May 17, 2026
The Ascension of Our Lord
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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

If you are a member of an LCMS congregation, we invite you to join us today for Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that the celebration of the Lord's Supper is the eating and drinking of the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin and the strengthening of faith. We also believe that Holy Communion is a sign of oneness of faith, life, and worship.

If you have not communed with us before and would like to receive Communion, we ask that you please visit with one of the elders on duty or one of the Pastors so that we may be of help to you concerning your participation in this Holy Supper.

Anyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

Readings for May 17, 2026 – The Ascension of Our Lord

First Reading *Acts 1:1–11*

1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that
Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken
up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the
apostles whom he had chosen. 3 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.
4 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; 5 for John baptized with water, but
you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from
now."
6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord,
will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to
them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father
has fixed by his own authority. 8 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." 9 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. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he
went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 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."

Epistle *Ephesians 1:15–23*

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

Holy Gospel *Luke 24:44–53*

44 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." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand
the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the
Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be
proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 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."
50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his
hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from
them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him
and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually
in the temple blessing God.