

promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”<sup>50</sup> When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.<sup>52</sup> Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.<sup>53</sup> And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Hymn of the Day:** 175 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

**Sermon:** You Are Witnesses of These Things

**Offering:** (Please remember to sign the Friendship Register.)

**Prayer of the Church:**

P: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

P: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

**C: Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

P: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

**C: Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

P: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

**C: You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

P: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

**C: Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hymn:** 727 There is a Higher Throne

**Closing Prayer:**

*C: Amen*

**Closing Hymn:** 735 Speak, O Lord

# St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church



## Ascension

May 10, 2018

## **We Welcome You!**

*This feast day has everything in it – Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, the Ascension itself, the anticipation of Pentecost and the whole of Half Year of the Church. It's Ascension Day! Aren't you happy for him? He has triumphed and entered into his glory by keeping all of his Word! His triumph today guarantees that he will always keep his Word. Aren't you happy for yourself, too?*

**K-4 Call to Worship:** *Flaming Spirit*

**Opening Hymn:** *169* Alleluia Sing to Jesus

### **The Ascension Responses:**

P: In the name of our God who is the Priceless Treasurer and the Giver of all good gifts.

**C: WE ASK YOU TO COME, LORD JESUS.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, as You promised;

**C: THROUGH THE CENTURIES YOUR PEOPLE HAVE AWAITED YOUR GLORIOUS RETURN.**

P: While we wait for your majestic appearance:

**C: COME, LORD JESUS, THROUGH YOUR WORD.**

P: Come. Lord Jesus, with joy;

**C: THAT WE MAY BE MIRRORS, REFLECTING OUR HAPPINESS TO ALL PEOPLE.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, with comfort;

**C: THAT NO GRIEF MAY OVERCOME US, NO TROUBLE CAUSE US TO FEAR.**

P: Come. Lord Jesus, with forgiveness;

**C: THAT WE MAY, FROM THANKFUL HEARTS, FORGIVE OTHERS.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, with love;

**C: FILL OUR HEARTS TO OVERFLOWING, THAT WE MAY BE ALL THINGS TO ALL PEOPLE.**

P; Come, Lord Jesus with blessing;

**C: THAT ALL OUR BEING MAY BLESS YOU IN RETURN**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, with hope;

**C: THAT WE MAY LIVE CONFIDENT OF OUR SALVATION.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come;

**C: THAT WE MAY SOON GREET YOU FACE TO FACE AND LIVE WITH YOU IN OUR HEAVENLY HOME.**

P: Come, Lord Jesus quickly come.

**C: AMEN, COME, LORD JESUS.**

### **Prayer of the Day:**

P: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## **Grades 5 – 8:** *We Walk by Faith*

### **God's Word for Today:**

#### **First Lesson:** Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach<sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."<sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."<sup>6</sup> So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority."<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.<sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

#### **Epistle Lesson:** Ephesians 1:16-23

<sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup>which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has