

Easter Sunday

He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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As We Gather:

Today is a day of celebration! Jesus is alive! He is risen indeed! This fact changes our lives. If God can raise Jesus from the dead, he can bring life to any situation I face, no matter how bad or how daunting it is. And God can and will bring me to live forever with him. So this day, we rejoice!! We celebrate Jesus, no longer dead, but alive forever!



The Season of Easter

Easter is not just a single day – it is also a 50-day celebration from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. The season of Easter lasts about 1/7 of the entire year. During this time, the worship services focus on resurrection and life and the victory of Jesus. We Christians boldly proclaim the historical fact of Jesus’ resurrection and our faith in the risen and victorious Savior.

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God’s Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying “Peace be with you” as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Lutheran Service Book 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

- P** We begin our worship by confessing our sins and failures before the Lord, because he is risen and he promises to forgive us!

We take a few moments for silent prayer and reflection.

- A** **Lord God, the empty tomb shows your immense power and greatness. We, on the other hand, are weak, and our hearts go astray so easily. We have repeatedly fallen into temptation and disobeyed your will for us. Fill us with the power and victory of your resurrection! Forgive our wrongdoing. Help us to live a new life for you. And on the Last Day, raise us up to live forever with you. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** The Bible says: "Jesus Christ, who is the firstborn from the dead... loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood." (Revelation 1:4-5) Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

- P** After Jesus rose from the dead, he commanded his disciples to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name to all nations (Luke 24:47) Through Jesus, risen from the dead, we have forgiveness for our wrongdoing, peace with God, and power from the Holy Spirit to begin to change our lives. Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Service of the Word

Responsive Reading (based on 1 Corinthians 15)

- P** If Christ has not been raised, then we are still in our sins.

C **But Christ is risen! And we are forgiven!**

- P** If Christ has not been raised, then there is no hope of eternal life.

C **But Christ is risen! And we will live forever with him!**

- P** If Christ has not been raised, then those who have died in Christ are lost.

C **But Christ is risen! And they too will be raised from the dead!**

- P** If Christ has not been raised, then Satan has won.
C **But Christ is risen! And Satan has no power over us!**
- P** If Christ has not been raised, then he is not the Lord.
C **But Christ is risen! And Jesus is our Lord forever!**
- P** If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless.
C **But Christ is risen! And we proclaim him to everyone!**
- P** If Christ has not been raised, then our faith is in vain.
C **But Christ is risen! And those who believe in him will never be put to shame!**
- P** If Christ has not been raised, then we are to be pitied more than anyone.
C **But Christ is risen! And we rejoice more than anyone!**

Hymn: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Evangelical Lutheran Worship 382, stanzas 1 and 4

1. Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!
 Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears,
 Bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.

Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
 Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!

4. Christ is risen! Henceforth never death or hell shall us enthrall.
 We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all!
 All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased.
 Hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. (Refrain)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
C **Lord Jesus, you have conquered death and opened the door to everlasting life! As we celebrate your resurrection, send your Holy Spirit to raise us up from the deadness of living without you, and give us new life now and also forever with you! In your own precious name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Job 19:23-27

*(We know that our Redeemer lives, and even after we die,
he will raise us up to be with him)*

[Job said,] "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵ "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷ whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle (New Testament Reading)

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

*(On the Last Day, the dead will be raised
and all Christians will live forever with the Lord)*

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep [in death], but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (Melody: Unser Herrscher LSB 901)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving Word.
Let it burn like fire within us. Speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

(Jesus has risen from the dead and appeared alive to Mary Magdalene)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus^[a] head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, ^[b] "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

Children's Song: Jesus Rose and Now He Lives (Venezuelan Song)

Jesus rose and now he lives, and he frees me from my sins.
Jesus rose and now he lives, and he frees me from my sins.
In my life and in my soul, he gives peace and he gives joy.
In my life and in my soul, he gives peace and he gives joy.
Pam parampam param pam pam.

Children's Message



Hymn: Because He Lives

Make a Joyful Sound 41

1. God sent his Son – they called him Jesus.
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon.
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because he lives, all fear is gone!
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because he lives.

2. How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because he lives. (Refrain)

3. And then one day, I'll cross the river.
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. (Refrain)

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Nicene Creed

A I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Jesus invites us to pray in his name for all our needs. We know that he lives and he hears us.

P We pray for the church, for the world, and for all who have needs.

C Lord, have mercy.

P God is love! We pray for unity and love in the church and in our families.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Jesus is the Great Physician! We pray for healing for all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, according to God's will, especially for our friends, relatives, and fellow Christians who are on our prayer list.

C Lord, have mercy.

P The Holy Spirit is the Comforter! We pray for that comfort for those who are suffering, hurt, or confused, especially those on our prayer list.

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** Jesus is the Prince of Peace! We pray for peace in our homes, in our communities, and in the world.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life! We pray for those who have not yet believed in Jesus, that they may come to know Jesus as their Savior.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life! We pray for those who are grieving, that they may rest in the assurance that the day of resurrection is coming.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Jesus came to serve and to save the lost! We pray for all those who serve as Jesus did, those who serve our country, our church, or our schools.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** We pray for these and other needs in the world around us and among the people we know.
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** We trust in you, Lord, for you have power over death itself and you have promised to hear us. In the name of Jesus we pray.
- C Amen.**

Sit

Offering

The Bible says, "My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19) Christ has risen!! And God gives us all that we need for our lives and for doing his work in the world. With joy we set aside part of what God has given us, for his mission!

Choir Anthem during the Offering: "Now the Green Blade Rises" (arr. Shirley W. McRae)

1. *Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain.
Love lives again, that with the dead has been.
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

2. *In the grave they laid him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that he never would awake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

3. *Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen.
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

4. *When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been.
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Stand

Offering Prayer

- A Lord Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and you have given us eternal life! Accept these offerings, and bless them and use them so that the message of salvation and resurrection may be proclaimed in every part of the world. In your own name we pray. Amen.**

Offertory: He is Lord (Gaither)

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess That Jesus Christ is Lord!

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion is one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people, as we receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, who died on the cross to forgive all of our sins. To prepare for this sacrament, we follow the instruction found in 1 Corinthians 11:28: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins and turn to Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior?
3. Do I believe that the bread and wine I receive is the true body and blood of Jesus, and not just a symbol of it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a life that is pleasing to God?

We believe that your "yes" to these questions indicates a common faith with our Christian congregation and, therefore, we invite you to receive Holy Communion with us.

- The light-colored beverage in the center communion cups is non-alcoholic.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask Pastor during distribution.
- Children and those not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing, but are not given communion until they have completed basic instruction classes on the Christian faith.

If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior's wish is that all Christians receive His body and blood often. Ascension offers gluten free communion wafers for those who are protein/gluten intolerant or may have a wheat allergy. Simply notify the Pastor during communion if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Please see the Pastor following service if you have any questions.

Preparation for Communion

- P** This is the day that the Lord has made!
- C** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** (Psalm 118:24)
- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!
- C** **His love endures forever!** (Psalm 118:1)
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
- C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P** Lord God, we should indeed give you thanks and praise today and always, here and in every place, because you are the only God and Lord, and you have shown your power over death. Through Jesus Christ you have given us eternal life! Therefore we lift up our voices to you today, together with all Christians in heaven and on the earth, to praise your name!

Sanctus (Song of Praise)

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

- 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.

Communion Song: Remember Me

- P** On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread.
After giving thanks, you broke it and said,
"This is my body, broken for you,
And as you eat it, remember me."
- A** **This is my body, broken for you,
And as you eat it, remember me."**
- P** On the night you were betrayed, you held the cup.
After giving thanks, you lifted it up.
"This is my blood, poured out for you,
And as you drink it, remember me."
- A** **"This is my blood, poured out for you,
And as you drink it, remember me."**
- P** So we thank you for the wine and for the bread,
For we see the life you gave and the blood you shed.
- A** **And we remember your wondrous love.
You gave your body, you shed your blood.
And we remember your wondrous love.
You gave your body, you shed your blood.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God, John 1:29)

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Hymns during Communion

Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life (John 6 and 11)

We Pray in Song 750

1. I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger.
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father draw him.

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the Last Day.

2. The bread that I will give, is my flesh for the life of the world.
He who eats of this bread,
He shall live forever, he shall live forever. (Refrain)
3. I am the resurrection. I am the life.
He who believes in me,
Even if he die, he shall live forever. (Refrain)
4. Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God,
Who has come into the world, who has come into the world. (Refrain)

Hymn: He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480



- 1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
- 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
- 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
- △ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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Hymn: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven LSB 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris-en! Death at last has met de-feat:
 Δ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
 See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re-treat;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
 Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today

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1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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After Communion:

Hymn: Thine is the Glory

(MAJS 43)

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son.
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb.
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain)
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)

Closing Prayer

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Heavenly Father, thank you for your promise of forgiveness and eternal life. Increase my faith and help me live in accordance with your Word. By your Holy Spirit, grant me the assurance that Christ is risen and that I too will be raised to live forever. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction

- P** Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. (1 Corinthians 15:57-58)

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

- C** **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: I Know that My Redeemer Lives LSB 461, stanzas 1, 2, 7, and 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Elder: Ron Seiders/David DeMartelaere
Acolyte: Phyllis Meraz/Elizabeth Valdes/
Rudy Valdes/Thomas Karl
Reader: Kristal Wade
Ushers Team #1

Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:

We pray for all those who may be grieving or mourning the loss of loved ones, especially remember these who loss is most recent:

Pastor Howard Patten. Please continue to pray for peace, comfort, and strength for Marilyn and all of Pastor's family.

Illness and Recovery:

Diana Holguin (for recovery from surgery); **Melissa Reddick**, friend of Barbara Lewis (for thanksgiving that brain cancer is gone and continue to pray for complete recovery); **Maritza Leon**, Maritza Schlak's mother (for recovery in rehabilitation center after successful surgery); **Gilbert Provencio** (for recovery after successful surgery); **Carlos and Elvira Munoz, neighbors of David DeMartelaere**, (for correct diagnosis and treatment of Carlos brain hemorrhage and strength and peace for Elvira); **Jaques Reulet, the father of Yves Reulet**, Pastor Rick and Maritza's son-in-law's father (for healing in his recovery from quadruple bypass surgery), **Mark Pfeifer**, nephew of Vicki Pfeifer, (for healing and that he be able to leave the hospital); **Deb Sullivan & her brother, Anthony** (for guidance & strength in handling parents' estate as they mourn); **Diana and sister Dayna**, students where Maritza Schlak teaches, orphaned and living with their aunt (for protection and comfort in their loss); **Maddy**, student where Mari teaches (for safety from gang violence); **Andy Barber** (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands); **Gloria Voge** (for successful leg therapy and healing from spine fracture); **Sophia, Lorena's mother, Concepcion Arellanes's, caregiver** (for cancer recovery); **Aubrey McDermott** (for 15-year-old with MS in hospital due to stroke); **Ken McLennan** (for upcoming heart procedures and peace, patience, and strength for his wife); **Barb Spott** (for no further medical issues and for relief from vertigo); **Richard Neal, husband of Martha Neal** (recovery from stroke and for peace and strength for Richard and Martha); **Abigail Kailukatis, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth** (for effective treatment); **Merle DeMartelaere, father of David DeMartelaere** (correct diagnosis and treatment for Edema and AFib); **David Kwiatkowski, friend of Connie Swinney** (recovery and treatment for brain cancer);

Elizabeth Hinson, (for recovery from intestinal bug); **Jim Werner, brother of Elliott Werner** (successful treatment and healing from cancer); **Brian Stickney** (continuing health issues); **Rebekah Livesay** (for healing and correct diagnosis); **Dick Seiders, father of Ron Seiders** (continue to heal from cancer and keep the cancer from spreading); **Mary Spott, Barb Spott's niece Keighley Spott's mother**, (heart related issues); **Ann Perdue** (relief from Osteoarthritis); **Patty Jones, sister of Martha Neal** (stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert and Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, (continued cancer recovery); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission); **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer); **Bob Gallagher** (grateful no cancer was found, but he is still fragile with many health issues); **Kathy Kiphart, John Weiske, Linda Seiders**.

Praise and Thanksgiving:

Dick Seiders, father of Ron Seiders (thanksgiving for recovery from hip surgery);

Kirstin Hervin, daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke, (thanksgiving for improved health from Lupus condition which appears to be under control through maintenance meds);

Greg Tatum (Marjy Brady's nephew) **& his wife, Jessica** and their baby son, **Jackson Tatum** (thanksgiving to God for this new life);

Lupita Burke, Ascension Preschool Teacher (thanksgiving for recovery from fracture);

Sherri Pfeifer Wilson, niece of Vicki Pfeifer (completed chemotherapy radiation treatment for cancer and is doing well, thanks be to God).



“I have
seen
the **Lord!**”

JOHN 20:18, NIV

Thank You for Providing Easter Lilies!

Mr. & Mrs. Behl

Ms. Marjy Brady

Mr. & Mrs. Canada-Karl

Mr. & Mrs. DeMartelaere

Mr. & Mrs. DeWitt

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Ascension News and Notes

Flowers for today's service are provided by the Ron Seiders in celebration of Easter Sunday.



BOTH SETS OF FLOWERS ARE \$60.00.

NOTE: CONSIDER SHARING THE COST WITH SOMEONE ELSE. THEN YOU EACH PAY \$30.00

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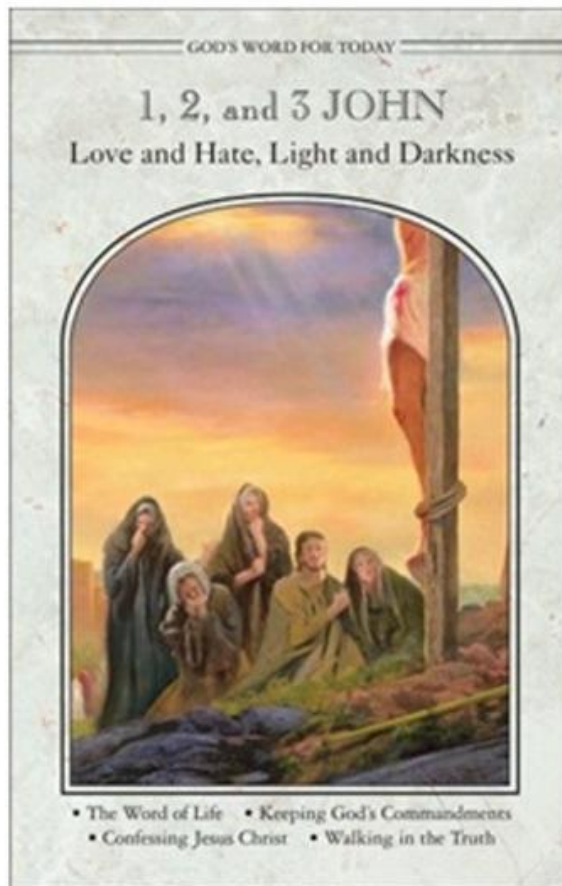


23-Apr. Richard Neal

**The Thursday morning Bible study is studying 1, 2,3 John.
We meet at the church on Thursday mornings.**

We gather at 9:45 and begin the lesson at 10:00 and end at 11:00.

All women are welcome to join us as we study these 3 books. If you have any questions, contact Gretchen Schmalz or Jan Schlak.



Ascension Lutheran Preschool Spirit Night

Thursday, April 24, 2025
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Join us at Chick-fil-A Desert Blvd and help support Ascension Lutheran Preschool. Up to 20% of tonight's sales will go directly toward their efforts. Just use code "ascension" when ordering on the Chick-fil-A® App, or mention Ascension Lutheran Preschool when ordering in the drive-thru or Restaurant. Every meal makes a difference—thank you for helping us support our local schools.



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9am-12pm

June 2-5: Around the World

June 9-12: Animal Kingdom

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2025

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(must be potty trained)

Pre-registration required by May 23, 2025

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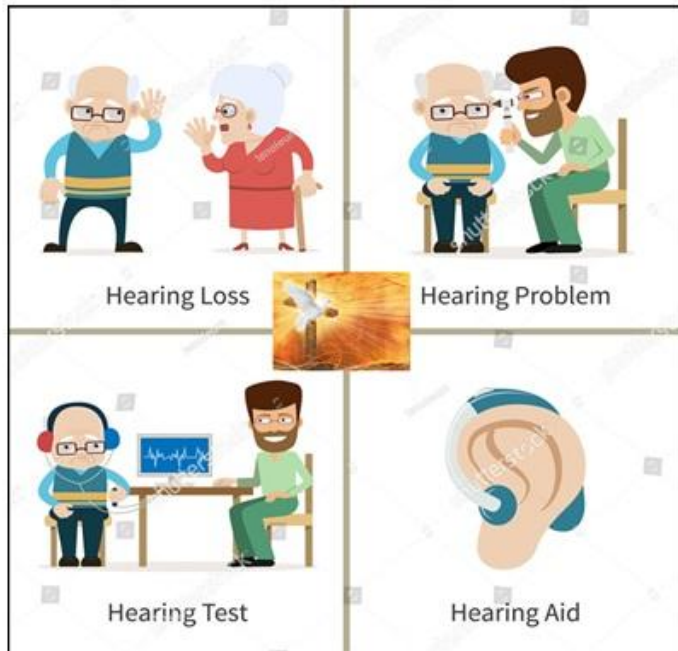


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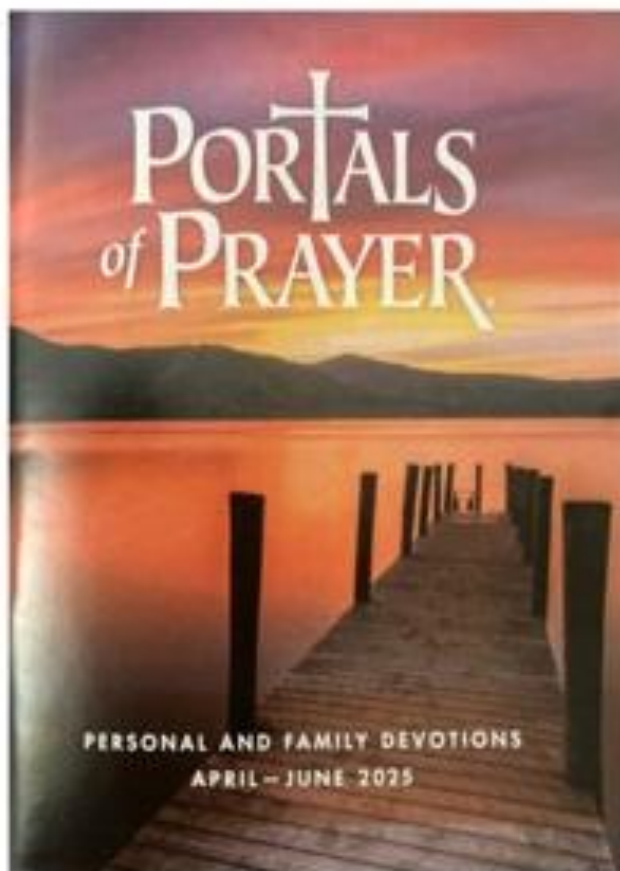


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**You sent the Holy Spirit and
touched peoples' hearts to
fill a need. Amen**

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LCMS Youth Gathering

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July 19-23, 2025; New Orleans, LA



- Youth Gatherings celebrate the meaning of Christian joy in all of life's situations, including transitions and crisis.
- Youth Gatherings recognize and affirm the diversity of God's people.
- Participants **ENDURE** faithfully no matter what they encounter
- Participants cling to and share the good news of God's faithfulness in Christ that **ENDURES forever**

If interested contact the Pastor, David DeMartelaere, or Jacob Meraz for information and registration forms

Fundraising for New Orleans Youth Gathering

Ascension Lutheran Church Attendees:

Phyllis & her father, Jacob Meraz

Envelopes with money amounts are posted on the wall in the narthex.

The money contributed will help in the fundraising effort for Phyllis and Jacob to attend this summer.



San Pablo Attendees:

4 youth & 1 Adult Leader

San Pablo youth will be having yard sales on the first Saturday of every month.

Any donations of no longer needed household items, or gently used clothing, shoes, toys, & furniture would be used for their yard sale fundraising effort.

Call Luz Soto (YLM Servant Event Coordinator)

Office: (915) 858-2588 or Cell: (915) 315-6704



This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (April 20)

- 9:00 AM Easter Breakfast, Quilt Drawing, &
Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion

Monday (April 21)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (April 22)

- 3:30 PM Worship Action Team Meeting (FH)
6:30 PM Boy Scouts (FH)
7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday (April 23)

- 11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)

Thursday (April 24)

- 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

Friday (April 25)

- 12:00 PM Preschool Extended Care (FH)

Saturday (April 26)

