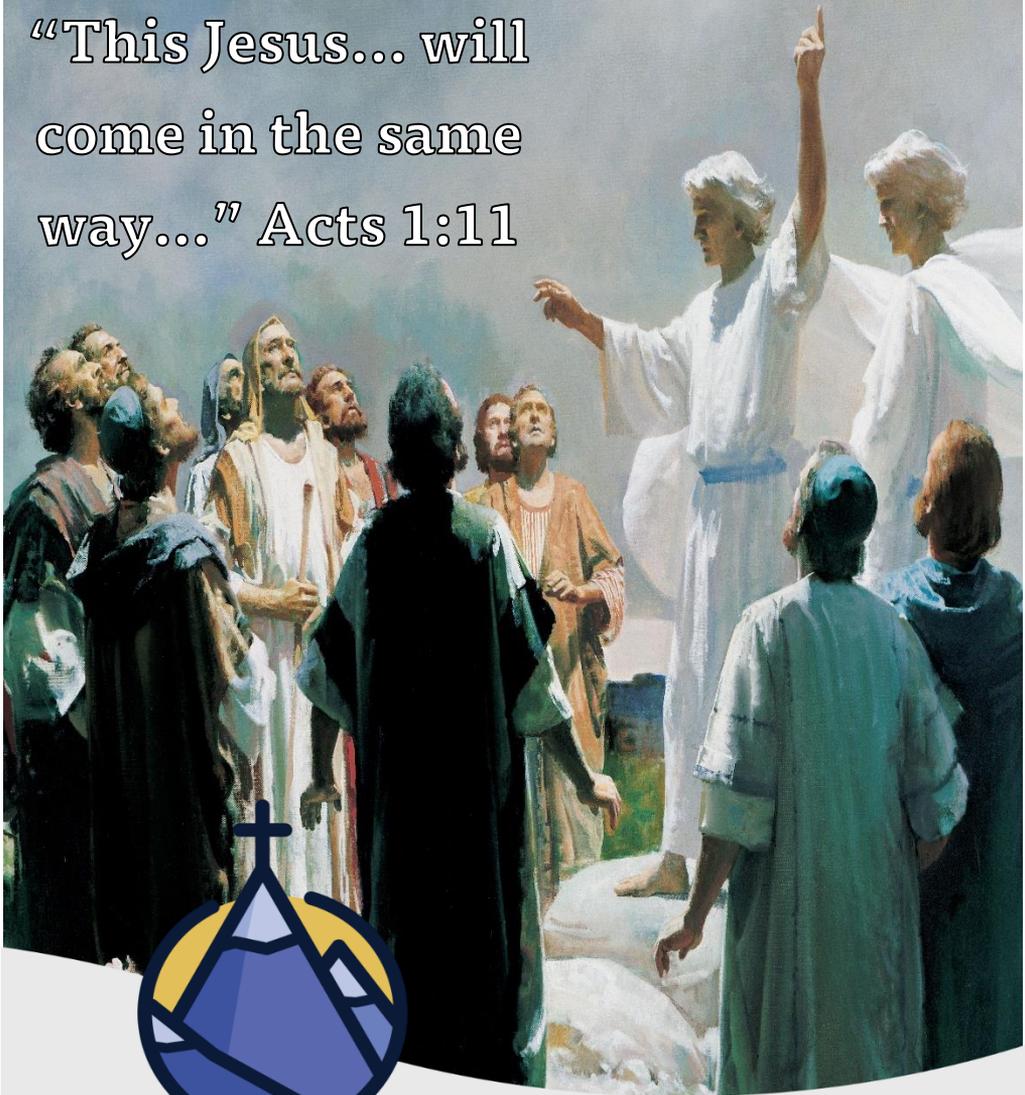


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“This Jesus... will
come in the same
way...” Acts 1:11



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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

Opening Hymn 495 *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious*

1 *Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!*

From the fight returned victorious, Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.

Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crowns become the victor's brow. Crowns become the victor's brow.

2 *Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;*

On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.

Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!

Crown the Savior King of kings. Crown the Savior King of kings.

3 *Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;*

Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His Name.

Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!

Spread abroad the victor's fame. Spread abroad the victor's fame.

4 *Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!*

Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!

Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!

King of kings, and Lord of lords! King of kings, and Lord of lords!

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-shipped 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 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.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 47*

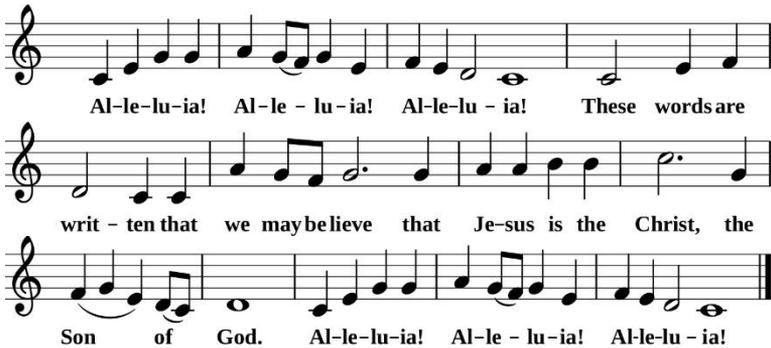
- P** Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- C** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
- P** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- C** He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- P** God has gone up with a shout, the 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 Second Reading: 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."

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 Apostles' 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.

From Luther's Small Catechism

A refresher in the six chief parts of Christian doctrine.

- P** What is the Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer?
- C** Thy kingdom come.
- P** What does this mean?
- C** God's kingdom certainly comes all by itself, even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it also come to us.
- P** How does the kingdom of God come?
- C** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and live a godly life here in time and hereafter in eternity.

Hymn 493:1-4 *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, ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia, alleluia!

and with his followers they see their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia, alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say. "This is his glorious triumph day."

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "You see him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see returning in great majesty."

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Sermon: Colossians 3:1-4 NIV

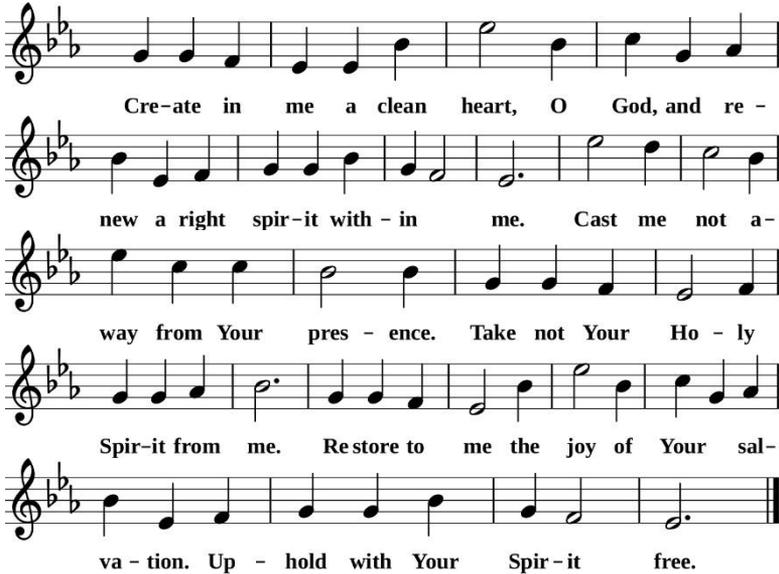
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Theme: AN ASCENSION ATTITUDE—HEAD DOWN, HEART UP

- I. Having raised us from death, Jesus sends us to raise others.
- II. Having ascended to glory, Jesus promises us the same.

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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal -
va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn 492 *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

***1 On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of mine 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.***

***2 Since Christ returned to claim his throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart shall rest in him alone, No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.***

**3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling your ascension,
That I may serve you faithfully, Adorning your redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.**

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 Scashtag is "Scclmtzion". While the usher brings the offering plate forward we sing the following hymn verse

(WS 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

☑ 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)

**☐ 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.
☑ Amen!**

Closing Hymn 493:5-6 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

**5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, and be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Then, throned with you forever, we shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

THE 50th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE is meeting today following the service.

BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER RECESS: Beginning next Sunday, 9:00am Bible Class and Sunday School will be in recess for the summer. Both will resume after Labor Day.

CHURCH STEPS: Thank you to Nicholas Jakel and Carl Ryan for the new coat of paint on the steps leading into church! We all benefit from your work to beautify the Lord’s house.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is July 10-13, Monday – Thursday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. We need volunteers to teach, do crafts, oversee snacks and recess. We are hoping that by holding evening sessions more church members will be available to help and more children will attend! Please speak to Pastor if you can help (even if only for a day).

LOWER MICHIGAN YOUTH CAMP: The 20th Annual Lower Michigan Youth Camp will be held July 17-20 (Mon-Thurs) at Pigeon Creek County Park, West Olive, MI. The camp is open to students entering grades 6-12. The cost is \$60 per camper. The deadline for registration is July 12. Information and registration can be found at mtzionlutheran.info/lowermichiganyouthcamp.

“THE WORD FROM MOUNT ZION” SERMON PODCAST: The weekly sermon is now available as a podcast on Spotify. Simply search for “The Word from Mount Zion” and be sure to subscribe.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Sun. 5/28		NO Bible Class/ Sunday School (begin summer recess)
	10am	Divine Worship Service
	11am	Special Voters Meeting (vote on 50 th Ann. Budget)
Mon.-Tue. 6/5-6/6		Great Lakes Delegates Conference Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI
Tue.-Thu. 6/20-6/22		CLC General Pastoral Conference Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire, WI
Sun. 7/2	4pm	Cleveland Area Worship Service
Sun. 7/9	11am	Q3 Voters Meeting
Mon. 7/10 – Thu. 7/13	6pm- 8pm	Vacation Bible School
Mon. 7/17 – Thu. 7/20		Lower Michigan Youth Camp Pigeon Creek State Park, Ottawa County, MI
Sun. 8/6	4pm	50 th Anniversary Service and Dinner

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship = 28 Bible Class/Sunday School: 17

Total Offerings Budgeted YTD:	\$39,615.38	Bi-Weekly Offerings Budgeted:	\$3961.54
Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$50,619.82	Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$5453.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings):			\$5061.98
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund:			\$76,921.99

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Carl Ryan Church Cleaning: Trojans

IN OUR PRAYERS <> ENCOURAGEMENT LIST

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

Jackie McGruder remains homebound as she continues to suffer from lupus. **Jay Sandeen** is deployed with his army unit in Iraq. **The Ryans** are expecting a baby girl in September. **CLC Pastor John Hein**, 56, Grace, Fridley MN, is being treated for thymic carcinoma (cancer).

WEEKLY MEMORY WORK:

P What is the Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

C **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

C **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

P How is God's will done?

C **God's will is done when He breaks and stops every evil will and plan of those who do not want us to hallow His name or let His kingdom come, such as the will of the devil, of the world, and of our own flesh. His will is also done when He gives us strength and keeps us firm in His Word and in faith for as long as we live. This is God's good and gracious will.**

CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION SYNODWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! Psalm 133:1

CLC CALL NEWS: Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew, Dallas, TX *is considering the call* from Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Sam Naumann of Resurrection, Corpus Christi, TX, *has received the call* to Calvary, Marquette, MI.

WALK WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL (GREECE AND TURKEY TRIP): A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a possible three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to Athens, Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and much more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the visits of the Apostle Paul recorded in the Book of Acts. We will be reminded of the zeal and spread of the early Christian church. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. A video of a similar trip can be seen here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul-o6E47MMw. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request.

Praise Be unto Our Gracious God for 100 Years of His Grace! You are invited to a special worship service observing the 100th anniversary of Zion Lutheran Church, Ipswich, SD, on Sunday, July 16th, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. The message of God's grace preached for the occasion will be provided by our guest preacher, Pastor Mark Tiefel, pastor of our sister congregation at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI, and a grandson of Zion Lutheran's long time, former pastor, Pastor Em. Leland Grams, who served Zion as pastor for 31 years. The service will be held at Schriver's Funeral home (720 6th St. Ipswich, SD 57451), which is the regular place of worship for Zion Lutheran Church. A catered meal will then follow the service. The meal will be held at the Edmunds County 4H building, which is located near the worship venue. Please RSVP to Pastor Zachary Sippert at 715-523-0826 or pastorzippert@gmail.com