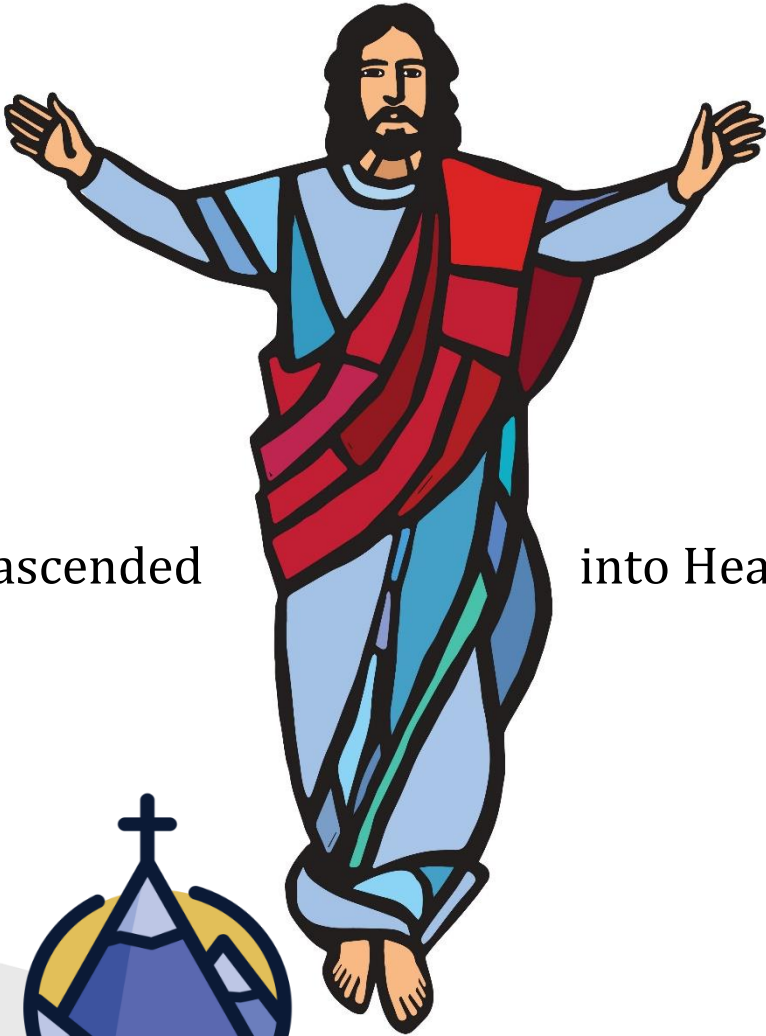


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He ascended

into Heaven...

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Ascension Sunday

Pre-Service Personal Prayer: *O Lord Jesus Christ our Ascended LORD and God, we look to You for protection and guidance, life, and salvation. Forgive us our sins; feed us with Your holy Word and keep us forever in Your divine care. Keep us all steadfast in our faith, humble in our life, and grant us finally the crown of eternal life. Amen.*

Today's Worship!

Greeting and Prayer

Hymn 213 (red hymnal): *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

- 1. Hail the day that sees Him rise,
To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given,
Re-ascends His native heaven.**
- 2. There the glorious triumph waits;
Lift your heads, eternal gates;
He hath conquered death and sin;
Take the King of glory in!**
- 3. Him though highest heaven receives,
Still He loves the earth He leaves;
Though returning to His throne,
Still He calls mankind His own.**
- 4. See, He lifts His hands above!
See, He shows the prints of love!
Hark, His gracious lips bestow,
Blessings on His Church below!**
- 5. Still for us His death He pleads;
Prevalent, He intercedes:
Near Himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race.**
- 6. There we shall with Thee remain,
Partners of Thy endless reign;
There Thy face unclouded see,
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.**

The Invocation *We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins *We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.*

P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest *Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #738; tune "Ode to Joy")*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus, His the scep - tre, His the throne;
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, Christ on earth our food and stay;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how;
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful rest in You from day to day;

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood,
though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,

"Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, has re - deem - ed us by His blood."
shall our hearts for - get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 57:15*

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

The Responsive Psalm Reading: *Psalms 68:15-20*

- P** O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan;
- C** O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!
- P** Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode,
- C** Yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?
- P** The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands;
- C** The Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary.
- P** You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men,
- C** Even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may dwell there.
- P** Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
- C** God is our salvation.
- P** Our God is a God of salvation,
- C** And to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.



The Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the

forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Apostle's Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

- C** 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.

Hymn 216 (red hymnal): *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

*1. On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of mine ascension;
This hope alone has ever stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there full well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.*

*2. Since He returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for men obtaining,
My heart shall rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my Treasure went before,
There all my thoughts shall ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.*

*3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Thine ascension,
That I may ever walk with Thee,
Adorning Thy redemption;
And then, when all my days shall cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.*

The Sermon: Luke 24:44-53

Then he 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.

Where is He Now?

- I. Jesus is still found in His Word (44-45)
- II. Jesus is still being proclaimed through His Church (47-49)
- III. Jesus is still ruling over His world (50-53)

The Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 212:1-4,7 (red hymnal): *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

1. *A Hymn of glory let us sing:*

New songs throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. *To whom the angels, drawing nigh,*

"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?

Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the Savior!" thus they say;

"This is His noble triumph-day."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. *The holy apostolic band*

Upon the Mount of Olives stand;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*And with His followers they see
Jesus' resplendent majesty.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. *"Again shall ye behold Him so*

As ye today have seen Him go,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In glorious pomp ascending high,

Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. *O risen Christ, ascended Lord,*

All praise to Thee let earth accord,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Who art, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit One.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of the Church – The Lord’s Prayer

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen!

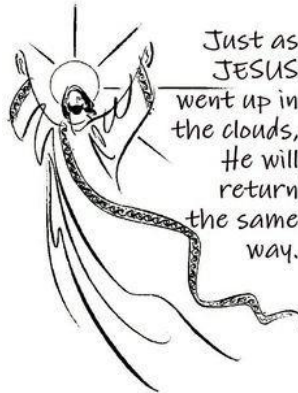
Hymn 218:1,6 (red hymnal): *See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph*

1. See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph;

*See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heavenly palace gate!
Hark, the choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heavenly King.*

6. Glory be to God the Father;

*Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us,
Who the heavenly realm hath won.
Glory to the Holy Spirit!
To One God in Persons Three
Glory both in earth and heaven,
Glory, endless glory, be.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

COVID-19 CANCELLATIONS: Mt. Zion's "in-person" worship services have been suspended until further notice, in cooperation with coronavirus prevention efforts. Sunday Worship will be available through YouTube live premieres Sundays at 10am.

Q2 VOTERS REMOTE MEETING SUMMARY: Opened with prayer at 11:10... Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted... Pastor's report read and accepted... Taylor Benjamin added to membership as communicant member... Dean Eichstadt removed from membership at his request... Steven Fobear removed from membership at his request... Reports from the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Board of Trustees, Outreach Committee, and Hymnal Committee were all read and accepted... No old business... New business included: Carl Ryan elected as Trustee for remainder of the year... David Fobear elected to Board of Finance for remainder of the year... 2020 budget adjusted to accommodate monthly cost of \$70 for increased internet speed for streaming services... Board of Elders officially given task of deciding when to reopen church with social distancing and sanitation measure in mind... proposed 2020 Q2 calendar was read and accepted... next meeting date set for July 12, 2020... closed with the blessing at 1:21pm. – Mt. Zion Secretary David Fobear

YOUR OFFERING CONTRIBUTION: The well-being of our members, both spiritual and physical, is our foremost concern. At the same time, it is important to support our mutual work for the LORD, even during this unusual time. This can be done in several ways: Electronic giving is available through "CashApp" -- Download the CashApp on your mobile device or by going to cash.app/login. You can choose to connect a bank account, credit card or a debit card to contribute your offering. The debit card and bank account options are free when you transfer money, however, if you pay with your credit card the app will take 3% of your transaction. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztion". OR you may mail your contribution to Financial Secretary Nathan Fobear, 22034 Donaldson St. Dearborn, MI 48124

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Mike Gurath, Holy Cross, Phoenix, AZ has **returned** the call to St Luke’s, Lemmon, SD. <> Pastor Paul Tiefel, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has **received** the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Seminary Graduate Cory Drehle will be installed/ordained as pastor of Berea, Sioux Falls, SD on June 14. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has **returned** the call to Immanuel, Mankato, MN to serve as high school math and science teacher. <> Teacher Dan Barthels, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI has **returned** the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler, Redemption, Lynnwood, WA has **received** the call to teach grades 4-8 and be principal at Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$2615.38	Missions Offerings YTD (includes 4% of GB & individual offerings):	\$1231.41
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3662.13		
General Budget Needed YTD:	\$26,153.85		
General Budget Received YTD:	\$27,735.22		

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

Tue. 5/26	7pm	Elders Meeting
Sun. 5/31	10am	Pentecost Sunday Service
Thu. 6/4	7pm	Outreach Committee Meeting

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

Ephesians 6:18 "Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people."

Jackie McGruder remains housebound while suffering from lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease that attacks tissues and organs. **Sharon Vincent** continues to cope with the pain of a past back surgery. **Jay Sandeen** (at-distance member in Columbus, OH) is preparing with his Army unit to be deployed to Kuwait on June 25.

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