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**Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022**  
**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.*

Opening Hymn

*On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build*

**LSB 492**

Invocation (*congregation 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, **the light that no darkness can overcome.**  
 Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is almost over.**  
 Let Your light scatter the darkness **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 47

1 Clap your hands, all peoples!  
**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**  
 2 For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,  
**a great king over all the earth.**  
 3 He subdued peoples under us,  
**and nations under our feet.**  
 4 He chose our heritage for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**  
 5 God has gone up with a shout,  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**  
 7 For God is the King of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm!**  
 8 God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**  
 9 The princes of the peoples gather  
 as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God;**  
**he is highly exalted!**

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.**

First Reading                      Acts 1:1-11 (*Congregation sits*)

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.**

New Testament Reading                      Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, 16 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 the 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.

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

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.**

Hymn

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

**LSB 610**

Sermon

Hymn

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

**LSB 524**

Apostles' Creed (*Stand – Inside back cover of the pew hymnal.*)

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In praise of our King who has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet, ascended in triumph and is seated at God's right hand, that we would ever rejoice and live in the truth of His victory for us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the proclamation of the Church as she goes into all the world and to the whole creation with the Gospel, that many may believe, be baptized and be saved, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Holy Church here and scattered throughout the world, that God would send laborers into His harvest, give steadfast faith to Christians by the preaching of His Word and through the Holy Sacraments, enliven the love of His saints to bear one another's burdens and show mercy toward those outside of the Church, and quicken us in the hope of eternal life in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the homes of God's people, that God who established the ascended Jesus at His right hand would establish Him as the companion and consolation of those who live alone, strengthen the love of husbands and wives, and bless parents and children as they gather around His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For President Biden, Governor DeWine and all our leaders, that since Christ will shatter kings when He executes judgment on the nations, they would not act wickedly and earn His wrath, but be blessed with wisdom to govern in accord with His righteous ways, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all who suffer in our midst, that the Lord would deliver them from sickness of body and mind and every other power of the enemy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

**O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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*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**

#### Silent Prayer

#### Extinguish Candles

#### Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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