



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Ascension of Our Lord**





**Welcome!** We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

**Restrooms** – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

**Parent’s Room** – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

**Assistance Getting Around** – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

**Offering Message** – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but may if you wish.

**Explanation of the theme of the day:** When the Church gathers, it regularly remembers Christ’s ascension. The words “He ascended into heaven” are found in the three ecumenical creeds Christians use to confess their faith. In addition, the Church sets aside a day each year to focus on Christ’s ascension. This is for good reason. Jesus’ ascension marked the fact that his work was complete, in one sense. Never again will a sacrifice for sins need to be made. However, Jesus’ ascension also marks that, in another sense, his work is just beginning. Through the Church, Jesus now proclaims forgiveness of sins throughout the world.

The Church consists of people like us who are often weak and timid witnesses for Christ. So, Jesus promised to send us his Spirit to give us power from heaven, that we might take the gospel to the ends of the earth. More, he ascended into heaven and sat down on the throne of God. He lives and reigns over everything for the benefit of his Church.

*This evening's service will be recorded.*

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church


May 14, 2026

## THE FESTIVAL OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION


**Welcome by Pastor and Invocation**

**Opening of Service**


*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (CW 171) and Psalm 47*

**ALL:**  **A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleuia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleuia! Alleuia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**


**M:** Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy.  
For the LORD Most High is awesome,  
the great King over all the earth.  
He subdued nations under us,  
peoples under our feet.  
He chose our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

**ALL:**  **The holy apostolic band, Upon the Mount of Olives stand,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with his followers they see, Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**ALL:**  **To them the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**“This is the Savior,” thus they say. “This is his glorious triumph day.”**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** God reigns over the nations;  
God is seated on his holy throne.  
The nobles of the nations assemble  
as the people of the God of Abraham,  
for the kings of the earth belong to God;  
he is greatly exalted.

**ALL:**  **“You see him now, ascending high, Up to the portals of the sky.”**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**“Hereafter Jesus you shall see, Returning in great majesty.”**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Prayer of the Day for the Festival**

**M:** Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God’s right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen. (spoken)**

## THE WORD OF GOD FOR THE FESTIVAL

### First Lesson for Ascension

Acts 1:1-11

*I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.*

*<sup>4</sup> Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which 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 were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”*

*<sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

*<sup>9</sup> After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

### Choir Anthem

We Beheld His Glory

## The Gospel Lesson for Ascension

Luke 24:44-53

*<sup>44</sup> He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms." <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*

*<sup>50</sup> He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup> They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.*

**Sermon Hymn** (CW 174)

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph (p. 7)

**Sermon**

Ephesians 1:22-23

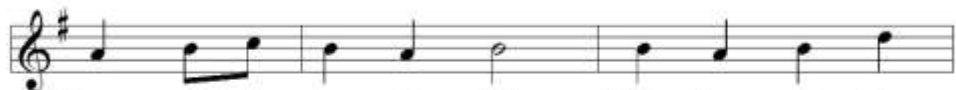
*<sup>22</sup> God also placed all things under his feet and made him head over everything for the church. <sup>23</sup> The church is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

### Over Everything...for the Church





1 See, the con - qu'ror mounts in tri - umph; See the  
2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the  
3 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, He is  
4 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the



King in roy - al state, Rid - ing on the  
trump of ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles,  
part - ed from his friends; While their ea - ger  
clouds to God's right hand; There we sit in



clouds, his char - iot, To his heav'n - ly pal - ace gate.  
God of ar - mies, He has gained the vic - to - ry.  
eyes be - hold him, He up - on the clouds as - cends.  
heav'n - ly plac - es, There with him in glo - ry stand.



Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es Joy - ful  
He who on the cross did suf - fer, He who  
He who walked with God and pleased him, Preach - ing  
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals high  
from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished sin  
truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch, is  
God is on the throne. By our might - y Lord's



are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed his foes.  
trans - lat - ed To his ev - er - last - ing home.  
as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, abr., alt.  
Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813-79.

## Gathering of Thank Offering

*While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.*

## Prayer of the Church for the Festival

**M:** Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

**M:** O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious Gospel message of God's love for all the world.

**C: Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

**M:** O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's gracious blessings in our everyday lives.

**C: Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

**M:** O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interests of your Church on earth.

**C: You are our Lord, Master, and King!**

**M:** As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your return in glory.

**C: Lord Jesus, come quickly! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## Choir Anthem

At the Name

## **BLESSING**

**M:** The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: (spoken) Amen.**

**Closing Hymn (CW 169)**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?**

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## Weekly Bible Studies

**Sunday 9:15 am:** Exodus, *sanctuary*

**Tuesday 9:00 am:** Kings and Prophets of Israel, *lower level*

**Wednesday 6:30 pm:** 1 & 2 Timothy, *lower level*

**Thursday 6:30 pm:** Christian Doctrine Bible Information Class, *lower level*

**Friday 6:00 am:** Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | The Book of Proverbs, *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

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### **Sunday May 14: Ascension of Our Lord**

**Worship Service: 6:30 pm**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Ushers: Volunteers
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Raelyn Parker

### **Sunday May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter | Confirmation**

**Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Phil Boll, 10:30: Shane Strong
- Ushers 8:00: Mike Wilson and Ken Krey
- Ushers 10:30: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Kristin

### **COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE**

**May 16:** Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House, Waunakee

**May 17:** Confirmation Sunday | 10:30 am Worship Service

**May 18:** Council Meeting | 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

**May 21:** Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner Outing to Rodeside Grille | 6:00 pm

**May 25:** Evening Quilting | 6:00 pm – Lower Level

**May 30:** Adult Euchre Game Night | 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

**May 31:** Summer Worship Schedule Begins (May 31 – September 6)



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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



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