

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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DAILY READINGS & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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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?

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

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

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

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

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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