

Ascension Lutheran Church In Person & Livestream Worship  
April 11- 9:15am

Welcome! A few pointers for those at home to make this worship service meaningful:

- Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle.
- Join us as for communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.
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Prelude                   **"As It Began to Dawn"** by Lani Smith                   Organ solo

**Announcements**

Call to Worship   **"Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"** arr. Sandra Eithun                   Handbell Ensemble

**Confession**

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death, the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.*

**Amen.**

*Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.*

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

*God of grace and glory,  
you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet, we confess  
that we are still plagued by doubt and fear. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you  
have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us, changing our lives and  
making us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
Amen.*

**Forgiveness**

## Gathering Hymn

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! (369)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Greeting

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

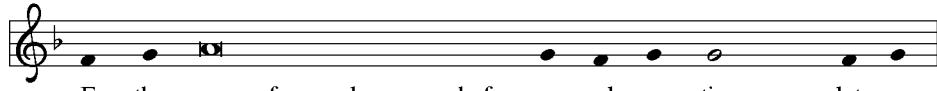
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



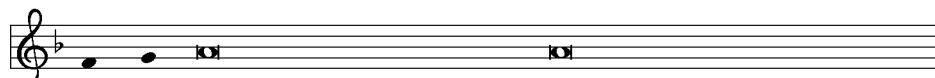
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



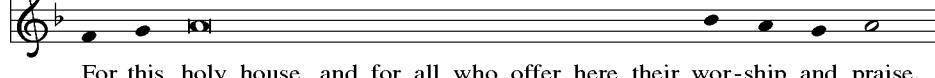
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



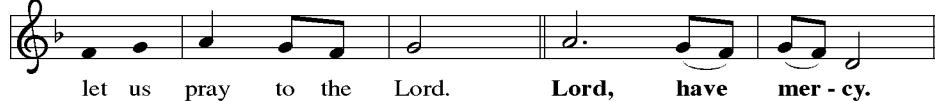
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



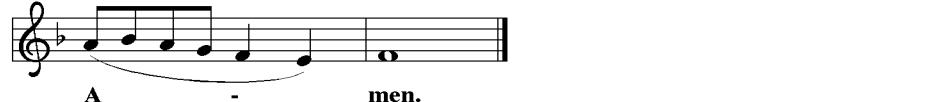
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## Hymn of Praise



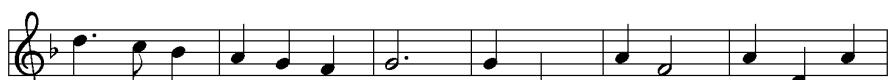
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless-ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

*Resurrected Lord,*

**our hearts burn within us at the news of a life stronger than death. May this resurrection hope fill us and give us faith and courage to be seekers of life. We pray in the name of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ, our savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music     “Christ Arose” arr. Sandra Eithun**

**Handbell Ensemble**

### Reading: Psalm 30:1-5, 11-12

*I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.*

**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,  
and you restored me to health.**

*You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.*

**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;  
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

*God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.*

**You have turned my wailing into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**

*Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.*

### + Gospel Acclamation

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

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Sermon

## Sermon

**Pastor Daniel Smith**

## Hymn of the Day

**Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (377)**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.

## + Easter Creed

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end, he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

## Prayers

*Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of those in need, and the life of all creation.*

*(a brief silence)*

#### **After each petition:**

*Lord in your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Those remembered in prayer this week ...*

*Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Steve Gulliksen, Pam Landry, Daniela Mannerberg, Michael Noble Jr, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Matthew Stannard, Ilene Steinkruger, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, Christel Walter, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.*

# The Great Thanksgiving

*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 Preface to the Sanctus**

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

### **The Sanctus**

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each line of text corresponding to a staff. The lyrics are:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav-en 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.

### **The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution**

*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 leading your people safely through the sea and 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.*

**Praise to you, O God. Amen.**

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.*

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*For those worshiping at home, we encourage you to have your bread and wine/grape juice ready. When the pastor says "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you", eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshiping with others, one may give the bread and wine to the rest offering those same words. All are welcome to the Lord's table.*

*For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to receive bread and wine, following the directions of the pastors and ushers, maintaining 6 feet between families. You will grab a piece of bread and cup of wine from the table, hearing the promise from the pastor. Remove your mask to eat and drink, and then please put your mask back on. Gluten free bread and grape juice are available.*

*God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your children are not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."*

## **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.

## **The Communion Blessing**

**Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Living God,*

**you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn****Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (367)**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture - sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Benediction****Amen.****Sending***Go in peace, serve the Lord.***Thanks be to God.****Postlude****"Christ Hath Burst His Prison!" by Gilbert Martin****Organ Solo***Thank you to Greg Gulliksen for the altar flowers in honor of his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

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<b>Calendar- April 11-18</b>		
<b><u>SUNDAY 4/11</u></b>	9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship Hour via Zoom
	10:40 AM	Choir Rehearsal in Person
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	CPC
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Confirmation
<b><u>SUNDAY 4/18</u></b>	9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship Hour via Zoom
	10:40 AM	Choir Rehearsal in Person