



## *Ascension Lutheran Church*

**3rd Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 18, 2021

### **Worship Leadership Today**

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*      The Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*  
Edwin Aparicio, *Spanish Language Minister*      Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music*

Olin Kinunen, *acolyte*

Sharon Coralline, Paul Wehmeier, *communion*

Joan Birner, *Altar Guild*

Cynthia Carlson, *usher*

Karen Simington, Shirley Wehmeier, *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

*Words to reflect on:*

### **Christ lay in Todesbanden, J.S. Bach**

Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands for our offenses given;  
but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be and sing to God right thankfully  
loud songs of hallelujah! Hallelujah!

## WELCOME

P: Christ is risen!

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

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### **Jubilate**

*Setting by Douglas Wagner*

**Steve and Carol Spieker**  
**Handbells**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for  
the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray  
to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## 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. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Chris**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

*Setting by Thomas Gieschen*

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Chris**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Alleluia, Jesus Is Risen, setting by Michael Burkhardt*

## 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

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing, arr. Kristina Langlois*

## 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.**

## DISMISSAL BY USHERS TO DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

### 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

### Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- Text 262-214-3681
- Online: [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)

**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.

**SOPHIA** is looking for congregation members who have businesses to advertise in their Yearbook. If you have a business and would like to help, contact Bob Stoll or Iva Richards.

**Meru Coffee:** With most of the churches in our synod not serving coffee, sales are way down, greatly impacting the farmers who depend on us. To order, Donna Aschenbrenner.

**Healing Hearts:** Healing Hearts is planning its Annual Celebration of Hope on May 15 to honor the growth and healing of the grieving families they have served over the years. Contact Shirley Wehmeier to participate.

**Nationwide Climate Prayer:** Across the nation, people of all faiths will join their voices together to pray for action on climate change on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, at noon. To sign-up or for other ways to participate, visit [faithclimateactionweek.org](http://faithclimateactionweek.org).

### Prayers

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

### God's Care

- With Beth Hoffmann for Grandpa Ron Trask and family
- For the people of Minneapolis/St. Paul