

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Zion Lutheran Church, Lawrenceville

WELCOME (*Please Stand*)

INVOCATION HYMN “*Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious*.....LSB #495

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INTROIT

P: God has gone up / with a shout, *The Lord with the sound of / a trumpet.

C: THE LORD SAYS TO / MY LORD: *“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES
YOUR / FOOTSTOOL.

P: The Lord has sworn and will not/ change His mind, *”You are a priest forever after the order of Mel / chizedek.”

C: GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND / TO THE SON *AND TO THE HOLY / SPIRIT;
AS IT WAS IN THE BE- / GINNING, *IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. / AMEN.

P: God has gone up / with a shout, *The Lord with the sound of / a trumpet

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FIRST READING (*Please Be Seated*)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 To them He presented Himself alive 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.”

C: THANKS BE TO GOD.

GRADUAL

CHRIST HAS RISEN / FROM THE DEAD.

*[GOD THE FATHER] HAS CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY / AND HONOR.

HE HAS GIVEN HIM DOMINION OVER THE WORKS / OF HIS HANDS;

*HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UN / DER HIS FEET.

EPISTLEEphesians 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 a 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. – C: THANKS BE TO GOD

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HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:44-53 C: GLORY BE TO YOU, O LORD

Then [Jesus] 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.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.” Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

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HYMN OF THE DAY “*On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build*”LSB #492

SERMON.....Rev. Donn Woolweber

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Please Stand*)

OFFERING (*Please Be Seated*)

† **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** †

As confessional Lutheran congregations, our Churches believe that Christ is truly present in the Sacrament and that the proper reception of the Sacrament actually conveys that God gives us Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28) and the deepening of our relationship with Him and each other. If you are a member in good standing in an LCMS church, you are welcome to come to communion. However, if you understand and agree with our confession and:

* Have received Christian Baptism (Acts 2:36-38), * Recognize and confess your sinfulness (Proverbs 28:13; 1 John 1:8-9), * Forgive others (Matthew 5:21-24; Matthew 6:12) * Believe that the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are truly present, offered under forms of bread and wine. (1 Corinthians 10:16), (1Corinthians 11:27-29), please talk to our pastor before the service/communing. If you are unsure and desire a blessing, you are welcome to come forward to the rail for a blessing with arms folded. We would be delighted to provide further instruction to move you toward communion if you desire to continue to worship with us as we hope you will. It is indeed a blessing to have you here.

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CLOSING HYMN “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*” LSB # 525

