

ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**1 Corinthians 10:17** <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread

**Prayer:** Oh Lord Jesus Christ, You gave up Your perfect body and blood as a sacrifice so that we might be joined together in one faith. Bless us continually through the precious Sacrament we are about to receive and grant us the forgiveness of sins You have promised from it. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forevermore, Amen.

## Service of the Word

## Opening Prayer

## Opening Hymn **TLH 149 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain**

### Confession and Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### Gloria Patri *TLH pg 6*



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie *TLH pg 7*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Hymn of Praise: TLH 237 ♪♪

All glory be to God on high,  
Who hath mankind befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh,  
The strife at last is ended;  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. . .  
. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

<sup>3</sup> And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." <sup>4</sup> And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. <sup>5</sup> And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. <sup>6</sup> And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. <sup>7</sup> Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." <sup>8</sup> And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup> and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup> And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 116 (selected verses)

- P** What shall I render to the Lord  
for all his benefits to me?
- C** I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord,
- P** Precious in the sight of the Lord  
is the death of his saints.
- C** O Lord, I am your servant;  
You have loosed my bonds.
- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the Lord.
- C** I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all his people,
- P** in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- C** Praise the Lord!

## Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

<sup>16</sup>The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup>Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

## Gospel Lesson

Luke 22:7-20

<sup>7</sup>Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. <sup>8</sup> So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters <sup>11</sup> and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. <sup>16</sup> For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. <sup>18</sup> For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

## Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the  
Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn

**TLH 157 There is a Fountain Filled with Blood**

Sermon

Luke 22:7-20

God on Trial: Respite

Hymn:

**WS 755 What is This Bread**

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Communion Liturgy [See Insert]

Silent Prayer

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# Announcements

## Upcoming Events:

- **Lent:** Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> will be our fourth midweek Lenten service at 7pm.
- **Work Day:** We will be having a spring Church day. The date chosen is Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Hymns:** If there are any hymn requests for Easter Sunday, please write them on the sheet on the table in the narthex.
- **Palm Sunday:** March 24<sup>th</sup> is Palm Sunday. If you have an input on whether or not to have a brunch following the service, please let me know after the service.

## Call News:

- Teacher Levi Schaller of Fridley, MN *is considering the calls* to Messiah, Hales Corners in Milwaukee WI and Faith Lutheran in Markesan WI. These calls are separate from each other.
- Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL *is considering the call* to Luther Memorial in Fon Du Lac, WI
- Teacher Matthew Kranz, Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, *is still considering the call* to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their 5th- 6th grade teacher and assistant principal.
- Teacher Josh Ohlmann Holy Trinity West Columbia, SC *is still considering the call* to teach at Gethsemane in Saginaw MI.

## Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
2/11/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>1070.25</b>
2/15&18/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>835.00</b>
2/22&25/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>855.00</b>
2/29&3/3/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>1140.00</b>



## **Usher Schedule:**

**Month:**

**Name:**

**MARCH**

**SCOTT RADCLIFFE**

**April**

**JIM HANSEN**

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

Thursday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Thursday, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> Midweek Lenten Service at 7pm

Sunday, Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30