



**Zion
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The Divine Service

The Ascension of Our Lord

Welcome



While our Lord walked the roads during the days of His obedience, people could talk with Him and get His help only when He happened to be in their vicinity. While He was in [flesh], the people in [flesh] could get in touch with Him only with great difficulty. Christ Himself was restricted by the limitations which He had set upon Himself in order that He might live our life and die our death. He set those limitations upon Himself in order that He might be our Redeemer. At our Lord's Ascension into Heaven these restrictions were lifted. As He stood out there with them on the mountain, speaking with them and blessing them, His visible Presence was taken from them, and His Form disappeared into a cloud. But He did not disappear.

Oswald Hoffmann, "Heaven's Hero Returns," (a Lutheran Hour Address)

May 29th , 2025 ✠ 6:00 PM

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. Below are some helpful tips:

The starting page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the top of the tab, i.e., *LSB 184*, which is found towards the front of the hymnal. **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**. All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578*. They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church. The *bold italic text* on the tab of the bulletin shows when the service continues with the information on the page to the right.

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: 'Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father!' All of that belongs to them too. If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much. If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand. Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16). Children's "Busy Bags" are located in the Narthex hallway for your convenience.



We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar. Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are invited to meet with the Pastor for Catechesis before communing. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

Introit

Psalm 47:1–2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11

P Men of | Galilee,*
why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

C This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

P Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

C For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.

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

C God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Men of | Galilee,*
why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

C This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

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.

Gradual

P Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

C He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Readings for The Ascension of Our Lord

Old Testament - 2 Kings 2:5-15

Epistle - Acts 1:1-11

Holy Gospel - Luke 24:44-53

Divine Service III

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