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out of their sight. - Acts 1:9

Thursday, May 25, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, E.L.S.

A Service of the Word on the Ascension of our Lord

~Hymn 389 vv. 1-4, 7 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

~**Confession of Sin (p. 120)**

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles (pp. 120-121)**

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: forevermore. Amen. Alleluia

~**Psalmody:** Psalm 47

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

C: For the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.

P: He will subdue the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

C: He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellence 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 understanding.

C: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

P: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.

C: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

~Epistle Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

~Gospel Lesson

Mark 16:14-20 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who

does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

~Hymn 392 *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Ephesians 1:15-23 Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which 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 principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

~ Sermon Theme

"The Significance of Christ's Sitting at the Right Hand of God"

- 1. It is a position of power in the world.*
- 2. It is a position of power in the church.*

~Offering & Men's Duet *Let All the Multitudes of Light* F. B. MacNutt

*Let all the multitudes of light,
Their songs in concert raising,
With earth's triumphal hymns unite,
The risen Savior praising.
Ye heav'ns, His festival proclaim!
Our King returneth whence He came,
With victory amazing.*

*For us He bore the bitter tree,
To death's dark realm descending,
Our foe He slew, and set us free,
Man's ancient bondage ending.
No more the tyrant's chains oppress;
O conquering Love! Thy name we bless,
With thee to heav'n ascending.*

*O Christ, to Thee be endless praise
For this Thy great salvation!
O holy Father, Thine always
Be thanks and adoration!
Spirit of Life and Light, to Thee
Eternal praise and glory be;
One God of all creation!*

~Kyrie (p. 124)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 125)

C: ♪ 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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Collect for Ascension

P: O Jesus Christ, almighty Son of God, You are no longer in humiliation here on earth, but are seated at the right hand of Your Father, Lord over all things: We beseech You, send us Your Holy Spirit; give Your Church pious pastors, preserve Your Word, control and restrain the devil and all who would oppress us; mightily uphold Your kingdom, until all Your enemies have been put under Your feet, that we may hold the victory over sin, death, and the devil; through You, who live and reign with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Benedicamus and Benediction (p. 127)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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

C: ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 55 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich

Organist: Cassie Johnson

Men's Duet: Carl Bloedel & Peter Bloedel

Accompanist: Kristin Matzke

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, please fill out a guest card or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.