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I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD...

Today's Focus: *The Ascension and Return of Jesus*

OPENING HYMN "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

See Handout

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 19:4-8 (on back) *The Old Testament Lesson presents a discouraged Elijah running for his life from Jezebel, yet God still provides for him and shows him in Who to trust!*

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 34:1-8

*A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.
The Psalmist tells of God's goodness, Who saves all who trust Him.*

L: I will extol the LORD at all times;

C: His praise will always be on my lips.

L: My soul will boast in the LORD;

C: Let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

L: Glorify the LORD with me;

C: Let us exalt His name together.

L: I sought the LORD, and He answered me;

C: He delivered me from all my fears.

L: Those who look to Him are radiant;

C: Their faces are never covered with shame.

L: This poor man called, and the LORD heard him;

C: He saved him out of all his troubles.

L: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

C: Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Amen.

Ephesians 4:30-5:2 (on back) *The apostle teaches us in the Epistle not to let earthly petty concerns interfere with our lives in God's family, but rather imitate our Savior in sincere humility and love in view of His mercy.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.



HYMN 216 (Red Hymnal)

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

SERMON – NIV Luke 24:46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 47 You are witnesses of these things. 48 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 49 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.



Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "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."

THEME: **MISSION GIVEN. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.**

1. The **Missionary** of God's mission.
2. The **Guide** during God's mission.
3. The **Love** for God's mission.

HYMN 738 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 400 v. 1, 6 (Red Hymnal)

*Take my life and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be; Ever, only, all, for Thee.*



**SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN 795 (Tan Worship Supplement)

Then the Glory

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-TODAY: Refreshments in classroom/Bible class continues with our study of the Scouts and Masonic Lodge

-SSLS MINI CLASSES: Know anything about how to knit, wood work, paint, auto repair, computer, cook, etc? Talk to the teachers about mini classes coming up in a few months at school!