

Ascension Lutheran Church
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April 25, 2021
11:00 a.m.
4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Song

“This is Amazing Grace”

Verse 1:

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus:

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus I sing for
All that You've done for me.

Verse 2:

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations, with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings (Chorus)

Bridge:

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(3x)
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy, oh

(Chorus)

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We Welcome God's Presence (Invocation)

Confession

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness (Absolution)

Prayer of the Day

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson

Acts 4:1-12

4 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

New Testament Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Gospel Lesson

John 10:11-18

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Pulpit Song

“Child of Mine”

Chorus:

Child of Mine I call you in the water
And put My name on you child of Mine
Child of Mine I claim you as My son
And you will always be a child of Mine.

Verse 1:

Water flowing Spirit blowing
Now I see your faith is showing
While My life within you's growing strong
And now I hold you in My arms of grace
And you can rest your weary heart in My embrace
For you are loved O child of Mine. (Chorus)

Verse 2:

In a world that's so uncertain
Many lives so full of hurting
I will make to you My promise now
That I'll never leave you
I won't grieve you
I will never let you down
I'll be around for you are loved
O child of Mine. (Chorus)

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Sermon: “THE GOOD SHEPHERD”

Offering

“Offering”

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers: Each petition concludes with “Lord in your mercy”
People respond with “Hear our prayer.”

Lord's Prayer

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 Blessing (Benediction)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

“Who You Say I Am”

Verse 1:

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus 1:

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2:

Free at last, He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2:

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge:

I am chosen
Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me
Not against me
I am who You say I am
(Repeat)

I am who You say I am

(Chorus 2)

Ending:

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am



Ministers
Senior Pastor
Deacon
Contemporary Worship Director
Lector
Acolyte

All members of Ascension
Rev. Mike Badenhop
Tom Ridder
Elizabeth Wild
Tom Knight
Max Vincent

Welcome to all who gather today as members and friends of God's family here at Ascension! May the Holy Spirit empower this service to be an inspiration and encouragement for all.

Please keep the following Ascension members in your prayers: Rose Beier, Russ Gaede, Mike Galbraith, Ivy Gibbons, Helen Green, Gary Horak, John McNally, Terri Taylor and Dana Walker.

Condolences to Vi Smith and family on the death of her granddaughter, Sara Nutter, who died on April 11.

Condolences to the family of Bruce Harberts. Bruce died on April 20.

Congratulations to all those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week:

- ☺ **Birthdays:** Angela Holman, Angela Carr, Roger Cary, Bob Prins, Donna Horak, Kathy Thompson, Lynn Trepp, Ryan Haag, Ivadean Herter, Tom Stone, Becky Helgerson, Vi Smith
- ☺ **Anniversaries:** Tony & Lois Hoppenworth

Congratulations to Bob Prins who celebrates his 96th birthday on April 26.

Congratulations to Vi Smith who celebrates her 101st birthday on May 1.

Through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism we welcome into the church of Christ and the family of Ascension, Kendrick LeRoy Hilmer, who is presented for Holy Baptism by his mother, Audrey Hilmer.

Portals of Prayer for April-June are available as you leave today. Please lift up in prayer those listed on the back of your devotional.

The mowing team for this week is:

- ✓ Entire "Back 40" – (Apr. 26-28) – Marvin Deerfield, Ed Kleiner
- ✓ Church Grounds – (Apr. 29-May 1) – Dean Boyce, Chris Foster

Attention youth! The C.I.A. Brunch is today @ 12:30 p.m.

Ascension Property Management Committee is scheduling a Spring Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00. There will be both indoor and outdoor (weather permitting) jobs for the whole family. Cleaning supplies will be provided. If you have your own favorites, please bring them with you. Come when you can, leave when you must.

The congregation is invited to help say thank you to Pastor Len and his family for their many years of service and dedication to our church family. We'll get together on Sunday, May 16, 3-5 p.m. We'll be outside if the weather is nice, inside if not! We'll play some games and have light snacks, desserts and drinks.

The flower chart for this year is available in the narthex. Anyone wishing to provide flowers for our Sunday morning worship services should sign this flower chart for the Sunday you would like. Services are divided between the Sanctuary and Chapel, so please indicate behind your name which service you are providing flowers for. Don't forget to sign up today to reserve a spot for your special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.). Please

notify the church office during the preceding week as to how you would like the announcement worded in the bulletin. Flowers must be purchased by the person providing the flowers and should be delivered to the church no later than Friday afternoon. Thank you.

Valley Lutheran School celebrates our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3-7! Please keep them in your prayers!

Calendar

Sun., Apr. 25	12:30 p.m.	C.I.A. Brunch
Mon., Apr. 26	1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	Grace Bible Study Zoom Bible Study
Wed., Apr. 28	9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study AWANA (Store Night) Confirmation Sr. High Hangout C.I.A.
Thurs., Apr. 29	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Fri., Apr. 30	7:30 p.m.	Men's Movie Night
Sat., May 1	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Spring Clean-Up Spring Clean-Up
Sun., May 2	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Communion Sunday School Contemporary Worship w/ Communion C.I.A. Brunch Children's Musical

Statistics – Sunday, April 25, 2021

Attendance

8:30 a.m.	87
11:00 a.m.	109

Offering

Worship	\$6,258.17
Building Fund	\$1,296.50