

Ascension Sunday

Jesus Returns to Glory

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As We Gather:

40 days after Jesus rose from the dead, he was caught up in a cloud, and his disciples saw him no more. Why did Jesus leave? The Bible suggests several reasons. Jesus removed his visible presence so that he would be with us invisibly at all times and in all places (Matthew 18:20, 28:20). Jesus returned to heaven in order to intercede for us and to send us the Holy Spirit (1 John 2:1, John 16:7). Jesus ascended in order to receive once more all the glory that is rightfully his (Philippians 2:9). But most of all, Jesus ascended because he had finished his work. He died for our sins and wrongdoing and rose to give us forgiveness and a new life. Jesus won our salvation. His job on earth was done. Our job now is to proclaim that salvation until the day when Jesus comes again visibly in the clouds (Luke 24:47-48).

Prelude: "Draw Us to You" – Michael Burkhardt
"Toccata" – Johann Speth

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Lutheran Service Book 492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Prayer of Confession

- P** The Bible says: "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way." (Isaiah 53:6) Now, at the beginning of our worship, we admit before the Lord how we have gone astray, trusting in his promise of forgiveness.

We take a few moments for silent prayer and reflection.

- A** **Oh Lord, you are our Good Shepherd. However, all too often we don't follow you very closely. Very often we leave your green pastures to look for pleasures in other places. We leave the paths**

of righteousness. We forget that you are by our side, and we do whatever we feel like doing. Forgive us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P After Jesus rose from the dead, he commanded his disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name to all nations (Luke 24:47) Through Jesus, risen from the dead and ascended into heaven, we have forgiveness for our wrongdoing, peace with God, and power from the Holy Spirit to begin to change our lives. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Service of the Word

Responsive Reading

Pastor: Jesus rose from the dead and spent 40 days visiting and teaching his disciples.

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He proved it to his disciples!

Pastor: After those 40 days, Jesus ascended to heaven while his disciples watched.

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He came from heaven and returned there once again.

Pastor: Jesus ascended to reign over all things! (Philippians 2:9-11)

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He has all power and glory!

Pastor: Jesus ascended to prepare a place for us! (John 14:2-3)

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He will take us home to be with him!

Pastor: Jesus ascended so that his disciples would proclaim his salvation! (Acts 1:8, Luke 24:47-48)

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: We are his witnesses!

Pastor: Jesus ascended to send us the Holy Spirit! (1 John 2:1, John 16:7)

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He has given us the Comforter!

Pastor: Jesus ascended, yet he is still with us invisibly until the end of the age! (Matthew 18:20, 28:20)

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He will never abandon us!

Pastor: Alleluia! Jesus ascended to heaven in glory! (Acts 1:11)

Children and Youth: Jesus is risen!

Adults: He will return visibly the same way, in glory!

Hymn of Praise: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

Lutheran Service Book 493, stanzas 1-3

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
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,
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



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



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 -



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!

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Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Lord Jesus, you ascended to heaven in glory! Help us, as you have promised, with the mission you have given us here on the earth. And when our time on earth is done, bring us into your glory, to live forever and see you face to face. In your own name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

Reading from Acts

Acts 1:1-11

(Jesus ascended to heaven in glory but he will return in the very same way.)

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

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; for

John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music: The Ascension of Our Lord

(Bryan Perdue)

1. *On the cross He died. From the tomb He walked away.
Oh Death! Where is your sting? Oh Grave! Where is the victory you claim?
Death is swallowed by my Lord! Death will never, ever, have a hold on me!
Jesus washed away my tears and cleared away the shame from all the land.*

*Bridge: Glorified! My Jesus has been glorified!
He lives in majesty! He's glorified!
My King will come again, in a cloud He will descend
And all will kneel before the King of kings!*

2. *He's before us now, and ever with the Father
Speaks for all in faith. Oh Lord, High Priest, you stand in my own place
Before the wrath of God. A gift of God by grace through faith in you.
There's a better hope for me, that sinless I will stand before God's throne.
(Bridge)*
3. *With our face unveiled, we can feel the Potter's hand.
He molds us as His own. We are heirs! And we will gladly serve our God in love.
We are Yours. We are Yours alone! He gives hope and strength to all who call
His name. All will know my Jesus lives, the Prince of Peace, he reigns in heaven
above. (Bridge)*
4. *He has sent His love. As the Spirit that was sent to us to guide us on
In your Word. We speak boldly and proclaim your love
From the mountains to the sea.*

*We talk and spread your Word as we walk the land.
Your truth will set them free, the chains will be undone by God's own hand.
We are Yours. We are Yours alone.*

*Bridge: Glorified! My Jesus has been glorified!
He lives in majesty! He's glorified!
My King will come again, in a cloud He will descend
And all will kneel before the King of kings!
Glorified! Jesus has been glorified!!
Jesus calls to me to guide me home!*

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

(Jesus has power and authority over all things.)

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

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (Melody: Unser Herrscher LSB 901)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving Word.
Let it burn like fire within us. Speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

Reading from the Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

(Jesus ascended to heaven but sent us to the world as his witnesses.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing— Who will bear the sheaves a-way?"
You can tell the love of Je - sus, You can say He died for all.
Point - ing out the path to heav - en, Of - f'ring life and peace to all,
While the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing And the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed With the judg - ment's dread a - larms,
With your prayers and with your boun - ties You can do what God com - mands;
Take the task He gives you glad - ly, Let His work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"
You can lead the lit - tle chil - dren To the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.
You can be like faith - ful Aar - on, Hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.
An - swer quick - ly when He call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayer for Graduates

P Graduation means that you made it, that after all your studying and working and sweating out tests and papers and boring lectures and confusing textbooks, you succeeded in finishing this course of study. Thank the Lord, because he's the one who gave you your brain and your body, and he's the one who helped you learn and grow. As the student's prayer says:

"Now I sit me down to study. I pray the Lord I won't go nutty."

And graduation also means moving on. Moving on to higher studies or work or in general a new phase of life. We want to pray for you, the graduates from our congregation, that God would protect and guide you, that you would not forget about him but that your faith would grow, that the challenges ahead would lead you to draw closer to Jesus and not turn away from him. We pray that you will have a love for God's Word, a heart for prayer, and a readiness to serve. Some graduates move out to other cities; others stay where they are; but wherever you go, may God be your strength and your salvation.

A **Dear Lord, we ask you to bless all our Christian brothers and sisters who are graduating this spring from college or from high school. Thank you for giving them strength and diligence to complete their studies. Thank you for this time of celebration for their accomplishments. Give them wisdom and direction as they begin a new stage in their lives. Help them to trust in you and not in themselves, and to use what they have learned in a way that glorifies you and helps others. Make straight their paths! In Jesus' name, Amen.**

(Prayer modified from Portals of Prayer April-June 2025)

Prayer for Those Serving in the Armed Forces

P We are thankful to God for service men and women, and today, on Armed Forces Sunday, we want to honor all of you, but especially those who are on active duty or reserve, who continue to sacrifice in order to serve our country in the different branches of the military. The Lord has called you to protect the innocent and defend our nation and our freedoms. We are grateful not only for you who serve directly but also for the devotion and sacrifice of military families. We remember those who serve as chaplains to bring God's Word and spiritual encouragement in times of peace and in

times of war. We ask God to heal those who have been wounded in body, mind, or spirit as a result of their service. May God bless you and keep you!

Active duty or reserve service men and women are acknowledged and thanked.

A **Dear Lord, we thank you for the members of the armed forces, who work tirelessly to protect our nation. They have sacrificed much in their service to our country. Please give them strength, encouragement, and protection as they work each day. Bless also the families of the service men and women and provide for their needs. Heal those who are wounded or who are suffering. In Jesus name. Amen.**

(Prayer modified from Portals of Prayer April-June 2025)

Prayer of the Church

We pray for all people according to their needs, as God calls us to do in his Word.

- P** Oh Lord, we are often weak and of little faith.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and strengthen our faith in Jesus.**
- P** Lord, we want to better understand your Word.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and on every page of Scripture show us Jesus.**
- P** Lord, we want to do your will.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to imitate Jesus.**
- P** Lord, fill us with your love and help us to forgive one another.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one in Jesus.**
- P** Lord, so many people are depressed or sick or suffering serious problems.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and help us and lift us up in Jesus.**
- P** Lord, peace and justice are lacking in many parts of our world.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and make us truly free through Jesus.**
- P** Lord, raise up good leaders who will follow your guidance.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and guide us in the footsteps of Jesus.**
- P** Lord, today we especially pray for those on our prayer list who really need your help and comfort. And we also pray for others whom we name in our hearts now... We pray:
- C** **We lift all of these people up to you, trusting that you will be with them as you have promised.**
- P** In Jesus' name.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

The Bible says, "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) Christ has risen!! And God gives us all that we need for our lives and for doing his work in the world. With joy we set aside part of what God has given us, for his mission!

Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

On-line Banking donations: You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

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The ministries of Ascension are supported by the love, generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. As a guest, please do not feel obligated in any way to make a contribution. We believe that any gift to the Lord should be uncoerced and from the heart — as a loving response to God's grace.



Choir Music during the Offering: The Lone, Wild Bird (McFadyen / Johnson)

1. *The lone, wild bird in lofty flight Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*
2. *The ends of earth are in thy hand, The sea's dark deep and far-off land.
And I am thine! I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.*
3. *The lone, wild bird in lofty flight Is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.*

Stand

Offering Prayer

- A** **Lord Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and you have given us eternal life! Accept these offerings, and bless them and use them so that the message of salvation and resurrection may be proclaimed in every part of the world. In your own name we pray. Amen.**

Offertory: **Jesus, Name Above All Names**

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us, precious Redeemer, living Word.

✠ **Service of the Sacrament** ✠

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people. In Communion, God wants to assure us that we have been forgiven through faith in Jesus who gave his body and blood for us on the cross.

To prepare for Communion, we follow what 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, if you wish to participate in Communion today, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, that is, that I have failed to keep God's commands as I should, and that I need forgiveness?
2. Do I trust in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior, who died and rose for me?
3. Do I believe as I eat the bread and drink the cup, that I also receive the true body and blood of Jesus that He gave for me on the cross – even though I can't fully explain it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to follow Jesus more closely and obey him more faithfully?

If you answer "yes" to these questions, then you share a common faith with our Christian congregation and you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our common faith is expressed in more detail in the Creed that we confess together during the worship service.

Special Instructions for Communion:

- Children and those who are not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. Children do not commune until they have completed basic instruction classes about the Christian faith.
- If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper (Communion) to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church.
- During Communion, gluten-free communion wafers (bread) are available. Just ask the Pastor when he comes to give you the bread.
- During Communion, you may take one of the small communion cups from the tray, or you may wait and drink from the common cup.
- On the tray of small communion cups, those cups in the center of the tray have light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice. The other cups have wine.

If you have any questions, please see the Pastor or one of the elders.

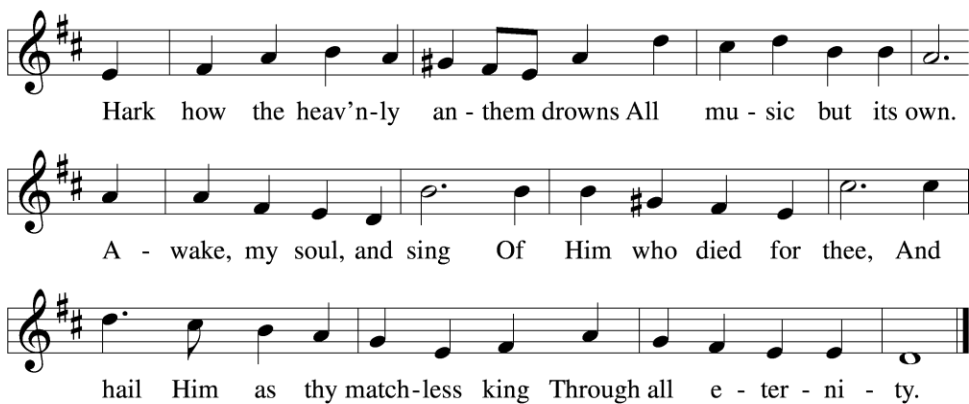
Service of the Sacrament: Preparation for Communion

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made!
 - C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** (Psalm 118:24)
 - P** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
 - C** **His love endures forever!** (Psalm 118:1)
 - P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
 - C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P** Lord God, we should indeed give you thanks and praise today and always, here and in every place, because you are the only God and Lord, and you have shown your power over death. Through Jesus Christ you have given us eternal life! Therefore we lift up our voices to you today, together with all Christians in heaven and on the earth, to praise your name!

Sanctus (Song of Praise)

Lutheran Service Book 525 stanza 1

1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
 A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
 hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Lord's Prayer

- A** **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.**

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

LSB 209

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C **Amen.**



☐ Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Hymns during Communion

Hymn: Your Table I Approach

Lutheran Service Book 628, vs. 1, 3, 4, 6



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;
6 Oh, may I nev - er fail To thank You day and night



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.
For Your true bod - y and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB 549, vs. 1, 5, 6, 7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get The worm - wood and the gall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Go, spread your tro - phies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Lutheran Service Book 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461, vs. 1, 2, 3, 6, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



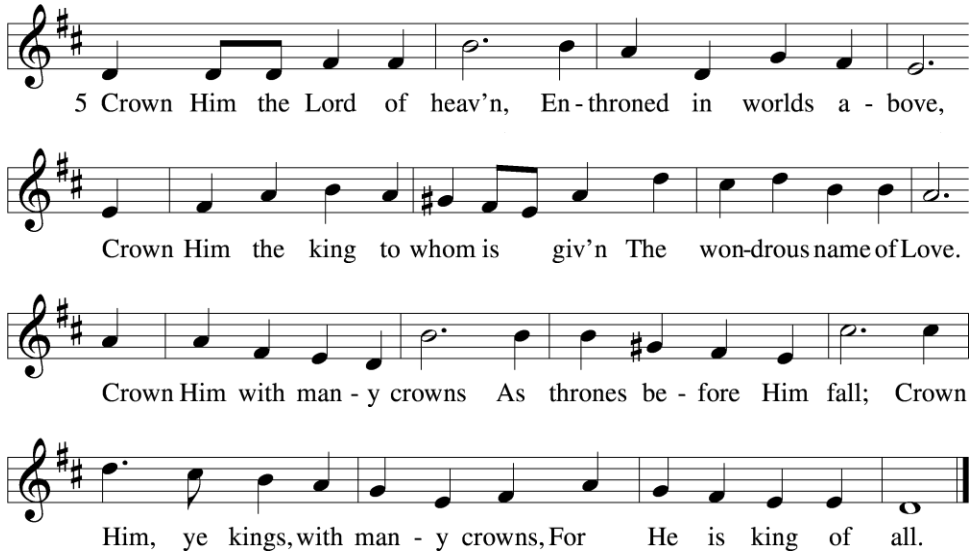
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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After Communion:

Nunc Dimittis

Lutheran Service Book 525 stanza 5



5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En-throned in worlds a - bove,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Heavenly Father, thank you for your promise of forgiveness and eternal life. Increase my faith and help me live in accordance with your Word. By your Holy Spirit, grant me the assurance that Christ is risen and that I too will be raised to live forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)
- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

(LSB 493, stanzas 4-6)



4 “You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up
5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And
△ 6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All

to the por - tals of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia,
be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges

see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -
we Shall praise Your name e - ter - nal -
run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it

ty.” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ly. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
one. 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!

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Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please fill out the blue friendship card or call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or an update for the prayer list. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com. The prayer list is no longer included in the bulletin; but a separate sheet of paper that can be picked up alongside of the bulletin.

Ascension News & Notes

Congratulations to our congregation's graduates!



Class of 2026 High School Graduates:

Michael Provencio: Class of 2026

Jake Walker: Graduates from Franklin High School on June 8th, 2026. He was a member of the football team for four years. 2025 1-6A Academic All District, Key Club Member, National Honor Society. He will attend Texas Tech University and major in Sports Marketing and Management.

Class of Spring 2026 Undergraduates:

Krissy Miller: Graduated February 17th, 2026 from South College on the Dean's list. Received a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She plans on earning a master's degree in Psychology. Her long time goal is to work in clinical psychology, to eventually help veterans receive compassionate mental health care and support.

Tatum Walker: Graduated May 15th, 2026 Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University. Received a Bachelor of Science in Health and Human Sciences and Honors College. Majored in Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics.

Class of Fall 2025 Graduates from Graduate School:

Haley Walker: Graduated December 12, 2025 from Texas Tech University with a Master of Science, Nutrition, & Dietetics; and she is a licensed/certified dietician.



May 20th — Crystal Moehlig

May 23rd — David DeMartelaere & Kristal Wade



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday
May 19th
At 7 PM in the fellowship hall

LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies of Ascension are welcome.
May 20th, 2026 at The State Line.
Located at 1222 Sunland Park Dr.



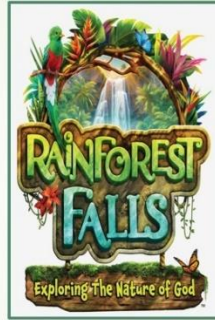
Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ **6:00 PM** we meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship. (Dutch treat)

For information call Robin Wiegert at (915) 581-5566
We hope you can join us.



Join us for food & fellowship on **Kids' Sunday, May 31st.**
Sign-up sheet in the entrance on the A-frame board.

Please sign-up to bring a main dish, side dish, appetizer, dessert, or beverage.



2026 VBS
Sign up sheet on the table in the narthex entrance:
You can help in various ways. Donate supplies or your time.

Contact **Megan** for more info: Call (520)955-1189 or email at mekv18@yahoo.com

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

**JOIN US FOR
 2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 16-19TH (Tues.-Friday)
 9 AM to 12 PM**

For children ages 3-12 years old

**Deadline to register is Friday, June 5th
 REGISTER ONLINE:**

<https://alconnect.faith/events/vbs/>



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 6520 Loma De Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912
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Snacks for Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
Sign-up sheet is on the kitchen wall next to counter.

May	
17th:	Gandara-Barton
24th:	OPEN
31st:	OPEN

**May has OPEN dates on the
24th & 31st!**

THANK YOU!

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (May 17th) Ascension Sunday

Graduate Recognition, & Armed Forces Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion



Monday (May 18th)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (May 19th)

6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday (May 20th)

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel
11:00 AM Sit & Sew Group (FH)
6:00 PM Ladies' Night Out (at **The State Line** located at 1222 Sunland Park Dr.)

Thursday (May 21st)

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

Friday (May 22nd)

12:00-2:30 PM Preschool Extended Care (FH)

Saturday (May 23rd)

Ronald McDonald House



Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks and bring them to the kitchen area or the church office. They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.