

May 29, 2022



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witnesses

IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN JUDEA,
AND SAMARIA,

and to the ends of the earth.
Acts 1:8



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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** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to

be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray:
 Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me
 from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect
 life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed
 your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you
 strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.

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 – Latin for “Glory in the Highest (to God).” A hymn glorifying and praising our God.

Glo-ry to God, we give you thanks and praise; Of
 Lord Je-sus Christ, the Fa-ther's on-ly Son, You
 A-lone, O Christ, You on-ly are the Lord, At
 heav'n-ly joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
 bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
 God's right hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the
 You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al -
 God, Your glo-rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
 Spir - it wor-shiped and a - dored, With all the
 might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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 Epistle Reading: *Ephesians 1:16-23*

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.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 47*

P Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

P He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

C He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

P God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

P The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

C For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!



The Gospel Reading: 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.

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

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe 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 212:1-4,7 (TLH): 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! (5x)***

2. The holy apostolic band

***Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty. Alleluia! (5x)***

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! (5x)***

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! (5x)***

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! (5x)***

The Sermon: Acts 1:1-11

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 He presented himself alive to them 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

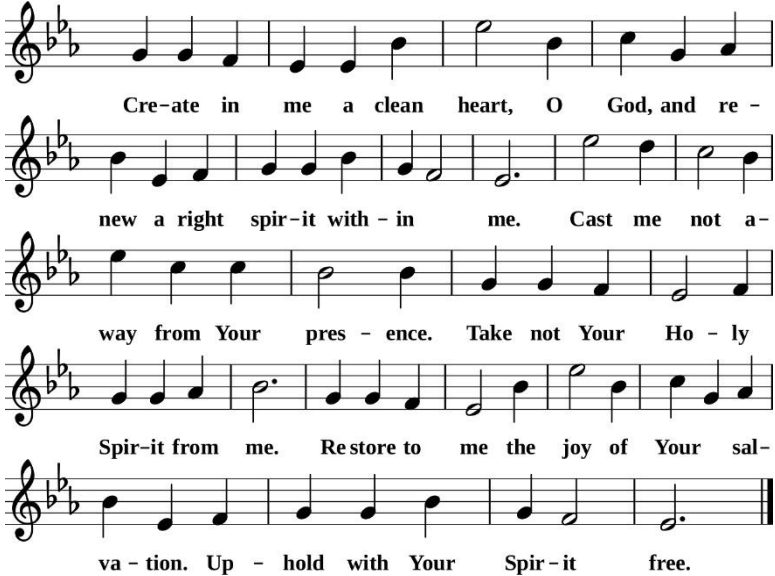
taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Theme: "YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES"

- I. You have the facts (1-3)
- II. You have the power (4-8)
- III. You will see Him again (9-11)

The Offertory

Having heard God's Word, we ask Him to spiritually heal us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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 772 (WS2000): *On Galilee's High Mountain*

- 1. On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to Me is given To do what I shall choose;
Therefore I send My children, Their witness I will use."**
- 2. The Lord who, born of Mary, Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened, For us was crucified—
This Lord, our living brother, In pow'r at God's right hand,
Has chosen us to carry His truth to ev'ry land.**
- 3. His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say
How His redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay;
His touch of fire ignites me, With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent.**

**4. And not alone to nations In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast His love through crowded streets:
The lives that my life touches, However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus, Who served and saved us all.**

**5. Lord, gather all Your children Wherever they may be,
And lead them on to heaven To live eternally
With You, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives us The joy to persevere.**

The Offering of Thankful Hearts

In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. If you wish to give your church offering electronically, you can do so by using the CashApp on your mobile device. The church's \$cashtag is "\$clcmztzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(788:1): **Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.
Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true
That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.**

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!

Closing Hymn 738:1 (WS2000): Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne,
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion, Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation, Has redeemed us by His blood!"**

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 and teach. Where and when? Your convenience.

LIFT IS HOSTING A “STOCK THE FREEZER PARTY” TODAY for the Naumann family immediately following worship service in the church basement. We thank everyone who brought a freezer meal and invite the entire congregation to stick around for light refreshments!

FREE HYMNALS: When moving furniture to paint the sanctuary, we discovered ~200 unused *Lutheran Hymnals* stored in the church altar. They are being offered free to anyone. Please take one or more for home devotional use. You can find them in boxes in the coat closet.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is July 11-15, Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 11:30am. We need volunteers to teach, do crafts, oversee snacks and recess. Please speak to Pastor Naumann if you can help.

MISSION HELPER TRIP FUND: Mt. Zion member Andrea D’Onofrio has volunteered for the CLC Mission Helper Trip to East Africa this coming summer. Participants in this three-week overseas teaching trip are responsible for paying their own expenses (airfare, food & lodging, etc.). Total costs are ~\$3500. To assist in Andrea’s gospel work, Mt. Zion has established a “Mission Helper Trip Fund.” If you are able to contribute, please donate to the fund and clearly mark your offering check for the “Mission Helper Trip Fund.”

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, **has returned** the call to Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA. + Pastor Samuel Naumann, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX, **has received** the call to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

SERVING US THIS WEEK

May Usher: Carl Ryan Church Cleaning: Troyans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offering numbers are from 5/15/22

Worship Attendance Last Sunday = 21 Bible Class/Sunday School = 15

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| Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed: | \$3307.69 | Total Offerings Needed YTD: | \$31,423.08 |
| Bi-Weekly Offerings Received: | \$2667.00 | Total Offerings Received YTD: | \$30,147.25 |
| Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): | | | \$3034.73 |
| Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: | | | \$55,651.50 |
| Andrea D’Onofrio Mission Helper Trip Fund | | | \$2250.00 |

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AT MT. ZION

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| Wed. 6/1 | 10am | Midweek Bible Study |
| Sun. 6/5 | 10am | Worship Service with Communion |
| Mon.-Tue. 6/6-6/7 | | Great Lakes Delegates Conference Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI |
| Tue. 6/14 | 7pm | Elders Meeting |
| | 7:30pm | Council Meeting |
| | 8pm | Board of Education Meeting |
| | 8:30pm | Outreach Meeting |
| Thu. 6/16 | 7pm | Hymnal Committee Meeting |
| Thu.-Mon. 6/23-6/26 | | 35 th CLC Delegates Convention Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI |
| Mon.-Fri. 7/11-7/15 | 9:00-11:30am | Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed! |
| Mon.-Thu. 7/18-7/21 | | Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park, West Olive, MI |
| Sun. 7/24 | 10:00am-1:00pm | Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic Civic Center Park, Madison Heights |