



# EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN!

Ascension Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE** We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

### “EASTER GUARANTEES . . .”

**AS WE GATHER:** As consumers and citizens, we long for guarantees. Items purchased are accompanied with contracts and warranties boasting of verbiage that guarantees longevity, functionality, and protection. Political speeches are filled with persuasive arguments and accolades guaranteeing allegiance, prosperity, and freedom. Apart from God's Word, human guarantees are fragile at best. Because of God's Word in Christ, we have abundant, life, joy, and eternal hope. His bleeding wounds—a gouging crown, nail-scarred hands, and speared side—guarantee our forgiveness, grace, and eternal life. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has purchased all of His lost and condemned creatures with blood. This is more than a deceptive warranty; it comes through Jesus, the very Word made flesh, for the redemption and resurrection of the world.

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**“Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed”**

by Ed Cash | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty

**Praise Team**

**“I’ve Just Seen Jesus”**

words and music by D. Daniels, G. & W. Gaither

**Karon Keup, soloist**

**“Easter Proclamation”**

J. Behnke

**Ascension Choir**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**P** Lord Jesus, in your triumph over the grave and your resurrection from death, the heavens and earth rejoice!

**C** We praise you, O God! For you have made us victorious over sin!

**P** On the mountain of the Lord, all people will feast and all wine shall be poured!

**C** We praise you, O God! For you have prepared a table before us and our cups overflow!

**P** The Lord has swallowed up death forever; the Lord has wiped away the tears from all faces!

**C** We praise you, O God! For you have brought us from death to life!

**P** The disgrace of God's people has been taken away from the earth because the Lord has spoken!

**C** We praise you, O God! For you have given us joy and gladness!

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heavnly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today", Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; (sts. 1–3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707–88, Text: Public domain

## WELCOME

### INVOCATION

- P** Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
- C** **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** In the name of the Father—who creates and re-creates new life in the kingdom of resurrection,
- C** **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** and of ✠ Jesus—who redeems and resurrects new life in the kingdom of resurrection,
- C** **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** and of the Holy Spirit—who sanctifies and breathes new life in the kingdom of resurrection.
- C** **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins before God our Father, and Christ, our risen King!
- C** **Resurrected Lord and Savior, we confess that we have not always shared Your love and hope with others. We struggle to be gracious in conflict and forget that all believers belong to You—the crucified and risen Lord. Although we are undeserving, You have crowned us with resurrection certainty by Your life-changing grace and mercy. Death is destroyed. Easter life flourishes, now and forever!**
- P** Christ has died. We, too, shall die. Christ has risen. We, too, shall rise, because we are more than conquerors in and through Christ Jesus. Our eternal confidence and unwavering faith are in Him alone! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **"Thine Is The Glory"**

Setting by S. K. Tucker

**Handbell Choir**

## **+ THE WORD +**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Job 19:23-27 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> "Oh that my words were written!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last He will stand upon the earth.

<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 15:51-57 (ESV)

<sup>51</sup> Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> 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. <sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> 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.”

<sup>55</sup> “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

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

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

### “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

by K. Getty, M. Boswell, J. Kauflin, M. Merker, M. Papa  
**Chad, Audrey and Claire Zeebuyth, Carlyn Staudt**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

<sup>8</sup>And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

**“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”**

LSB 466

- 1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

**Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Deaths fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

- 3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” **(refrain)**
- 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won.” **(refrain)**
- 5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. **(refrain)**

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**SERMON**  
**"AMONG THE DEAD... WE LIVE"**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Luke 24:1-12

**APOSTLES CREED - Second Article**

- P** Let us confess together the Second Article of the Apostles Creed.
- C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**
- P** Lord Jesus, as Peter declared, so we declare, "You are the Messiah, sent from God!"
- C** **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**
- P** Jesus, You are Son of Man and Son of God, fully human and fully Divine.
- C** **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.**
- P** Precious Lord, even as You predicted Your terrible death, so it came to pass. You are the Savior and Redeemer of the world.
- C** **He descended into hell.**
- P** Jesus, Your victory was proclaimed to all those in prison, and Satan cannot win the day.
- C** **On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**
- P** You are the Resurrection and the Life!
- C** **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**
- P** You are King of kings and Lord of lords. We await the day of Your coming!
- C** **Thank You for the cross and empty tomb, Lord Jesus. By Your death and resurrection we have eternal life. You are the Messiah, sent from God!**  
**Amen!**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

## **“This Is What Is Meant By Love”**

Words by R. Aspinall, Music by J. Rouse

**Ascension Choir**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Lord, mighty God, You have borne the sin of the world and given to us the promise of new and everlasting life. Receive our thanks for the glorious resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Bring us with Him to our own joyful resurrection and the reunion of all Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You have established the Church as the instrument of Your saving grace and given us the gifts of Your Word, Baptism, and Your Supper. Encourage us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be Your witnesses in all ways. Bless those who bring Your gifts and preach Your Word. Give us willing ears to hear and willing hearts to keep this Easter faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless our government leaders and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, Your healing and strength are the hope of all the weary and afflicted. According to Your gracious will, give to all the sick and those who suffer healing and relief...Grant them patience and hope until that day when they put on new and glorious bodies raised by Christ and receive the end of all afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Risen Lord, we praise and thank You for Your goodness toward us and we lift up to You those who celebrate this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty Father, this is the feast of victory, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Build in us anticipation for the marriage supper of the Lamb, which we and all the people of God shall feast upon in His kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, You have not let Your Holy One see corruption, but have raised Him in triumph from the dead, never to die again. Therefore, our hearts are glad and we rejoice, for our flesh also dwells secure. Since You have set Him at Your right hand, lead us to set His resurrection before us at all times, that His path of life and the fullness of joy in His presence may be known to us, until we come also to the eternal pleasures at His right hand, forevermore; for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **LORDS PRAYER (sung)**

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
Forever. Amen.

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

- P** Easter is here, and the stone has been rolled away.
- C** **Jesus lives! And our sins are forgiven!**
- P** The light has dawned on an empty tomb.
- C** **Jesus lives! And His light shines through our darkness!**
- P** The resurrected Christ gives us true hope in a life that never ends.
- C** **Jesus lives! And all doubting is done!**
- P** The grave is open, and no death can hold us.
- C** **Jesus lives! And death is defeated!**

## BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you in Jesus' resurrection!  
The Lord renew you in the promise of your resurrection—yet to be revealed.  
The Lord grant you eternal joy, hope, and new life.
- C** **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

**“All You On Earth, Rejoice And Sing”** (tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

All you on earth, rejoice and sing:  
Give glory to our risen King!  
Raise your voices! Alleluia!  
Our Lord, who died, now truly lives;  
To us this promise He now gives.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

Your death, O Lord, was but the seed  
From which a new life would proceed!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Lord, once raised by heavens power,  
will raise us all in that last hour.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

The Lord has made this Easter day;  
To joy let sorrow now give way!  
Celebrate it! Alleluia!  
All Christians, who one faith declare,  
Sing praise to Christ whose life we share.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

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## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to the Schaefer Family for the lovely Altar flowers  
in honor of Sasha's first birthday given to the glory of God.*

† THE CALLIGRAPHY CLASS IS ON HOLD FOR NOW

† RE:VITALITY

The LCMS Re:Vitality program is offering Ascension Lutheran Church the opportunity to do a self-assessment to see how their resources can benefit us. We need honest feedback from anyone connected to our congregation, especially you! Grab a card from the Table by the door in the Narthex to see how you can participate.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Bonnie Webber, The Family of Carol Hoefer, The Family of Karla Deal, The Family of Dick Clausen (brother of Kaye Beaulieu), Randy Bryant’s sister-in-law (Diana), Riki Neagle, Bobbie Adams, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob’s brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez’ mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)  
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);  
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).  
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

LAST WEEK AT ASCENSION

Offerings April 13, 2025	\$9,028.80		
Weekly Budgeted Needs	<u>\$8,240.72</u>		
Difference	+ \$788.08		
Attendance:	8:30am	11:00am	TOTAL
	69	72	141

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE EASTER, SUN., APRIL 20, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Aden <b>NEEDED</b>	Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Christian Freeman
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: All Altar Guild	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Kysa and Stephen Schaefer	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: No Class Today	

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUN., APRIL 27, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Aden <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney Randy Schroeder
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Michele Sprengle
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Peggy Hall
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Sheryl Maier	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Rebecca Williamson and Karon Keup	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Hana and Gina	

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., APRIL 20 – SAT., APRIL 26**

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<b>Sunday, April 20</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, April 21</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 23</b>		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
<b>Thursday, April 24</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 25</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 27 – SAT., MAY 3**

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<b>Sunday, April 27</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
<b>Monday, April 28</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, May 2</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation

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**MILESTONES – Sunday, April 20 – Saturday, April 26**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Nichole Fogarty	Apr. 21	Joshua Hazen	Apr. 21
Margaret Hubbard	Apr. 21	Carolyn Shore	Apr. 21
Marcia Bryant	Apr. 24	Ruby Sylvia	Apr. 25

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Teddy Brown	Apr. 20	Bea Kirchner	Apr. 21
Robin Wymore	Apr. 22	Mike Adams	Apr. 23
Larry Hart	Apr. 23	Mark Wheeler	Apr. 24

**WEDDINGS:** None

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## Our Mission Statement:

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## Our Vision Statement:

*“Take part....Join Jesus on His mission.”*

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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