

Lambs at Pasture™

The Ascension of our Lord

2018

INTROIT

Psalm 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee,

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia.

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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VERSE

Psalm 47:5; 68:18a

Alleluia. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Alleluia. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train. Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB #491 – Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

CATECHISM CONNECTION: The Second Article of the Creed (pages 16–17)

COLLECT OF THE WEEK

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.

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THE GOSPEL

Read Mark 16:14–20

This lesson describes Jesus Christ’s last physical appearance after His resurrection. To whom did He appear?

Jesus appeared to the Eleven apostles (Judas Iscariot was not present).

Why did Jesus rebuke (scold) them? (verse 14)

They had hardened their hearts and did not believe those who saw Jesus after He had risen.

What did Jesus command them to do? (verse 15)

Proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation.

What promise did Jesus give to those who are baptized? (verse 16)

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.”

What signs did Jesus give the Eleven to confirm their apostleship? (verses 17–18)

- They will be able to cast out demons
- They will speak in new tongues (foreign languages)
- They will be able to pick up serpents with their hands
- Deadly poison will not hurt them, if consumed
- They will be able to lay their hands on the sick to heal them

Review *Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation*, question 40 (pages 70–72), question 125 (pages 127–130), question 248 (pages 209–210), question 250 (pages 210–211), and question 251 (page 211)



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