

Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023

11:00 a.m.



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This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion.

With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are glad you are here!

- *The Lutheran Liturgical Service is meant to be interactive. You will be able to follow & participate in today's Order of Service using this Bulletin. There are helpful instructions *italicized* throughout but please ask a neighbor or the Usher if you have any questions.
- *We invite you to partake in the Lord's Supper (Holy Communion.) Juice and gluten free wafers are available.
- *Please fill out the attendance slip and place in the Offering Plate.
- *Online offerings can be made through Givelify.com and PayPal.com
- *We welcome and encourage children in the Sanctuary. However, there is a Nursery located at the very end of the main hallway.
- *The Women's Restroom is located through the left door, continuing through The Choir Room, then to the left. A Unisex/Handicap Restroom is located through the right door and is immediately to the left.
- *All activities (choirs, lunch groups, bible study, etc.) are open to all. You do not have to be a member to participate.
- *If you have interest or questions about membership, contact Pastor Jackie Utley at 803-786-6429 or jackie.utley@gmail.com

SAFETY PROCEDURES

- *Masks are optional but **strongly** encouraged if you are unvaccinated.
- *We have a large space and will continue to promote social distancing as we do have members who are immunocompromised.
- *Please sanitize hands upon entering Sanctuary.
- *"Passing the Peace" will be shared verbally, staying in your pew.
- *Continue to social distance when coming up to receive communion.

SERVING ASCENSION TODAY

Parish Pastor: *The Reverend Jackie Utley*

Crucifer: *Billy Browder*

Parish Musician: *Gregory Stone*

Usher: *Billy Browder*

Lector & Asst. Minister: *Brian Smith*

Cantor: *Carol Funk*

Communion Assistant: *Mike Lever*

NOTICES

TODAY

Sunday, April 9th – Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

- 11:00 AM Holy Communion Service
 - *Lead Me, Guide Me* Hymnal (LMGM – multicolored hymnal)

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God in honor of Greg Stone & Ken Butler by the Ascension Church Family.

The Easter Lilies are given to the Glory of God by members of Ascension. (A recognition list can be found in the back of the bulletin.)

THIS WEEK

- Pastor Jackie will be taking vacation time this Monday – Friday. If you have a pastoral need, please contact the office.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, April 16th – 2nd Sunday of Easter

- 11:00 AM Holy Communion Service

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

All Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN LMGM 61 *Christ Has Arisen*

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son
to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious
resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

**All Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in
the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.**

Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Carol Funk, cantor

Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:
"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD.

Refrain

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.

Refrain

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

Refrain

ANTHEM

Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain
The Ascension Ringers

Ramsdell/Groth

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION FOR EASTER

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

(Gospel continues next page)

⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, O Christ**

We sit.

SERMON

A brief silence for reflection.

Stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY LMGGM 59 He Arose

Stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

Asst. Minister As the called people of God,
 we profess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

SONG OF PETITION

The following will be sung before the Prayers of Intercession.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole; peace to all people,
hope for each soul. God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Prayers of Intercession are “The Prayers of the People.” Therefore, we invite Lay members, visitors, and children to read the prayers marked “Lay Person.” After each petition: Pastor/Lay Person: “Risen Lord, in your mercy,” All: “hear our prayer.”

Pastor United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Lay Person You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Lay Person You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Lay Person You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give.

Risen Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Lay Person You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly’s song.

Risen Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. We especially pray for these members of our Church Family who are in the hospital, at home, or in care centers. Comfort their hearts and ours with your powerful presence:

All	Tommy Boozer	Margarie Lever	Gene & Johann Roof
	Donna Clark	Pat Martin	Debbie Shumpert
	Ava Hudson	Lisa Mosely	Charlene Van Patten
	David Lever	Delores Richardson	Dorothy Van Patten

Pastor And for those others we name aloud now on our lips or silently in our hearts... Risen Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Pastor As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news.

Risen Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

Pastor Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

All Amen.

PEACE

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And also with you.

The people may greet one another verbally with "Peace be with you" or similar words from their pews while social distancing.

We Sit.

OFFERTORY

Day Is Dawning
The Chancel Choir

Russell Nagy

Stand as you are able

OFFERING SONG *The “Clapping” Doxology*

(All sing with clapping)

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *(Repeat all and add: Amen!)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.

All We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION +



This meal is the Lord’s Supper of grace and is open to ALL Christians of any background or denomination. As Lutheran Christians, we believe in Christ’s true presence in, with, and under the elements. When giving the bread, the Pastor says, “The body of Christ, given for you.” When giving the cup, the Assistant says, “The blood of Christ, shed for you.” Each person may respond with “Amen.” If you require a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice, please let the Pastor know. Children who have not received communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two phrases: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And also with you.' The second staff has two phrases: 'Lift up your hearts!' and 'We lift them to the Lord!'. The third staff has one phrase: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!'. The fourth staff has one phrase: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise!'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with many slurs and ties.

PREFACE FOR EASTER

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pastor Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.*
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy spirit, in your church, both now and forever.

All Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All **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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond: "Amen."

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS LMG M 57 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*
LMG M 63 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
 strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

All Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Asst. Min. Let us pray.

Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.

**All With your word and this meal of grace,
 you have nourished our life together.
 Strengthen us to show your love
 and serve the world in Jesus' name.
 Amen.**

BLESSING

Pastor The God of all,
 who raised † Jesus from the dead,
 bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
 to live in the new creation.

All Amen.

SENDING HYMN LMGM 240 *Victory in Jesus*

DISMISSAL

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Christ Lag In Todesbanden*

J.S. Bach

PRAYER LIST – Our members, family, and friends with current needs:

Delores Richardson (NHC Rehab- Parklane Road)

Debra Butler

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**Stewardship/Receipts for Sunday, April 2, 2023 : Attendance: 34**

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Program                    | \$ 3,218.00       |
| Loose                      | \$ 20.00          |
| Prayer Beads Donation      | \$ 10.00          |
| Lenten Offering (Service)  | \$ 96.00          |
| Use of Building            | \$ 200.00         |
| Holy Week Special Offering | \$ 35.00          |
| Easter Lilies              | \$ 28.00          |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$3,607.00</b> |

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It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our parish musician, Gregory Stone, as his last Sunday with us will be on Easter. Greg has been called to St. Timothy’s Epsicopal Church in downtown Columbia. We bid you a fond farewell Greg. We will miss you greatly!

As a thank you for Greg’s time here with us, we are having a reception in his honor on today immediately following worship. Please join us in sending Greg off.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION** check out the flyers in the Narthex or contact the office at 803-786-6429 or email [ascension.office827@gmail.com](mailto:ascension.office827@gmail.com).



# Easter Lilies



## In Loving Memory of

*Our departed loved ones by Billy & Joyce Browder*

*Jack & Margaret Mathias by Amber Davidson*

*Chris Stowell by Amber Davidson*

*Donna Mathias & Jim Stowell by Amber Davidson*

*Ken Dobbins by Carol Funk*

*Curtis Freeman by Jacob & Carla Goerlich*

*Walter Freeman by Jacob & Carla Goerlich*

*Minnie Greene by Toure Green*

*Troy Scott Hutchinson & Renee Michelle Hutchinson*

*by Phyllis Hutchinson*

*Sadie Beck by Phyllis Hutchinson*

*Eleanor "Memaw" Jenkins by Lily Jenkins*

*Joe & Catherine Fee by Nancy Kerr*

*Tommy & Evelyn Kerr by Nancy Kerr*

*Luther & Lessie Lentz by Russ Lentz*

*Jean Love by Sallie Sharpe*

*Elbert "Cowboy" & Dorothy Dickert Sharpe by Sallie Sharpe*

*Jean Love by Tommy & Alma Sharpe  
Dot Sharpe by Tommy & Alma Sharpe  
Juanita Eargle by Jeanne & Johnny Smith*

## *In Honor of*

*Pastor Jackie Utley by the Ascension Lutheran Church Family*

*Selma Foster by Carol Funk*

*Margaret Freeman by Jacob & Carla Goerlich*

*Joseph Jordan & Deanna Furniss by Nancy Kerry*

*Ascension Lutheran Church Staff by Russ Lentz*

*Pastor Jackie Utley by Gene & Johann Roof*

*Greg Stone by Gene & Johann Roof*

*Laura Browder by Gene & Johann Roof*

*Pastor Russ & Edna Anderson by Sallie Sharpe*

*Larry, Pennie, Madison, & Colton Tankersley*

*by Sallie Sharpe*

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