

# ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH



MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017  
*ASCENSION DAY*

☑ In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen.**

☑ Our help is in the name of the Lord,

☑ **who made heaven and earth.**

☑ If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

☑ **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

☑ Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

☑ **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

☑ Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

### Introit

☑ God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

☑ **The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**

**The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**

**The Lord is at your | right hand;\***  
**he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.**

**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.

God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

### Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

### Gloria in Excelsis



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**V** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**V** Let us pray.

Almighty 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## First Reading – Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all | peoples!\*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*

a great king over | all the earth.

He subdued peoples | under us,\*

and nations un- | der our feet.

He chose our heritage | for us,\*

the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.

God has gone up | with a shout,\*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing | praises!\*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

For God is the King of | all the earth;\*

sing praises | with a psalm!

God reigns over the | nations;\*

God sits on his | holy throne.

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 ex- | alted!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle – Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 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. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

☑ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.

☑ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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." 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.

☑ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles' Creed

☑ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence 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.**

**Sermon Hymn – Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious**

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**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

**☑** ...Let us Pray to the Lord.

**☑** ...Lord have mercy.

**☑** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises we are bold to pray

**Lords 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.**

**Greeting of Peace**

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

## Offering

*If you are visiting with us this morning, know that your presence here means far more to us than any gift of money you could make; please do not hesitate to let the plate pass you by. Please stop by the welcome desk on your way out of church this morning.*

## Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

- V** The grace of the Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- G** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn – The God of Abraham Praise**

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## Prayer Request for Family & Friends

### **The Church:**

-For our homebound members: Tom Bicusky, Ruth Miller, George and Florence Boehme, Lois Dittmer, Norm and Helen Erbrecht, Dorothy Smelko, Irene Bourg, and Don Jones.

-Healing for Janet Hickey, Jack Oelschlager, Florence Boehme, Gloria Godfrey, Marian Siek, Sarah & Michael Erbrecht, Gladys Cimarolli, Joyce Wood, Roxanne Burgh, Henry Dittmer, Cletus Kroeger, Ruth Miller, Lois Klemash, Nancy Spotti, Bob Rondinelli, Aly Mance, Robin Dunbar, Diane Scandolari, Ezra Hildebrand, Reggie Ford, Deana Thielet, Bill Koester, Nancy Koester, Sammy's Dad, Bruce Klemash, Vinny, Dave Hutula, Dom Santaguida, Dale Ferry, Bruce Gain, Ron Lyons, George Kozak, Vince Miller, and Beatrice Decker.

-For our missionaries, especially the Naumanns, Lohmeyers, and Dukes.

-For all who care for loved ones with illnesses

-For the ministry of Zion Lutheran Preschool

### **The World:**

-For an end to abortion and human trafficking.

-For the youth in our community.

### **Our Nation:**

-For those in Foster Care and those looking to adopt.

-For the disabled, unborn and aged.

-For those whose work is dangerous, especially Jared Fitzgerald.

- For godly care of the earth