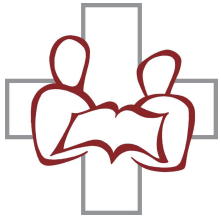
**P** A reading from Ephesians, chapter 1.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that 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, <sup>18</sup>having 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

As Christ told His disciples to take the Gospel to all nations, so the Gospel is processed into the center of the congregation.



The light of the Paschal candle has symbolized the physical presence of our Lord with His disciples for forty days after His resurrection. At the phrase, "carried up into heaven," the Paschal Candle is extinguished, signifying the end of Christ's visible presence until the Last Day.

This hymn and its tune were written by LCMS Lutherans. Note how the opening melody literally ascends.

## Gospel Procession

*Choir: To heav'n ascended Christ, our King. Alleluia! Alleluia.  
Glory and praise to Him we sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

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

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

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Gospel Recession

*Choir: We now exult with gladsome voice, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And honor Christ, in Him rejoice, Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Sit*

## Hymn of the Day: Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

LSB 491

1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the

in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,

on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!




## Sermon

### +++Canticle + + +

Stand

#### Canticle: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,  
The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.  
To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,  
The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;  
"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,  
Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)



### +++Prayer + + +

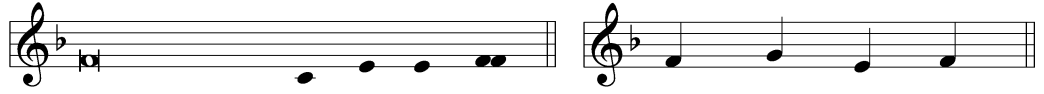
Normally, the *Magnificat* is the canticle for Evening Prayer, however, the *Te Deum Laudamus* is more appropriate for Ascension. This canticle also functions as a creed.



## Litany

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*The congregation's response may begin just as the leader's petition ends so that the word "Lord" is sung simultaneously by both leader and congregation.*



**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**L** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For [names of synodical and district presidents], for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For [name of president or monarch], for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

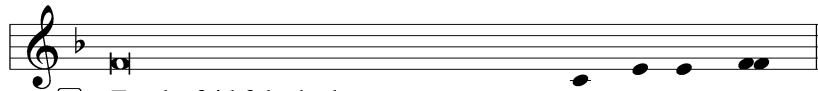
**L** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

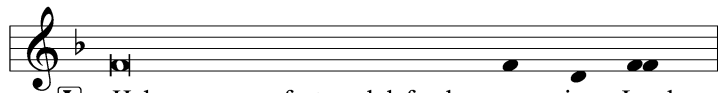
*The prayers then continue:*



**L** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

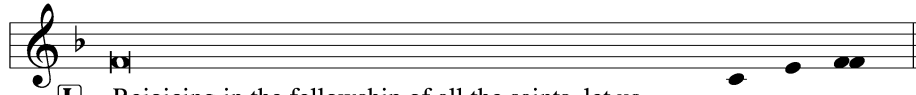


**C** Al - le - lu - ia.



**L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

*Silence for individual prayer may follow.*



**L** Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:



**C** To You, O Lord.

### Collect of the Day

**L** 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** A - men.

### Lord's Prayer

LSB 251

**L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**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.

*Stand*

### Benedicamus

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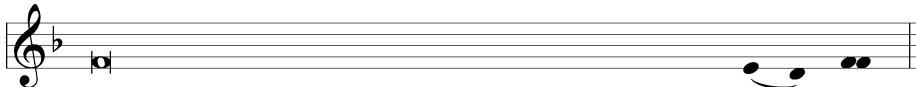
**L** Let us bless the Lord.




**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

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**P** The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.



**C** A - men.

# Hymn to Depart: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up

hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall

trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -

God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,      △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
And be our future great reward.      All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!      Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we      You are, while endless ages run,  
Shall praise Your name eternally.      With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!      Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!      Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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