



## Gathering Hymn

## Baptized in Water (456)



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

## Greeting

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

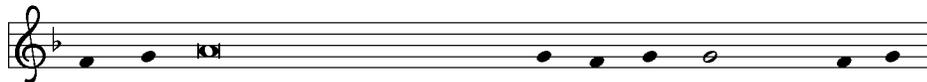
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**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

*Refrain*

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 vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Prayer of the Day

*Fulfillment of the prophecies,*

**With Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Special Music

“Consider the Lilies” by Joel Hemphill

Crystal Boevers

### Reading: Acts 8:26-38

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, ‘Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.’ (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over to this chariot and join it.’ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, ‘Do you understand what you are reading?’ He replied, ‘How can I, unless someone guides me?’ And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

‘Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
 and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
 so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.’

The eunuch asked Philip, ‘About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## + Gospel Acclamation



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

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-47

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

### Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

Pastor Daniel Smith

### Hymn of the Day

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death (452)



- 1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

## + 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, Ingrid Daniel at the death of her father, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Jean Hinck, Steve Gulliksen, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Matthew Stannard, Ilene Steinkruger, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, 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.**

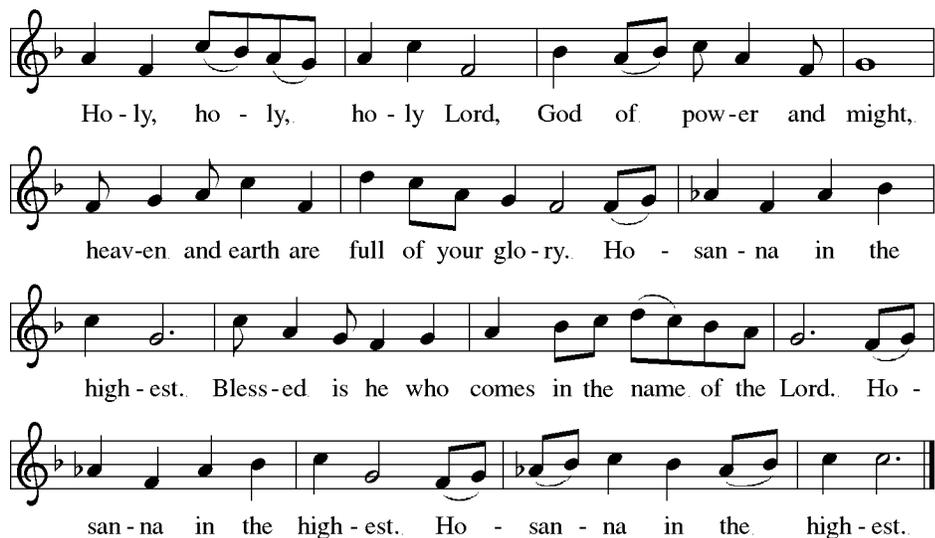
*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**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**



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.



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

**Communion Hymn**

Words by Susan R. Briehl

**Holy God, Holy Glorious**

Music by Sylvia Holt

Keyboard

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
Ho - ly God, ho - ly and pow'r - ful, Ho - ly  
Ho - ly God, ho - ly and beau-ti - ful, Ho - ly  
Ho - ly God, ho - ly and on - ly wise, Ho - ly  
Ho - ly God, ho - ly and liv - ing one, Ho - ly

Kbd.

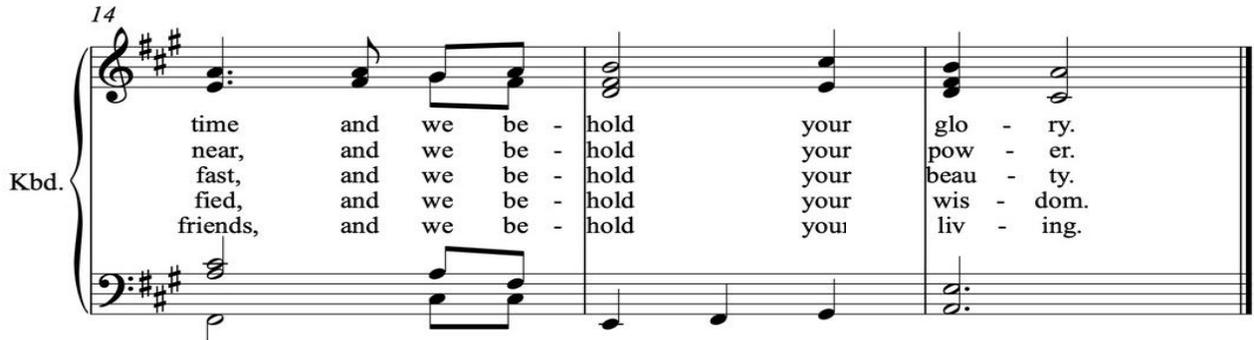
God, Ho - ly and glo - rious, Glo - ry most sub -  
God, Ho - ly and pow'r - ful, Pow - er with - out  
God, Ho - ly and beau - ti - ful, Beau - ty un - sur -  
God, Ho - ly and on - ly wise, Wis - dom of great  
God, Ho - ly and liv - ing one, Life that nev - er

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Kbd.

lime. You come as one a - mong us in - to hu - man  
peer, You bend to us in weak - ness; emp - tied, you draw  
passed, You are de - spised, re - ject - ed; scorned, you hold us  
price, You choose the way of fol - ly: God the cru - ci -  
ends, You show your love by dy - ing, dy - ing for your

14



Kbd.

time and we be - hold your glo - ry.  
 near, and we be - hold your pow - er.  
 fast, and we be - hold your beau - ty.  
 fied, and we be - hold your wis - dom.  
 friends, and we be - hold you liv - ing.

**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**

**Lift High the Cross (660)**



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

**Benediction**  
**Amen.**

**Sending**

*Go in peace, serve the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**      “Lift High the Cross” by Sydney Nicholson, arr. by Cindy Berry

*Thank you John and Kathy Hayes for the altar flowers in honor of John’s birthday*

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**Calendar- April 25-May 2**

<b><u>SUNDAY 4/25</u></b>	9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Adult Education: “Church, State, and Vaccination”
	10:40 AM	Choir Rehearsal
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b>	10:30 AM	Bible Study
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b>	7:00 PM	Bell Rehearsal
<b><u>SUNDAY 5/2</u></b>	9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Confirmation Reception
	10:40 AM	Choir Rehearsal

**In person worship continues!** We welcome you to worship on Sundays at 9:15. Masks and social distancing are still required. As we continue to balance public health safety concerns and our longing to sing together, the executive committee and a team designated by the worship board have decided that we will open up full singing in the sanctuary beginning May 2. Masks and social distancing will still be required. We look forward to continuing to open up our collective worship together!

**Church, State, and Vaccination** In 1902 A Lutheran Pastor in Massachusetts refused mandatory vaccination. Three years later the Supreme Court declared the government could require vaccination. The story raises issues of individual liberty, the public good, and the duty of Christians. Pastor Daniel will lead a two week discussion on this case, using clips from a podcast that tells the story. Join us on April 18 and 25 after worship for our first hybrid discussion in the library or online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81225176585>

**Online Worship on Sundays continues.** Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:15 online! [www.ascensioncos.org/worship/worship-online](http://www.ascensioncos.org/worship/worship-online) Tune in at 9:10 am for announcements and videos to prepare for worship. Not able to join on Sunday? Call (719)413-5167 on Tuesday of each week to listen to Sunday's worship service.

**Confirmation** We will celebrate on the May 2nd worship service with eighth graders. Brendan and Lauren Johnson as they affirm their faith. Then join them for a time of fellowship outdoors following service provided by the Board of Parish Education.

## **20 Year Celebration for the CLC, Friday May 21, 5pm - 6:30 pm**

Save the Date and RSVP, Ascension's Children's Learning Center has turned 20 this year and we're going to celebrate!

- *Seeds of Faith* will be a time to celebrate the twenty years of a blessed partnership between Ascension Lutheran Church and Ascension's Children's Learning Center.
- The event will take place Friday May 21, 5-6:30 pm in the back parking lot. The celebration will have fun for all ages, watch for more information for what to expect in the weeks to come!
- RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0444AEAB2AA5F58-20th>

\*Thank you in advance for your RSVP, which helps in planning.

## **Garage Sale**

Are you doing some spring cleaning? Are you giving up items for Lent? Do you just have treasures to part with? It's that time again! The annual Youth Garage Sale will be held June 18th and 19th in the lower level. We will start collecting items AFTER Easter in the back classroom (look for signs). Best times for drop off are when the office is open - 9am to noon, Monday through Friday. Please **NO** furniture, large items, mattresses, chemicals, or other items that cannot be donated afterwards.

If you need help in getting items to the church or have questions regarding what can be donated, please contact Kirsten Johnson at (719)440-5896. All proceeds benefit the youth traveling to Minneapolis in 2022.

**Calling all worship servers.** With in-person worship resuming, it is time to begin filling various server roles! If you have an interest in serving as a Worship Deacon, Lector, Cantor, Acolyte, Greeter, or helping with communion preparation before/after worship, please send an email to Ingrid Daniel at [ildaniel@yahoo.com](mailto:ildaniel@yahoo.com). Even if you have served in particular roles in the past, please still send Ingrid an email in order for us to have a complete roster of servers.

**World Hunger Final Count** The final count is in. Every check, every dollar and every coin from the farm banks has been counted. We raised a grand total of **\$11,075** during this year's Lenten World Hunger Campaign! At \$25 for a rooster and 10 chicks, that's enough to send 403 roosters and 4,030 chicks to families around the world who are suffering from hunger. It's such a blessing to be a part of a community who is so willing to help those in need. Thank you. ❤️

-Board of Social Outreach

**Quarterly Contribution Statements.** Most of you should have received your quarterly statement in the mail. I am sorry I made a mistake and started the year on January 12<sup>th</sup> instead of the 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be sending out statements in July, October and January for your 2021 contributions. If you have any other question please call me, Ruth, at the office. 719-634-1694

**LWR Baby Kits**-Thank you to all who donated supplies for the LWR Baby Kit project. Thirty kits will soon be on their way to help thirty littles stay warm and healthy.

**Music lovers, we are back in person!** Choir will be meeting on Sunday mornings, starting the Sunday after Easter, at **10:40 am**, in the sanctuary after service. We will be masked and socially-distanced in the sanctuary. Come make a joyful noise!

**Ascension Helps**, Our mission statement is “In God’s grace, Ascension creates faithful community.” A faithful community is one that cares for one another. Sometimes community members face an emergency such as health, unemployment, financial stress caused by Covid etc. For those situations, the congregation can offer help.

*If a member has a financial need, or if a member knows someone in the church experiencing a temporary need, a fund is available. It is administered confidentially by the pastors and only the pastors.*

These are exceptionally stressful times. All of us have struggled at one time or another in our lives, and it is a blessing that we are part of a community that has the ability to help. Thank you, from the Board of Lay Ministry

**Sabbatical for Deacon Mary**, Dear Ascension family, I wanted to share my deepest gratitude for your support as I plan for my upcoming Sabbatical this summer, beginning May 23. Although plans or dates are not completely final, I will be looking forward to spending time with family and in personal retreat for rest and renewal. Thank you for keeping me in your prayers.

**Connection Card** The weekly connection card is back! When you join us for weekly worship, we encourage you to fill out the weekly connection card on our worship page. This helps us know who’s here and keep ... connected!

[www.ascensioncos.org/worship/worship-online/](http://www.ascensioncos.org/worship/worship-online/)

**Covid vaccine information** from El Paso County. All adults 16 years and older are now eligible for the Covid vaccine. Information on the vaccines and where to find a vaccine can be found here: <https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/covid-19-vaccine>. If you are struggling to navigate the complicated websites to get a vaccine, a volunteer at Ascension is willing to help! Contact the church office (634-1694) to get connected to her.

**Altar Flower sign up for 2021**. We will be returning to having altar flower every week. If you would like to sign up for a specific Sunday please call church and let Ruth know.

**Ascension's team of Online Contributors** is growing! It's never too late to sign up to use your God-given gifts to write, capture photographs, participate in online worship efforts and more. Visit: <https://forms.gle/Zo3LgGpXXWPRnjXEA>

**Ascension is still collecting gift cards** for IHN families. Over \$3,600 in gift cards has already been collected for these families. Thank you. For more information our IHN coordinator is Scott Ewen at [sdewenx2@att.net](mailto:sdewenx2@att.net)

**Food Pantry Suggestions** - We are specifically looking for nonperishable foods; however, items that are rarely picked up from our Food Pantry located outside the church building are packages of pasta and canned vegetables. Any donations of those items will go directly to Mercy’s Gate. No sugared cereals or sugared drinks, please! While the children will happily eat them, they lack much nutritive value. Finally, **please do not donate expired food of any kind**. Thank you so much for your generous donations!