



ASCENSION
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Divine Service
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Friends of God,

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me.
Alleluia

John 10:14

*Christ has risen from the
dead. God the Father
has crowned him with
glory and honor,
He has given him
dominion over the
works of his hands; he
has put all things under
his feet.*

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Now, as He requires from us love to our neighbor, after love of Himself, so He will do what He has commanded. He will love the flesh [mankind], which is His neighbor. He will love it, though it is infirm, since His "strength is made perfect in weakness." He will love it, though it is disordered, since "those who are whole do not need a physician, but those who are sick." He will love it, though it is dishonorable, since "we bestow more abundant honor on the less honorable members." He will love it, though it is ruined, since He says, "I am come to save that which was lost." He will love it, though it is sinful, since He says, "I desire the salvation of the sinner." He will love it, though it is condemned, for He says, "I shall wound and also heal."

Tertullian[†]

APRIL 26, 2026 ✠ 8:30AM & 11AM

SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home.

Sit towards the front: That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

Help your child look and listen: Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminders of Jesus and His Good News.

Participate joyfully! Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

Involve your child: Encourage them to say and pray their parts: "*Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father...*" Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

If You and Your Child Must Leave: There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

Rainbow Activity Bags are available at the Usher Table for children five and under.

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshiping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.



ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord's Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is "Yes" then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- Do you come to the Lord's Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?
- Have you been baptized and instructed in the sacrament so that you come to confess the holy, catholic and apostolic faith along with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod?
- Do you believe Jesus' words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?

We invite all those who are not prepared to commune to join our study of God's Word and to speak to our pastor for direction. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing at God's altar this morning. Please fold your hands over your heart during the distribution of the sacrament and join in our prayers for God restore us through repentance, to unity and holiness in Christ alone.

The "white" individual cups at the center of each tray are alcohol-free. For gluten-free communion, please ask the pastor prior to the service.

Gathered Together...

PRELUDE

Be Not Afraid

EASTER GREETING

Luke 24:6-7; Romans 6:9

Stand.

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Greet one another with the Easter Blessing. Say "Christ is Risen!" and reply, "He is risen indeed!"

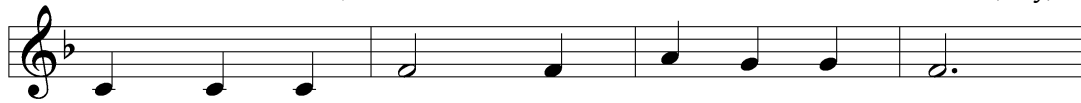
ENTRANCE HYMN

Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5

Please stand. Turn and face the cross in procession.

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

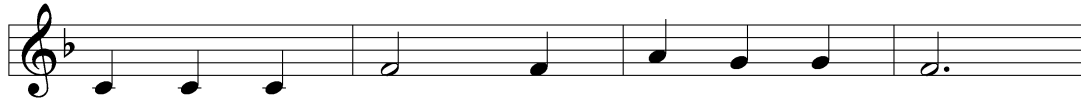
sts. 1, ref, 2-3



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."



Refrain
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand.

INTROIT

Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14. 15b



Pastor sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!
Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving;*
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
For the LORD is a | great God,*
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!
For he | is our God,*
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep | of his hand.

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

Refrain

"Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison" means "Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy."

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Chri - ste e - le - i - son,
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Lord Jesus, You came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom. **Refrain**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. **Refrain**

You will come in glory with salvation for Your people. **Refrain**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LUKE 2:14; JOHN 1:29

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.
1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fath-er, we
wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. *Refrain*
2. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us;
You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. *Refrain*

3. For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord.
 You a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A-men. *Refrain*

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit.

...Around the Word...

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:42-47

- A** The First Reading is from Acts, second chapter.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the

proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 PETER 2:19-25

A The Epistle is from First Peter, the second chapter.

This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled,

he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.


C Thanks be to God.

Stand.

GOSPEL VERSE

John 6:68

The assembly sings the refrain twice.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 10:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”

This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.	<i>Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy. 6:4 Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3 Genesis 1:1; John 1:1 Colossians 1:16</i>
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.	<i>Romans 10:9 John 3:16; Matthew 16:16 John 1:2 John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1 Colossians 2:9 John 1:2 John 10:30 Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3 1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23 John 4:41; Luke 15:20 Luke 1:34-35 John 1:14 Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18 John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53 1 Cor. 15:4 Acts 1:9 Acts 7:55 Matthew 26:64 Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12 2 Peter 1:11</i>
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.	<i>John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38 Genesis 1:2; 1 John 3:6 John 15:26 Lk 2:14 Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21 1 Pt 2:5; Eph. 2:19ff Eph. 4:5; Acts 2:38 1 Cor. 15:35-49; 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42 Psalm 106:48</i>

Us men means all people.
Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children’s message.

HYMN OF THE DAY

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

SERMON

SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.

All those wishing to commune should examine themselves, as in the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You call to Yourself all those who labor and are heavy burdened, to refresh them and to give rest to their souls. Dear Lord, I pray, let me also experience Your love at the heavenly feast, which You have prepared for Your children on earth. Rescue me here from impenitence and unbelief, so that I do not receive the Sacrament to my damnation. Remove the spotted garment of my flesh and my own righteousness and adorn me with the garment earned by Your blood. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and hereafter make me to sit at Your heavenly table, where You give me to eat of the eternal manna and to drink of the river of Your pleasures. Hear me for Your own sake. Amen.



As a deer pants for
flowing streams, so
pants my soul for you,
O God.

Psalm 42:1

...And Blessed

OFFERING & VOLUNTARY

Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.
Take a moment to sign and pass along the red books found at the end of each pew.

OFFERTORY

All stand as the congregation's offerings are brought forward to the altar.

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

sts. ref, 4-5



4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

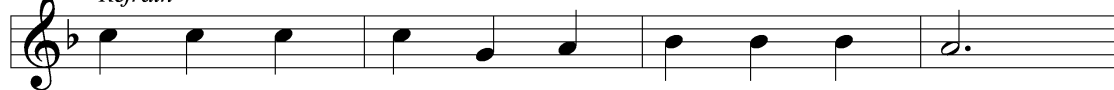


Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

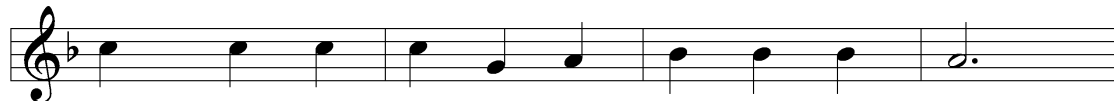


E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For steadfast faith to hear the voice of our great Shepherd, that passing through the valley of the shadow of death we may faithfully follow Him in Whom is our portion and abundant life forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L That with the gift of His Word, through faithful pastors and attentive believers, God would bestow Christ's wisdom and tenderness upon the souls of His people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who lead and govern in the Church, that they would bestow honor, resources and good order upon the purpose of our Good Shepherd, and for those who lead and govern our land, that they would protect God's beloved children and serve the cause of justice and liberty, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Ascension Lutheran, that God would work by His mercy for our good now and eternally; for readiness to intercede for one another since we have been gathered together in the fellowship of Christ and His apostolic Word; and for the proclamation of the Gospel, that God would be pleased to add to our number those who are being saved, until He brings us all rest eternally in His safekeeping. We pray especially for...

our members

John Henry
Janice Edwards
Ardith Hertzog
Jasmine Timm
James Dake
Cindy Nelson
Peri Hertzog
Tony Byrum
Cissi Burtner
Elaine Elston

those at home:

Janet Miller
Lauri MacDonald
Lila Thompson
Doris Falconieri
Jackie Elam
Tom Hagen
Karen Priebe
Roy & Sharon Gugel
Mary Keefauver
Helen Gounis
Louise Nordman

those dear to us:

Jim Melton
Pat Kane
Al Nicholas
Hermione Moul
Cassandra Shropshire

and rejoice with...

our family birthdays:

Jason Spokas
Ellory Magoon
August Newberg
Crispin McDonald
Melody Euhus
Frederick Newberg

praise & thanksgiving:

St Luke's Lutheran
Pastor Ron Wiese
Deacon Steve Revis

let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who eat of Christ's body and blood this day, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins, that even amid sin, death and the devil, the Lord's goodness and mercy would follow us all the days of our lives and we would dwell in His house forever, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

P The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

John 1:29; Revelation 5:6, 12

1. 2. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

482 This Joyful Eastertide

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|----------------|--|---|--|
| 1 | This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow:
<i>Refrain</i> | 2 | Death's flood has lost its chill
Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver:
<i>Refrain</i> |
| <i>Refrain</i> | Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen! | 3 | My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in
number: <i>Refrain</i> |

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

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| 1 | Good Christian friends, rejoice and
sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 3 | Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot
die,
And sing with hearts uplifted
high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |
| 2 | The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His
way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! | 4 | Your name we bless, O risen
Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life
restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! |

After communing it is right to quietly give thanks, as in the following prayer:

Merciful Redeemer, You have raised me up to partake at Your table with those who witnessed Your death upon the cross and beheld Your glorious resurrection. Let Your body and Your blood, which You have given to me in the bread and the cup, preserve me from all fear, for You have breathed on me Your peace and the forgiveness of all my sins. Let these gifts work in me true faith that overcomes unbelief and doubt, and the fullness of wisdom that conquers temptation and evil desires according to Your Word, for love unfeigned and for the observing of Your commandments.

Show me to be where Your Holy Spirit comes to dwell, and where sin is ever cast out so that, together with these beloved brothers and sisters, I may dwell in Your Kingdom and in holiness, always remembering Your grace and living no longer for myself, but for You, my Lord. So may I share the bread of life with my neighbors and be ever glad, even to depart this life, confident in Your promised rest and the delight of beholding Your beauty forever, to Whom is all power and glory, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Stand.

DISMISSAL

Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION LITANY

Psalm 107:1

L O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C for His mercy endures forever.

L Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your

life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the

lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.

And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to

count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of

and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

POSTLUDE

Piano

Dietrich Newberg

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Steven Newberg

Assistant: Vicar Andrew Borseth

Organist: Eric Hauck

Worship Assistants: Marshal Sawyer/Jim Aydelott

Communion Assistants: Sam D'Avila/Laura K. Zacharczyp

Crucifers: August Newberg/McKenna Laughey

Acolytes: Dietrich Newberg, Frederick Newberg/Emarie Delozier, Nicolas Delozier

Altar Guild: Natalie Broome, Sarah Buser, Carmin McDonald, Janie Swenson, Lindsay Tinkelenberg

Readers: Kevin Pollard/Laura Jordan

Greeter: /Diane Beard

Ushers: Will Adams, Dewey Bryson, Phil Edwards, Ben Finlay/William Cates, Carey Cousins, Paul Spokas, Dwight Stine

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ASCENSION SOUP KITCHEN

Served lunch to 118 guests this Tuesday.

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12:00pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.


Soli Deo Gloria!

ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY

**Distributed one week of groceries to 29 families,
84 family members on 4/17 & 4/21.**

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Nourish Up referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

Soli Deo Gloria!



**95th Anniversary
Celebration of
Ascension Lutheran Church
Sunday, May 3, 2026**

**Celebrating our past, present,
and future...**

Worship 8:30am & 11am

SED President Rev. Dr. Bill Harmon will be
our Guest Pastor for the day.

**Please join us for Worship followed by
Lunch on the Lawn**
(immediately following 11am Worship)

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Welcome!

WORSHIP BROADCAST

Sunday Divine Services are broadcast live on the Internet at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN SOUP KITCHEN

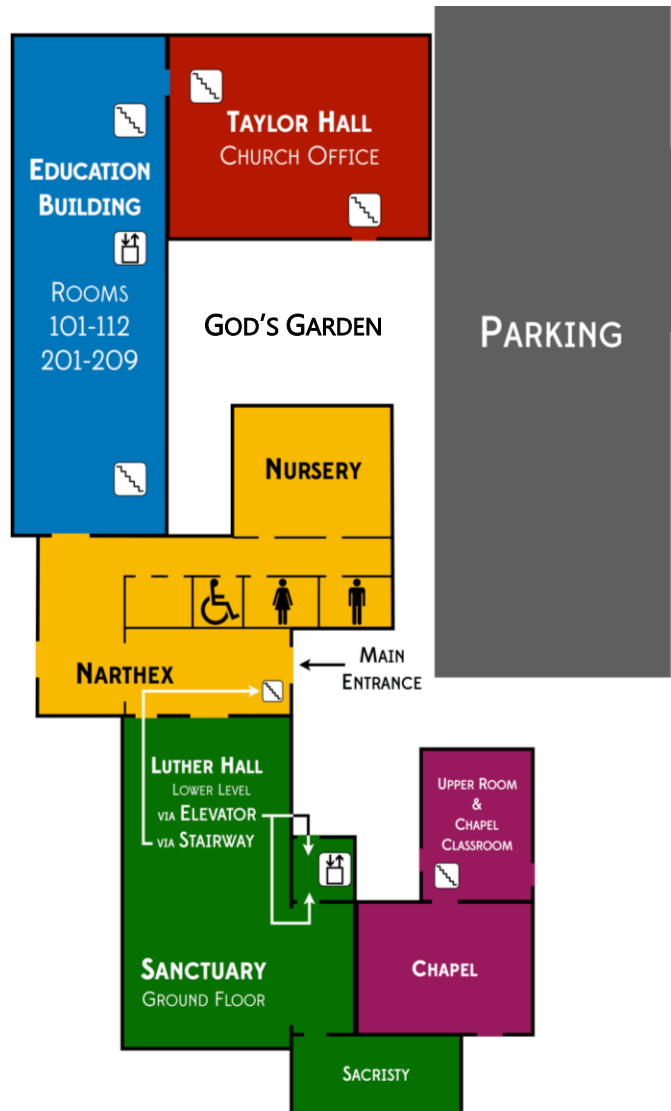
Every Tuesday, 11:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Serving to-go lunches in the parking lot.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

Find out the way we receive the Christian Faith in the Lutheran tradition each week.



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RESTROOMS are located down the hallway at the back of the Narthex.



A NURSERY for children age 3 and under is located across the hallway from the restrooms. The worship service can be seen and heard from the Nursery. A baby-changing table is available in the Nursery and the Family Restroom (accessible).



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.