



Ascension Lutheran Church

3rd Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 18, 2021

Worship Leadership Today

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

The Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Anna Marien, *acolyte*

Mike and Kathy Tomcheck, *Altar Guild*

Cynthia Carlson, Mark Pichler, *ushers*

Karen Simington, Cathy Rapp, *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.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Christ is risen!

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

SONGS

Your Grace Is Enough (*Maher*)

Open the Eyes of My Heart (*Baloche*)

PRAYER

P: 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.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Cornerstone (*Mote, Liljero, Myrin, Morgan, Bradbury*)

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

SONG

Raise a Hallelujah (*Stevens, Helser, Helser, Skaggs*)

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SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR SADIE JOLIE DATI

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Shane, Cayla, Gena and Brooks do you present Sadie Jolie Dati for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We do.

P: Jessie and Alex, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Sadie Jolie baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Sadie Jolie to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people; bring her to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Sadie grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Shane, Cayla, Gena and Brooks, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Sadie: to walk alongside her as she grows in her faith and in her relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Sadie and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I do.

P: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Sadie Jolie Dati, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Sadie Jolie: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

P: Sadie Jolie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sister Sadie into the family of God.

PRAYERS

Our God (*Tomlin, Reeves, Myrin, Redman*)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed ...

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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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SONGS

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.**

[Sermon Notes]

FAITH CONNECTION

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- Text 262-214-3681
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

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.

Meru Coffee: We have coffee and coffee gifts available for purchase in our Meru coffee cabinet or by order. With most of the churches in our synod not serving coffee at church this past year, the sales are way down. This loss of sales greatly impacts the farmers in Tanzania who depend on us. Please consider purchasing coffee for home use or gifts. Orders submitted one week can usually be fulfilled by the next week. Contact Donna Aschenbrenner, wra@wi.rr.com, to order or with questions.

Cross Food Pantry is able to serve people in the parking lot again with the good weather. That means more people will be coming by each week. Partnership donations enable Cross to serve the community in their neighborhood. Place your donations in the marked bin in the Donation Center.

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 or see the newsletter for more information. We would love to have a table representing Ascension.

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 this worthy organization, contact Bob Stoll or Iva Richards.

Cross Clinic: We are no longer collecting empty prescription bottles for the Bread of Healing Clinic. Thank you to all who have donated but they are no longer using them.

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 22nd at Noon CST. Want to join? To sign-up, visit faithclimateactionweek.org. Take a look at other activities you can participate in during Faith Climate Action Week.

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

Healing

- For Cara Bonnell, in ICU

On our website, ascensionelca.org

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- Register online for next week's worship.
- Watch or re-watch worship and sermons.
- Read blog postings with updated information about church activities.
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