

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!



Power from Heaven Marches
Victorious to the Ends of the Earth

The Festival of the Ascension

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Welcome To Worship

If you are a visitor to our church, we extend you a warm welcome. We are happy you are here. Please fill out a Connect Card to let us know how we might continue to serve you.

It's encouraging to see parents bring their families to worship the Lord. If your child becomes restless, you can use the Family Room to calm them. Quiet bags and children's bulletins are also available to keep little ones busy. Restrooms are located in the hallways along either side of the worship space. For those with special needs, large print copies of the service folder and listening devices are available from the ushers. One of our ushers can help you find the restrooms or family room and answer any other questions.



Service Notes For This Service

Jesus has fulfilled everything that is written about him. There's still one more thing that needs to happen, though—he needs to come back. And in order to come back, he needed to leave. Today, we celebrate and praise the Christ who is not only risen, but also ascended to his rightful throne of glory. From there he watches over us and guides us through life as we witness his glory and proclaim his story.

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Welcome

Hymn

472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing sts. 1–4

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Psalm 148:1-2

How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

He has set his glory above the heavens.

Psalm 8:1

For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

He is exalted far above all gods.

Psalm 97:9

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

Psalm 47:5,8

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Psalm 99:1

The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.

Psalm 45:6

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Psalm 148:13

Response

472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing sts. 5–6

**Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
and be our future great reward.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Then, throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Choir - Crown Him with many crowns!

Crown Him with many crowns,

and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

**ALL - Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him Who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

Choir - Crown Him the Lord of love; Behold His hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear the sight,
but downward bends his wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.

**Men - Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.**

**Women - His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**ALL - Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified;**

Choir - Adored and magnified! Amen!

Second Reading

Revelation 19:11–16

The ascended Lord still fights against all those who oppose Christ's gospel and his Church.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:20

Alleluia! Surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

Before he ascends, Jesus promises the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

474 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Sermon

See the Victorious Savior!

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Connect Card

Please take a moment now to fill out a Connect Card. You can place it in the offering plate when it is passed during the offering.

Prayer of the Church

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.

As your Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others.
Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;

to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;

to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;

to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;

to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;

to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Unless otherwise specified, **your offering today will go to WELS Home Missions**. If the gospel message has moved you to give and you would like an electronic option, you can scan this QR code with your mobile phone. It will connect you with our website's giving page.



Hymn

747 Christ High-Ascended

Stand

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn

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