

The Ascension of Our Lord

14 May 2026

Presentation of the Offering

O glorious reascended Lord, who has commanded that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in Your name in all the world, send us Your Spirit as You promised, that He might instill in us an abiding allegiance to You, a firm commitment to Your Word, a true Christian love for souls, the ability to confess Your Word that they might hear, repent and believe, and a will to freely give of our treasure to support the Ministry of the Word near and far. Bless us that we may be blessings to your Gospel kingdom. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, King over all the earth, reigning over the nations from on Your holy throne: Graciously receive our prayers and praises. Subdue the devil, the world and our sinful flesh under the feet of Your people, that we may share in the victory Christ has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You have put all things under Jesus' feet and given Him as head to the Church. Have mercy on the congregations where You gather Your people. Give pastors wisdom and insight to hold fast to the message of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Open the ears of all who hear, that we may rejoice to be Christ's Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father of glory, You raised Your only begotten Son from the dead and established Him at Your right hand so that we might be part of Your household forever. Bless our homes as we await our day of resurrection. Be the companion and consolation of those who live in solitude. Strengthen husbands and wives, that their love and faithfulness would be a true picture of the love between Christ and His Church. Bless parents and children as they gather around Your Word in devotion and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have so often not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unending love. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion. Rule over all such authorities on earth, that they may govern wisely, operate with integrity, and maintain peace as they carry out their duty to frustrate the causes of evil, violence and oppression under Your enthroned Son's righteous kingship. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, give patience and endurance to all who are sick or in any need, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Ralph, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Gerry, Carolyn, Carolyn, Denise, and Marilyn, and heal them according to Your will. Give comfort and hope to all who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, remember Randy and Karen Rasmussen. Bless them in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer