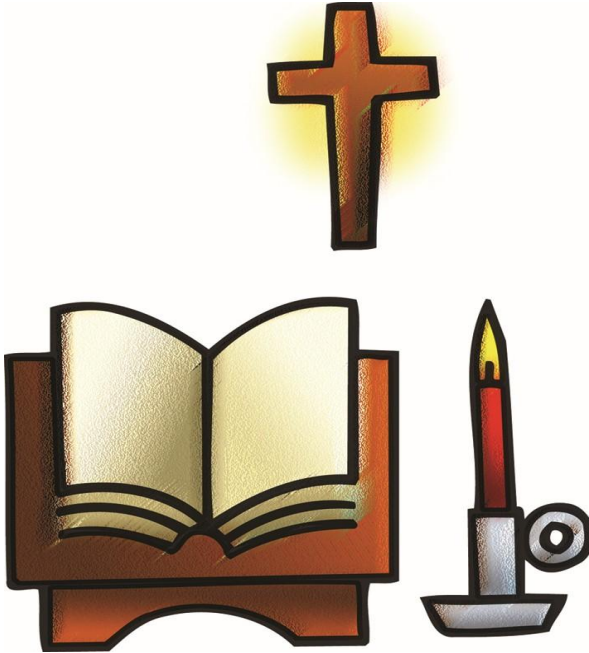


THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 19, 2026
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



Gathering Hymn..... **In Christ There Is No East or West (650)**
Hymn of Day... **I Know that My Redeemer Lives! vs1-4, 8 (619)**
Communion.....**Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup (492)**
Healer of Our Every Ill (612)
Sending Hymn**Thy Holy Wings (613)**

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In God's Grace, Ascension Creates Faithful Community.

Prelude

“Largo” Antonio Vivaldi

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come...

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn In Christ There Is No East or West (650)

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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 +



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.

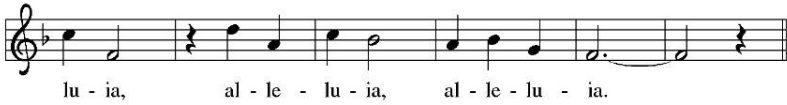
A - men.

Hymn of Praise

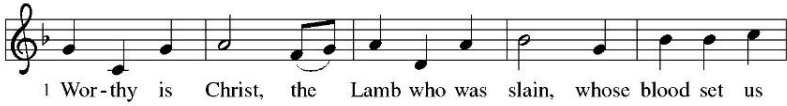
Refrain



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



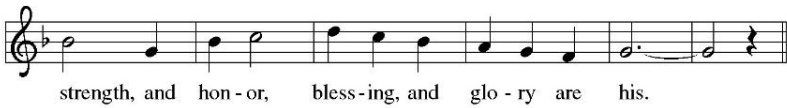
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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.

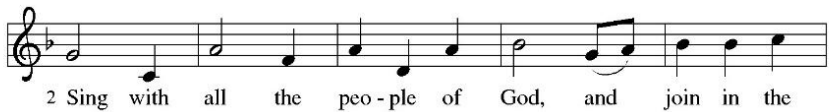
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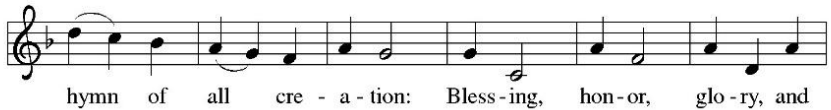
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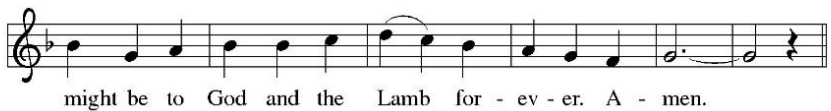
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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

God who calls us into service,

Transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world.

Amen.

Choir “Just as I am” arr. John Carter © 1986 Hope Pub.

Reading

Acts 9:1-19

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The

Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.”¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem,¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

Oh, that my ways were made so direct
that I might keep your statutes!

**Then I should not be put to shame,
when I regard all your commandments.**

I will thank you with a true heart,
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

**I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

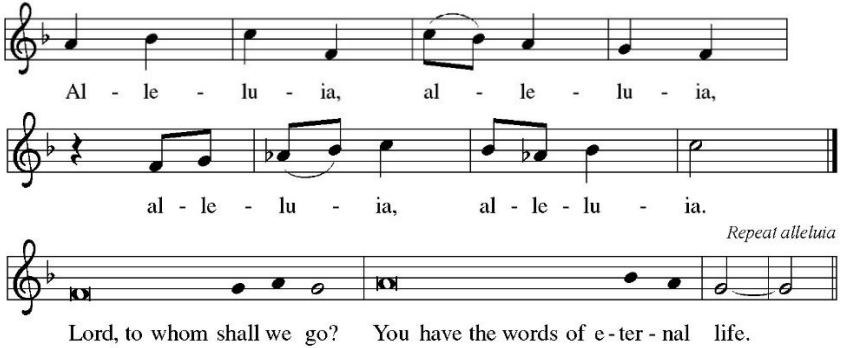
How shall the young keep their way clean?
By keeping to your word.

**With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not stray from your commandments.**

I treasure your promise in my heart,

that I may not sin against you.
Blessed are you, O LORD;
instruct me in your statutes.

+ Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel Reading

John 8:12-20

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” ¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, “You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid.” ¹⁴ Jesus answered, “Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸ I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf.” ¹⁹ Then they said to him, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” ²⁰ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Dan Holt

Hymn of the Day **I Know that My Redeemer Lives! vs1-4, 8**
(619)

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

Easter Creed (from 1 Corinthians 15)

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.

Lannette Abbey, Melvin Allen, Allen Brooks, Bob & Dorothy Carlson, Ellis Conoley, Penny Falice, Gulliksen, Amy Harrison, Helen Hedemark, Rudie Hedemark, Christopher Johnson, Tonya Kemmling, Julie Lindeman, Laura McCann, Rich Paradis, Sid Rubinow, Jeff Sebben, Illene Steinkruger, Steve Tompkins, Willa Vanasse, Alicia Weatherly, Karla Weaver, all our men and women

-serving overseas including Anthony Calderon, Zacary Cotton, Sierra Kelly, Leanne Trump, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering prayer

Our Lord Jesus Christ,

in the breaking of the bread, be known to us as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

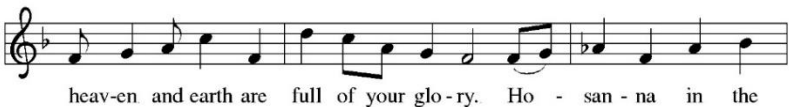
The Great Thanksgiving

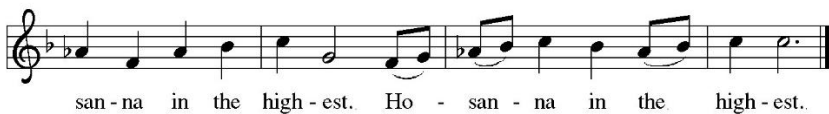


The Preface to the Sanctus

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

+The Sanctus





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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Holy God, 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 through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



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.

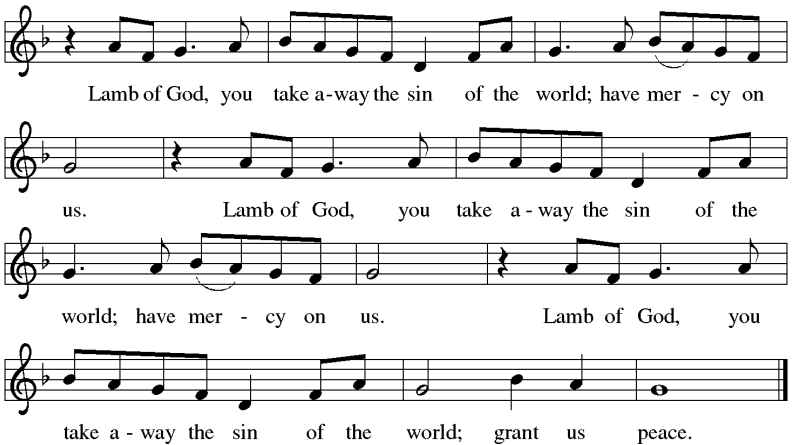
Invitation to Communion

For those worshipping in the sanctuary, come forward to the altar to receive the bread and wine. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

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

For those worshipping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for 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.

Communion

Eat this Bread, Drink This Cup (492)

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
Text and music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

Healer of Our Every Ill (612)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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+ 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

Thy Holy Wings (613)

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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Benediction Amen

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude “All Glory be to God on High” J S Bach

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THOSE SERVING ASCENSION’S WORSHIP TODAY

Ushers: 8:00- Craig Kelly, Brad Chewakin, Cheryle Fritsch

10:30: Seth Baun, Nick McCann, Sabrina McCann, Lochlann & Joseph McCann

Worship Deacon: 8:00- Russ Johnson **10:30 –** John Hayes

Lector: 8:00- Kathy Mannerberg **10:30-**Sue Trinko

Communion Assistant: 8:00-Katie Johnson **10:30-** Elisa Thompson

Cantor: Annie Pirtle

Communion Bread: Sylvia Holt

Communion Prep: Jason Moore

Communion Clean Up: Arlayne KcKee

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Dan Holt Pastor Daniel Smith

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Director of Children’s Learning Center.....Brianna Larreau

Youth Director.....Tom Johnson

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director of MusicScott Christiansen

Church Musician Intern.....Isaiah Grip

Children’s Choir Director.....Megan Miller

Faith and Art Camp Coordinator.....Elizabeth Diehl

Calendar: April 19-26

SUNDAY 4/19

8:00 AM

Worship Service

9:15 AM

Discover Ascension

9:15 AM

Sunday School

0:30 AM

Worship Service/Streaming

MONDAY

10:00 AM

Movement Ministry

11:00 AM

Jean Schimmack Memorial

7:00 PM

Centering Prayer

<u>TUESDAY</u>	10:30 AM	Scripture Round Table
	7:00 PM	Team Meeting
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
	9:00 AM	Quilts for New Beginnings
	10:00 AM	Movement Ministry
<u>THURSDAY</u>	6:00 PM	Handbell Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
<u>SUNDAY 4/26</u>	8:00 AM	Worship Service
	9:15 AM	Discover Ascension
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
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*Office hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm
Friday 9:00am-noon
Any questions call 719-634-1694*

Lenten World Hunger Drive, New record! Ascension is the best!

We surpassed our goal of \$20,000 and we have raised \$29,231.29 which was donated by over 80 different families.

We now have 11 wells! This year, we will be looking to provide safe water access to those who struggle to find clean drinking water. Any donation is welcome, but \$250 will buy a share of a safe water project; \$2,500 will fund a simple well, spring box or other water point, each of which can allow as many as 500 families access to clean, safe water. It may be a drop in the bucket to us, but it is life-giving to those in need.

- Thanks to Sylvia Holt for helping us learn the importance of water. To learn more about the drought in Madagascar, see this news report: tinyurl.com/madagascar-drought

Interested in becoming a member of Ascension? Or just want to learn more about us? Consider yourself invited to our class series “Discover Ascension.” We will learn about ALC’s role in our community, our history and a little about what we believe, and get to know some wonderful people. This series is comprised of 3 classes which will run Sunday April, 12, skip the 19th (for Rainbow Trail Retreat), picking back up on April 28

and finishing up on May 3.

We will meet in the Library from 9:15 to 10:15 (Sunday School time), just on your left before you enter the sanctuary. We'd love to have you join us! Any questions, please call the church office (719-634-1694) or Andy Saunders (719-505-4557) or andy.saunders@rustco.com.

Women's Bible Study: April 15, 22, and 29, 6:45-7:45 pm.

The Feast - Gather with other women of the Ascension community in rediscovering the beauty of the Sabbath. Meet in the lower level on Wednesdays: *April 15, 22, and 29, 6:45-7:45 pm*. You can also watch the classes online for that option or to register for in person and/or request childcare, please contact Sylvia Holt (sylvia.holt6@gmail.com). Costs for the series are covered by Lay Ministry.

For the people of God in ancient times, Sabbath wasn't just about a day off—it was a table set by the Lord, a sacred space of rest, presence, and provision. It was a feast of stillness in the middle of a striving world.

God is still setting the table for us today. Kristi McLelland's videos will guide us as we feast upon God's Word and rediscover the beauty of Sabbath as God intended. Come and take your seat at the table.

Join the choir for our spring cantata on Sunday, May 17, 2026. We are preparing Kyle Pederson's *A Vision Unfolding*. This recent composition has strong themes of social justice and love of community - an important message for our times. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7 pm. Please join us for this musical endeavor. Contact Scott Christiansen for further information.

Faith And Art Camp: God Loves in Color

Camp is coming! Tell your friends! Spread the word! This year our Faith and Arts Camp will be June 15-19, with a special Showcase presentation Thursday evening, June 18th. Register now to reserve a spot!

<https://www.ascensioncos.org/faith-and-art-camp/> Interested in volunteering? Email e.diehl@ascensioncos.org

Garage Sale - It's that time of the year! Ascensions annual garage sale, benefiting the youth, will be held on June 5 & 6. How can you help? Start saving and bringing in your gently used items, please NO large items, mattresses, computers, tvs, chemicals, blinds, baby cribs or other things places like arc will not accept. We have the back room on the left set up to accept your items. Questions on what you can bring? Contact Kirsten Johnson at (719)440-5986 or Pastor Dan. We also NEED YOUR HELP to make this successful. Use the following code to sign up for helping with set up, pricing, sale days, clean up and larger vehicles to help haul away left overs. Sign up sheet is also located in the welcome center Thank you for your support! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A8AE29A1F58-63519297-ascension>

There will also be a sign up sheet on the counter at the welcome center.

2026 Altar Flowers The calendar for 2026 altar flowers is now up in the office. The flowers are \$25 and the sign up is in the office on the bulletin board. If you can't get to the office you can call church, 719-634-1694 to sign up that way. You are also welcome to bring home your flowers after second service.

Interested in being a Greeter? Who will help the Inviting Community to greet folks before our services on Sundays? This informal greeting group can sign up for any Sunday by emailing evconoley@gmail.com or karen_a.just@me.com.

Our Ascension CLC is enrolling and excited to welcome new families! We accept CCap and are offering Universal Pre-Kindergarten. We have flexible enrollment options. We have creative curriculum and faith formation activities. Our phone is 719-447-8658. Referrals and volunteers are appreciated.

Give online, participate in the offering

If you give automatically or online you are still encouraged to participate in offering using the in the chair backs. Thank you!

Nursery Available We encourage children to participate in worship on Sundays, including at the communion table. We also realize some families might prefer for their child to spend some of worship in the nursery. Our nursery is located downstairs and is staffed during every worship service. You can bring your child down for some or all of the worship services. An usher can assist you in finding the nursery.

Fountain View Bingo Ascension supports Fountain View Health and Rehabilitation Center by offering bingo for the residents. You can help by volunteering the third Wednesdays from 10-11 or donating prizes such as gently used men and women's clothing (size Large and higher), baseball caps, hygiene products, playing cards, small containers of ladies' perfumes, adult coloring books/crayons, and costume jewelry. Donations can be marked "Bingo Prizes" and placed in the Terrace Garden Bingo box behind the Welcome Center. Questions or want to volunteer? Contact John Hayes at 572-1052 or at blazehayes@aol.com.

Joining the Quilters if you are interested in joining the Quilters on Wednesday morning, feel free to stop by or contact Anita at 719-651-3470 or Barb at 719-264-1630.

Ronald McDonald pop tabs collection. The Ronald McDonald House is always so grateful to receive these pop tabs. The pop tabs are recycled for cash, which help cover some of the operating costs of the Ronald McDonald House. Please continue to save your pop tabs, even if it is just a few. Don't throw them away. If we all save just a few, it will all add up to being pounds of pop tabs and ultimately ends up being cash for the Ronald McDonald House.

Finally, to stay connected and up-to-date check out Ascension online:

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