

# Ascension of Our Lord

**May 16, 2021**

9:00 am

Communion



*278 Years Of  
"Joyously proclaiming the good news of God's love"*

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

SPRING CITY, PENNSYLVANIA

Founded in 1743

**THIS WEEK AT ZION**

Sunday 5/16	8.00 am	Bell choir
	9:00 am	Worship
Monday	7:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday 5/18	6 am – 11 pm	Election Day (Church Fellowship hall)
	5:00 pm	Tai Kwan Do
Saturday 5/22	9 am – 1 pm	Church Yard sale
Sunday 5/23	9:00 am	Worship and Confirmation Sunday

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/16)**

This week	
Bruce Wilson	Assistant Minister
Sharon Wilson	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Kirk family	Altar Guild
Michelle Favara	Hymns

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (5/23)**

Next week- Confirmation Sunday	
Youth group	Assistant Minister
Youth group	Lay Reader
Shawn Rogers	Greeter
Maggie Munz	Greeter
Beverly Tyson	Altar Guild
Barbara Grubb	Hymns

**We thank you for your service to the church.**

**We will be celebrating Communion today. Please keep bread and wine ready.**

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## INTRODUCTION

*In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

## PRELUDES

On Tannenberg- "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" by David Paxton Tune: Laus Regis by William E. Fischer  
"My Jesus I Love Thee" - A.J. Gordon Arr. by Robert W. Thygerson  
"How Lovely Are They Dwellings" by Samuel Liddle Arr. by Lani Smith

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**A: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

Hymn

**"O Christ, Our Hope"- ELW #604- Vs. 1 & 5**

*Text: Latin hymn, tr. John Chandler, Music: Nikolaus Herman*



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## ASCENSION DIALOGUE

P: What do you mean by saying, "He ascended to heaven"?

**A: That Christ, while his disciples watched was lifted up from the earth to heaven and will be there for our good until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

**A: Christ is truly human and truly God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is not absent from us for a moment.**

Hymn of Praise

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen**

**# ELW 377**

*Text: Herbert F. Brokering Music: David N. Johnson*

*Please be seated*

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

R: A reading from the book of 1 Acts:

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

R: Word of God. Word of Life.

**P & A: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 47**

*God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)*

R: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a joyful sound.

**A & P: For the Lord Most High is to be feared: a great king over all the earth,**

R: who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

**A & P: who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

R: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

**A & P: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

R: For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

**A & P: God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

R: The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

*Please stand*

**ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Give thanks !**

**# WOY 671**

**Gospel: Luke 24:44-53**

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke*

**A: *Glory to you, O Lord.***

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**A: *Praise to you, O Christ***

*Please be seated*

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE by Pastor Tina Mackie**

*Please stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*You can add names to the prayer list by contacting the church office. After three weeks names will be removed from the prayer of intercession unless resubmitted. These people will still be in our private prayers.*

**A: On this seventh Sunday of Easter, let us pray for all who are in need, responding to each petition with the words “Give us life in your name.”**

A: For the church we pray, O God: that you raise up the next generation of pastors, deacons, and musicians to serve your people; that you protect believers wherever danger threatens; and that you grant Christians a spirit of unity with all the baptized.

Hear us, God, Holy Father.

**P: Give us life in your name.**

A: For the earth we pray: that you safeguard the trees and all streams of water; that you preserve the ice at the north and south poles; and that you instruct us in repairing what in your creation we have broken..

Hear us, God, plenteous giver.

**P: Give us life in your name.**

A: For peace and justice, we pray: that leaders of nations act with integrity in their decisions; that the poor be respected and supported; that prejudice against people of different color or language or ethnicity be ended; and that our government use wisely the tax money it gathers.

Hear us, God, righteous ruler.

**P: Give us life in your name.**

A: For families, we pray: that families under any stress be strengthened; that immigrant families find acceptance in their new home; that people forced to live away from their families be comforted; and that family members increase in forbearance with one another.

Hear us, God, bond of blessing.

**P: Give us life in your name.**

A: For all the sick and suffering, we pray: that you give medical care to all with COVID; that you visit with compassion the people of India; that you sustain those with life-long disability; and that you embrace the sick. We pray especially for **Doris Bauman, Bud Raser, Fawn Keenan, Ralph Finkbiner, Machiko, Richard and Sarah Kuehner and Roxanne Robinson.**

Hear us, God, physician and nurse.

**P: Give us life in your name.**

P: For all graduates, we pray, that opportunities for appropriate employment or further education be open to them. For all who cannot benefit from such schooling, especially for women where their education is forbidden, we pray, that you show them a worthy way forward.

Hear us, teacher of truth.

**A: Give us life in your name.**

P: For ourselves we pray, that despite sorrow or setbacks, we yield the fruitfulness that you intend from us; and that you receive the prayers of our hearts.

Hear us, source of peace.

**A: Give us life in your name.**

P: For all who have died in the faith of Christ, we praise you. For Erik of Sweden and for Queen Helena, we thank you. That at our end we join with all the saints in your eternal presence,

Hear us, life everlasting.

**A: Give us life in your name.**

P: In the joy of the resurrection, in hope for the gift of your Spirit, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A: Amen.**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

*Let us share the peace with one another*

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**Stewardship Snippet: Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 16, 2021**

*“As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.” –John 17:18*

Jesus prayerfully sent his disciples into the world knowing the challenges that awaited them. Likewise, our elders steward us into the world with prayer, love, and hope. They know the difficulties that await; yet they send us on as God’s beloved children first and always.

*Please be seated*

**OFFERING with Special music**



**Bell Choir- "Jesus Shall Reign"**

Text: Isaac Watts, Music: attr. John Hatton

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;

for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**P: Amen.**

*Please stand*



**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**



*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices communion hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to participate in the Lord’s Supper. Parent(s)/Grandparent(s) will place their hands on untutored young people for a blessing given by the Pastor. The response when receiving the bread and wine could be: “Amen” or “I believe.” (Grape juice and Gluten Free wafers are available)*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ.

**A: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray,

**A: 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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**A: Amen.**

### **SHARING IN COMMUNION**

P: This is the Body of Christ given for you

**A: I believe or Amen** (Congregation will eat the wafer)

P: This is the Blood of Christ given for you  
A: **I believe or Amen** (Congregation will drink the wine)

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.  
A: **Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: **Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

A: **Amen.**

### THE SENDING HYMN : "*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*"- ELW- #857- Sing Twice



*Text: Rick Founds, Music: Rick Founds*

### DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

A: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A: **Go in peace. Share the good news.**

P: Thanks be to God.

### POSTLUDE

**"There Is Sunshine in My Soul Today"**- John R. Sweeney Arr. by Richard Unfreid



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## **BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday	Acts 27:1-26	Paul sails to Rome
Tuesday	Romans 8:14-25	The future glory
Wednesday	Luke 9:18-27	God's glory and discipleship
Thursday	Acts 27:26-44	Paul is shipwrecked
Friday	Romans 8:26-39	Nothing can separate us from God's love
Saturday	Psalms 29	Worship the Lord