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The Ascension of Our Lord

Prelude
Tower Bells and Welcome
Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the “Welcome” side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

Opening Hymn

On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build

LSB 492

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

For where my treasure went before,
There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

2. Since He returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart shall rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;

3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Your ascension.
That I may serve You faithfully,
In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days shall cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

Invocation (*stands.*)

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

Amen.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World,
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
Let Your light scatter the darkness

the light that no darkness can overcome.
and the day is almost over.
and illumine Your Church.

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. Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 110

1 The LORD says to my Lord:

**“Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

2 The LORD sends forth from Zion
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

3 Your people will offer themselves freely
on the day of your power, in holy garments;

**from the womb of the morning,
the dew of your youth will be yours.**

4 The LORD has sworn

and will not change his mind,

**“You are a priest forever
after the order of Melchizedek.”**

5 The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

6 He will execute judgment among the
nations, filling them with corpses;

he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

7 He will drink from the brook by the way;

therefore he will lift up his head.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

All: O 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.

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:5-15 (*Congregation sits*)

5 The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

6 Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. 7 Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. 8 Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. 9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” 10 And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” 11 And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. 13 And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 14 Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the

God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

15 Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

1 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.”

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53 (*Congregation Stands*)

44 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 for the 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 And 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

1 Lord Jesus, think on me
 And purge away my sin;
 From worldly passions set me free
 And make me pure within.

2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
 By anxious thoughts oppressed;
 Let me Your loving servant be
 And taste Your promised rest.

3 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Amid the battle's strife;

In all my pain and misery,
 O be my health and life!

4 Lord Jesus, think on me
 Nor let me go astray;
 Through darkness and perplexity
 Point out Your chosen way.

5 Lord Jesus, think on me
 That, when this life is past,
 I may the eternal brightness see
 And share Your joy at last.

Sermon

Hymn

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

LSB 524

1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 In a believer's ear!
 It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
 And drives away our fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole
 And calms the heart's unrest;
 'Tis manna to the hungry soul
 And to the weary, rest.

3 Dear name! The rock on which I build,
 My shield and hiding place;
 My never-failing treasury filled
 With boundless stores of grace.

4 O Jesus, shepherd, guardian, friend,
 My Prophet, Priest, and King,
 My Lord, my life, my way, my end,
 Accept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
 How cold my warmest thought!
 But when I see Thee as Thou art,
 I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
 With ev'ry fleeting breath;
 And may the music of Thy name
 Refresh my soul in death!

Apostles' Creed (*Stand*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence 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.

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

P: Ascended Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant our supplication.

P: That the Lord may grant us all things in Christ so we may be sustained in trial, strengthened in weakness and delivered from trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That the Church of Christ may flourish and the good news of Christ crucified, risen and ascended would be proclaimed to all the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That the nations of the earth may seek peace; and that the leaders of our country may pursue justice, righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That the pandemic may come to an end, and that livelihood and common life may resume, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That all who are afflicted may be strengthened in illness and comforted in adversity, [especially _____,] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That the faithful may not fret what we do not know but rejoice in Christ, our Savior, and live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: That the Lord may grant us joyful hearts and peace at the last, knowing that neither death nor life, nor any powers, can separate us from the love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All these things and whatever else we need, we ask You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

LSB 919

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

4 Abide with richest blessings
Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom
Grow daily through Your Word.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.

5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

Silent Prayer

Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Sermon Outline – The Future is Secure in Jesus

I. Security not in Knowing Human Future

Acts 1:7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or _____ that the _____ has fixed by his own _____ .

II. Busy with Witnessing

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the _____ _____ has come upon you, and you will be my _____ in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the _____ of the earth.”

III. Busy with the Words of Jesus

Luke 24:44 Then he said to them, “These are my _____ that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything _____ about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to _____ the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is _____ , that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his _____ to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are _____ of these things.

IV. Our Future is Secure Because Jesus will Return

Acts 1:10 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.”