

May 12, 2024



**HE WAS TAKEN UP
INTO HEAVEN AND
SAT DOWN AT THE
RIGHT HAND OF GOD**



MARK 16:19

MT. ZION

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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 Order of Service

Greeting and Prayer

Opening Hymn 493:1-5 *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!*

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!*

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 Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant forgiveness:

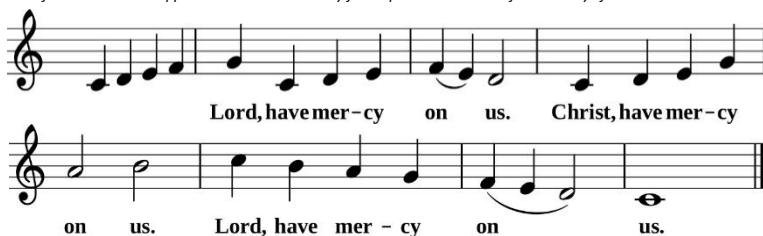
C Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

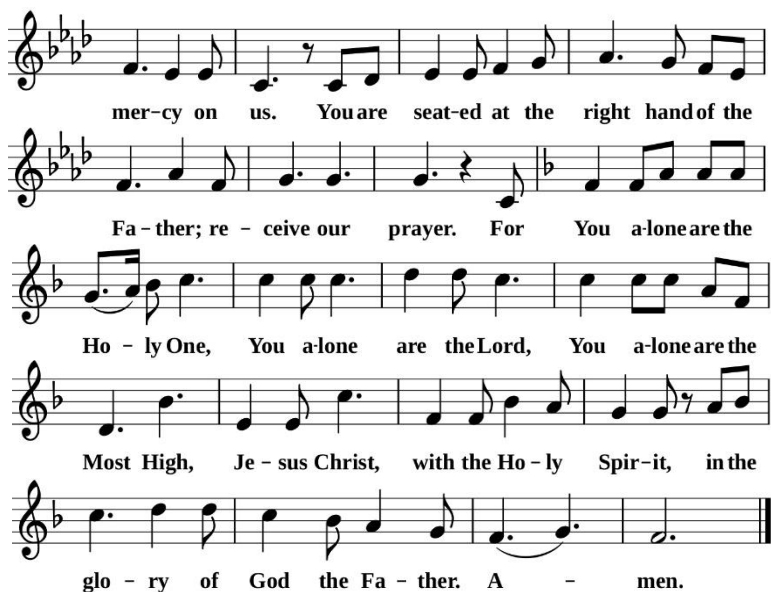
Kyrie – Latin for “O Lord.” We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.



Glory to God in the Highest

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





The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

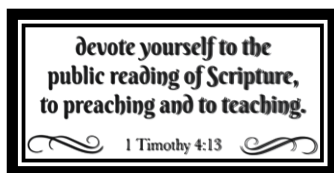
- P** Let us pray. . . through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 57:15*

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

The Responsive Reading: *Psalms 110 Selected Verses*

- P** The LORD says to my Lord:
- C** "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."
- P** The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.
- C** Rule in the midst of your enemies!
- P** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;



C From the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

P The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

C "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

P The Lord is at your right hand;

C He will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

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

C He will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

P He will drink from the brook by the way;

C Therefore he will lift up his head.

New Testament 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.



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.

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 Sermon: Mark 16:14-20

Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Theme: NOT GONE, JUST GONE AHEAD

Ascended to the right hand of God...

- I. The Lord Jesus has commissioned great work for us to do.
- II. The Lord Jesus will work with us until we join Him eternally.

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. 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 me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 494 *See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*

**1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph: Conqu'ring King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot, To His heav'nly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heav'nly King.**

**2 Who is this that comes in glory With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies, He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose.
He has vanquished sin and Satan; He by death has crushed His foes.**

**3 While He lifts His hands in blessing, He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him, He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased Him, Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated To His everlasting home.**

**4 Now our heav'nly Aaron enters With His blood within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan, And the kings before Him quail.
Now He plants the tribes of Israel In their promised resting place:
Now our great Elijah offers Double portion of His grace.**

**5 He has raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heav'nly places, There with Him in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne.
By our mighty Lord's ascension We by faith behold our own.**

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 "Scicmtzion". 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

☩ 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 Service of the Sacrament

Now we approach the second high point of the liturgy, the Sacrament, in which the Lord comes to bless us with His very body and blood. We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your heart.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying...

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus – Latin for “Holy.” We join our voices to the angels who sing, “Holy, Holy, Holy” around His throne.”

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the highest.
Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the highest, ho - san-na in the highest

Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His sacramental body and blood for all time.

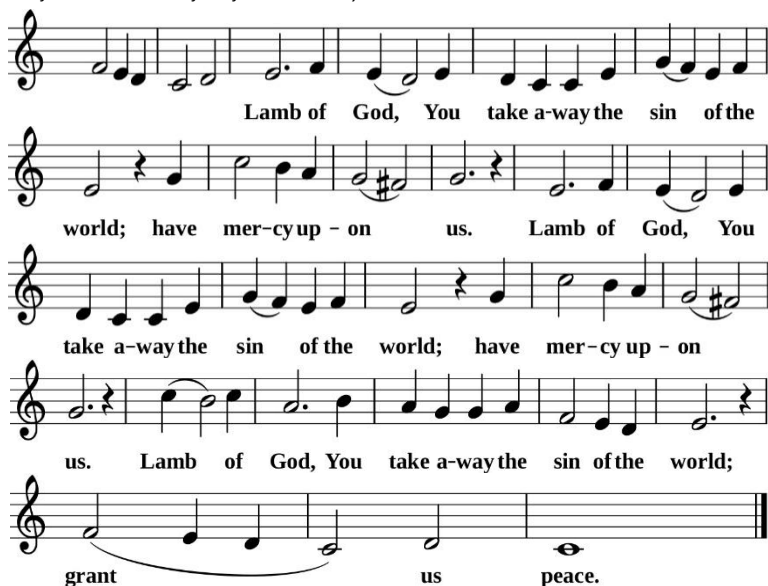
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei – Latin for "Lamb of God." As we approach the Table of Forgiveness, we want to be thinking about the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for us on Calvary's cross.



Distribution of the Sacrament

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

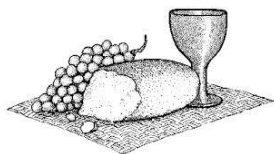
We don't judge anyone's faith, but we do stand up for our own. The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is, God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. This belief is based upon the Bible passages listed below. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out if our church teaches what the Bible does! The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

1 Corinthians 11:26-30 "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup.

For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."



Thanksgiving

We give thanks and praise the LORD for the forgiveness of sins received in the Sacrament.

Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what
He has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Thank the Lord;
sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.
Send us with Your prom-is - es, Lord; lead Your peo - ple
forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv-ing. Thank the Lord;
sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Al-le - lu - ia, alle-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

G Amen!

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

*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!



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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 Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain our beliefs and teachings. Where & when? Your convenience.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING: After today's service we are holding a meeting to update the congregation on the latest progress toward relocating our congregation and opening a Christian Day School. Following that, the voters will meet to officially decide on listing our church property for sale. Please stick around for these important church meetings!

A CHURCH WORKDAY has been scheduled by the Board of Trustees for Saturday, May 18 from 9am-1pm. The building and property could use some spring cleanup and landscaping. Please come lend a hand!

REMINDER FROM THE PROPERTY SEARCH COMMITTEE: Anyone who finds a potentially suitable building (for sale or lease), is invited to please submit the following form and the committee will investigate: shorter.me/gxWXm

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Vacation Bible School at Mt. Zion is August 5-8, Monday-Thursday, 6:00-8:00pm. We need volunteers to teach, organize and lead crafts, oversee snacks, and run recess. Please speak to Pastor if you can help (even if only for a day).

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. We continue to search for a **new building** for church and future school.

MT. ZION UPCOMING CALENDAR

Today	11am	Congregational Meeting (Update on Property Search)
Tue. 5/14	7-9pm	Church Meetings (Elders/Council/Trustees/Outreach)
Sun. 5/19	9am	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10am	Divine Worship Service
Sat. 5/18	9am	Church Clean-up Workday
Tue. 5/21	8pm	Compensation Committee Meeting
Thu. 5/23	8pm	Property Search Committee Meeting
Wed. 5/29	8pm	Board of Education Meeting
M-Tu. 6/3-4		Great Lakes Delegate Conference (Markesan, WI)
Th-Su. 6/20-23		CLC Convention (Eau Claire, WI)

SERVING US THIS MONTH:

Usher: Randy Wittorp Church Cleaning: Ryans

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL *Offerings numbers are from 4/28/24

Last Sunday Attendance = 35 Bible Class/Sunday School = 22

General Fund Offerings Budgeted YTD: \$35,771.20	Weekly General Fund Offerings Budgeted: \$2,384.62
General Fund Offerings Received YTD: \$37,869.00	Last Week's General Fund Offerings Received: \$1,331.00
Missions Offerings YTD (includes 10% of GB & individual offerings): \$3,787.00	
Maisie Wittorp Christian Education Memorial Fund: \$121,974.00	

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: Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, **has accepted the call** to be the upper grade teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. <> Pastor David Ude, Living Hope Lutheran, Appleton, WI, **is still considering the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven FL, **has returned the call** to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix, AZ **is still considering the call** to be principal and teacher of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

MR. DAN BARTHEL'S RETIREMENT PARTY: After 44 years of faithful service in the teaching ministry of Christ's lambs, Dan Barthels will be retiring at the end of this present school year. His retirement party will take place at Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI on Sunday June 30 right after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. You are welcome to join us. Please let us know of your plans by June 15 by contacting Pastor Wilke at 989-220-1266 or mikedwilke@gmail.com.

2024 CLC CONVENTION PROSPECTUS: The CLC Convention is June 20-23 in Eau Claire, WI. The *Prospectus* provides an excellent platform from which to share and expand individual members' knowledge of the work we are blessed to do together as a larger fellowship. These discussions are also helpful for gaining input at the congregational level for more profitable discussion at Convention. Find it online here: <https://bit.ly/3WDimuH>

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