

Ascension Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday  
April 4, 2021

# Christ Is Risen!

## WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

### PRELUDE

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, John Innes

Kathy Johnson, piano  
Vicki Taylor, organ

### OPENING WORDS

P: Christ is risen!

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P: This is the day that the Lord has made. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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### MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 365

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 you 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!

**GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the holy spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**PRAYER**

P: Let us pray... God of mercy,

C: **We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Let It Rise (*Holland Davis*)

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us  
 Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us  
 Let the praises of the King, rise among us  
 Let it rise (*Repeat*)  
 Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

Pastor Chris

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Gospel Reading****Mark 16:1-8**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**SERMON****Pastor Chris****MUSICAL OFFERING****I Know That My Redeemer Lives (v. 1, 2, 8)****ELW 619**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS & MUSIC****He Reigns** (*Furler/Taylor*)

*Please sing after each petition:*

It's all God's children singing  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns  
 It's all God's children singing  
 Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

**LORD'S 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

**MUSICAL OFFERING****Glorious Day** (*Chapman/Hall/Bleeker*)

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
 One day when sin was as black as could be  
 Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
 Dwelt among men, my example is He  
 Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
 His Glory revealed

**Living, He loved me, dying He saved me  
 Buried, He carried my sins far away  
 Rising, He justified freely forever  
 One day He's coming, Oh glorious day,  
 Oh glorious day**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
 One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
 Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
 Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He  
 Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree  
 He took the nails for me (*Chorus*)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
 One day the stone rolled away from the door  
 Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
 Now He's ascended, my Lord ever more  
 Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him  
 from rising again (*Chorus*)

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (v. 1, 2, 4)

ELW 367



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

My Redeemer Lives (Reuben Morgan)

I know He rescued my soul  
 His blood has covered my sin  
 I believe! I believe!  
 My shame is taken away  
 My faith is in His name  
 I believe! I believe!

I'll raise the banner  
 My Lord has conquered the grave  
 My redeemer lives, my redeemer lives  
 My redeemer lives, my redeemer lives

## FAITH CONNECTION

*Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.*

### Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](https://www.tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)

**Office Hours:** The church office is closed on Monday, April 5, in observance of the Easter holiday.

**Worship Recordings:** With our return to in-person worship, Ascension is shifting our recorded worship practice. We will upload the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 worship services to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) on Sunday and on our website on Mondays.

**Starting Point:** Pastor Tony is leading a new study on Spiritual Practices beginning on Monday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. [Register online](#). Questions to [Pastor Tony](#). While the preferred method is to participate in-person, the opportunity to participate virtually by Zoom video conferencing will be available.

**Courage:** AMEN invites all Ascension men to a six-week study about "courage", based on the recent No Regrets Men's Conference. The meetings will begin Monday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom the first week and in-person at church the next week. Contact [Steve Boyer](#) with questions.

**Plant Sale:** In lieu of our traditional plant sale, Shady Lane Greenhouses will give Ascension 25% of proceeds through 4th of July. Customers have to mention Ascension at checkout.

**Outreach for Hope:** If you have been blessed by the Lenten devotions provided by Outreach for Hope, please consider the tradition of donating a Dollar a Day for helping support their ministries. Your \$40 (or more) donation supports the many programs you read or heard about through the devotions and assures that people in need in our synod continue to be able to get the help they need.

**Ongoing Mission Collection** include donations to the Cross Food Pantry, the Waukesha Food Pantry and Ascension's Blessing Box. Each ministry has a marked bin in the Donation Center.

### Prayers

Submit a prayer request [online](#), [by email](#), or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

### Healing

- For Eli Greger, surgery for trigger thumb
- For Marvin Goetter, knee surgery
- With Arlene Davis for her sisters — Lorraine Bird, continued healing for her heart and infections, and Rose Baiertl, in rehab for a fractured pelvis
- Betterae Riekkoff, broken hand

### Comfort

- For John Kontowicz and family at the death of Jane Kontowicz
- For Don and Kathy Malchow and family at the death of Lorraine Malchow

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