



Ascension Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 11, 2021

Worship Leadership Today

The Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Spanish Language Minister*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music*

Joan Birner, *Altar Guild*

Jim Hahn, Elaine Kilgore, *communion*

Jerry Hansen, *usher*

Sheri Greger, Karen Simington, *greeters*

Please help us worship as safely as possible by honoring these expectations:

- Sanitize at check-in. Wear a mask throughout the entire worship experience.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others as best you can, and please do not shake hands or hug others.
- Restrooms are to be used one person at a time (exception for use by families).
- You are invited to share in the spoken responses, but we ask you to not sing.
- Offering plates will not be passed; offerings may be dropped off at the check-in station before worship or on your way to communion or you may text your offering to 262-214-3681.
- Instructions will be given for communion. Please be patient as we commune in new ways. When it is your turn to receive communion, we ask that you take everything with you as you are dismissed by row to receive communion as the reception of communion will be the final act of worship.
- In the event we are informed of a positive covid-19 test result for someone attending this worship service, you will be notified by email.

PRELUDE

O filii et filiae (O Sons and Daughters)

Jean-François Dandrieu

WELCOME

P: Christ is risen!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fanfare on "Easter Hymn," *setting by John Behnke*

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Thine is the Glory, *G. F. Handel*

PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Holy God, at Easter you brought new life to weary hearts. We lift our voices in praise of your glory. Even when our hearts are heavy - you are faithful. You comfort all who mourn; you wipe away all tears; you bring joy in the morning. Teach us, O God, to trust in your love, to rest in your promises, that we may rejoice all our days and share the good news: that death is defeated and all are made alive in you.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Crown Him With Many Crowns,** *setting by Douglas Franks*

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood

among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

We Walk By Faith, Marty Haugen

Words to reflect on: We walk by faith and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none ever spoke: "My peace be with you here."

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come, Let Us Eat, Billema Kwillia

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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MUSICAL OFFERINGS

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.**

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

FAITH CONNECTION

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- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Starting Point: Pastor Tony is leading a new study on Spiritual Practices beginning tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. Questions to Pastor Tony at Tony@ascensionelca.org. Register online, <http://tinyurl.com/StartingPT2021>.

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

Cross Food Pantry: We're collecting food pantry items for Cross. Place your donations in the marked bin in the Donation Center.

SOPHIA is looking for congregation members who have businesses to advertise in their Yearbook. It reaches over 800 people a year. If you have a business and would like to help, contact Bob Stoll, bobstollathome@yahoo.com or Iva Richards, iva.richards35@gmail.com.

Healing Hearts: Healing Hearts is planning its Annual Celebration of Hope to honor the growth and healing of the grieving families they have served over the years. On May 15, enjoy a gourmet meal and a fun night to support one of our community partners. Contact Shirley Wehmeier.

Thank You: From Arlene Kelsey —Thanks to all who have sent wonderful cards, thoughts and prayers of sympathy to me since the loss of my two sisters.

Prayers

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

Healing

- Sheri Greger's Great Aunt Wilma hospitalized with blood clots in her lungs
- Sandra Klippel, hospitalized

Thanksgiving

- With Susan Otto for her friend Bob, who received his heart transplant