



Zion Lutheran Church – LCMS
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Education Hour 8:45 AM - Divine Worship 10:00 AM
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Sunday, June 20, 2021
Mission Festival

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.

Opening Hymn

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

Confession and Absolution

LSB 213 (Divine Service V)

P: In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 146

1 Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

3 Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

4 When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

5 Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God,

6 who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

8 the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

**The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.**

9 The Lord watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

10 The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Kyrie P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us All: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB Hymn 947

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-7

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her righteousness goes forth as a
brightness,
and her salvation as a burning torch.

2 The nations shall see your righteousness,
and all the kings your glory,
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed (*Inside back cover of hymnal*)

Sermon Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832

Sermon Rev. Dr. Naomichi Masaki

Hymn

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

LSB 826

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

P: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s) _____] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

All: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to the prayer list.

Offering Brought forward

Lord's Prayer (*sing*)

Our Father,
Which art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
They will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Concluding Collect

All: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass for the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord Look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Biography of Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Naomichi Masaki is Professor of Systematic Theology, Director of the PhD in Theological Studies Program, and Director of the Master of Sacred Theology (STM) Program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), Indiana. He joined the faculty in the spring of 2001. The areas of his teaching include dogmatics, Lutheran Confessions, Luther studies, and liturgics. While his particular interest remains in the doctrine of the proper distinction between Law and Gospel, the Lord's Supper, and the Office of the Holy Ministry, his sense of appreciation for the legacy of Dr. Luther and the vitality of the Book of Concord is ever growing.

Born and raised in Kobe, Japan, he graduated from Rødde Folkehøgskole near Trøndhelm, Norway (1979), and received his BA (1985) and MA (1987) in Social Work and Counseling from Kwansei Gakuin University, Nishinomiya, Japan, and his MDiv with an emphasis in Missiology (1991) and STM in Systematic Theology with a minor in Liturgics (1998) from CTSFW.

Dr. Masaki was ordained into the Office of the Holy Ministry in 1991. He served as missionary-at-large and pastor in Ridgewood and Bergen County, New Jersey (1991–98).

He engaged in doctoral study at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (1998–2000). In 2005, he successfully defended his dissertation, "The Confessional Liturgical Revival of Theodor Kliefoth and the Works of Liturgical Revision of the Preface in Nineteenth-century Sweden: The Vitality of the Lord's Supper as Confessed in 'He Alone Is Worthy!'" and earned his PhD in Doctrinal Theology.

He is the author of *He Alone Is Worthy!: The Vitality of the Lord's Supper in Theodor Kliefoth and in the Swedish Liturgy of the Nineteenth Century* by Församlingsförlaget of Göteborg, Sweden (2013) and *Community: We Are Not Alone* by Concordia Publishing House (2007). His articles are found in several books and in *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, *Lutheran Quarterly*, *Lutheran Theological Review*, *Logia*, *Homiletics*, *For the Life of the World*, *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, *Kwansei Gakuin Sociology Department Studies*, *Kyrka och Folk*, and *Journal of Lutheran Mission*, for which he serves as contributing editor. He attends the International Congress on Luther Research regularly.

Dr. Masaki has served The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as a member of the Board for District and Congregational Services (1995-2004), the Liturgy Committee of the Lutheran Hymnal Project, the Commission on Worship (1998–present), and the Commission on Doctrinal Review (2010–present).

For the International Lutheran Council, he serves as Director of the Lutheran Leadership Development Program (2017–present).

Masaki has represented the Seminary and the LCMS by teaching and presenting essays in Brazil, Haiti, Canada, India, Japan, Korea, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia, Ukraine, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany, Tanzania, Ethiopia, Israel, Romania, Czech Republic, Nigeria, Taiwan, and Philippines.

He and his wife, Yohko, are blessed with three children: Yoshitomo Robert, Satomi Christine and Emi Sophia. (from <https://www.ctsfw.edu/about/faculty/drnaomichi-masaki/>)

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Lutheranism around the World

The **International Lutheran Council (ILC)** is an organization that many don't know about, but it is the largest international Lutheran church organization, that believes and confesses that Scripture is inerrant (without errors) and that the Lutheran Confessions are a faithful interpretation of Scripture. Besides being a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Dr. Masaki works closely with the member churches of the ILC to help provide pastoral and leadership training courses. ILC website is ILCouncil.org.

Dr. Timothy Quill, the General Secretary of the ILC summarizes the organization: "The ILC consists of sixty plus Lutheran church bodies throughout the world—over 7 million Lutheran Christians... the bishops and presidents of these churches working together... committed to the inerrancy of Scripture and that the Lutheran Confessions rightly interpret those Scripture... [The ILC] seeks a united witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; [the ILC] supports mercy work for suffering Lutherans; further theological education of qualified, orthodox Lutheran pastors; and seeks to provide mediation in member disputes." [quote from the May 2021 ILC newsletter.]

Many of the member churches of the ILC developed from LCMS missionary work, and are now independent churches. Many current LCMS missionaries work in close partnership with ILC churches.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) is an ILC member. Currently one LCMS missionary is working full-time at the seminary of the ELCG. Pastor Rockrohr and his family were missionaries to Ghana, working with the ELCG, from 1992-98.

Today's mission offering goes to support the costs of sending Prof. Masaki and Pastor Rockrohr to Ghana in August to be presenters in an ELCG pastoral and leadership training seminary.

“The Ascended Lord *here* at Zion and *there* in Ghana”

A Mission Sermon – Naomichi Masaki
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Greetings

1. What does Ascension of our Lord has to do with Missions?
 - a. What does Ascension mean?
 - b. Why did the Apostles have “great joy” (Lk 24:52)?
2. Three key words that help us understand Ascension
 - a. A cloud
 - b. The right hand of God
 - c. Sitting / seated
3. What does Ascension mean for the Missions?
 - a. Because a cloud received Him
 - b. Because He is at the right hand of God
 - c. Because He is seated
 - d. Is Jesus’ way of saving and comforting sinners different in Ghana from how it is at Zion?
 - e. Is there a need of pastor Rockrohr and professor Masaki to travel there? (Lk 24:45)
4. What does Ascension mean for you?

Conclusion