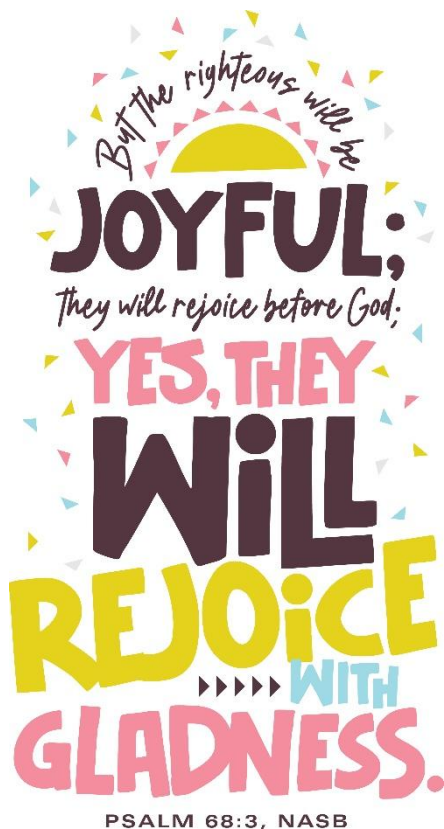


# ASCENSION LUTHERAN church

Jubilate Sunday



**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:**

**John 16:22** <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

**Prayer:** Dear Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, You are my hope and my joy. When I am overwhelmed by my sin, You offer me Your forgiveness through my Savior. When I am sunken by the burdens of my life, You lift me above them with the confidence of the Resurrection and Eternal Life. Daily be with me, O LORD, my God, that I may never depart from Your grace, mercy, and peace that only You can offer. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever, world without end. Amen.

## Service of the Word

## Opening Hymn

## WS 733 This Joyful Eastertide

## Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

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

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

**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C:** but with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P:** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C:** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P:** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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.

## Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:25-31

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is

disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 147 [Selected Verses]

- P** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
- C** for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- P** The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- C** He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
- C** His understanding is beyond measure.
- P** Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- C** He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills.
- P** His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,
- C** but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His steadfast love.

## Epistle Lesson

## 1 Peter 2:11-20

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. <sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of

foolish people. <sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. <sup>18</sup> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

## **Confession of Faith:**

## **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 of the world to come. Amen.

## **Hymn:**

## **TLH 409 Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus**

## **Sermon**

## **John 16:16-22**

<sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and,

'because I am going to the Father?" <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

## A Christian's Joy Overcomes All Sorrow

**Offertory: WS 732 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

Now all the vault of heaven resounds In praise of love that still abounds, "Christ has triumphed, He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear, Repeat their song of glory here, "Christ has triumphed, Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings, "Christ has triumphed, He is living!" Now still He comes to give us life, And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Hymn**

**LSB 818 In Thee is Gladness**

**Offering of Thankful Hearts**

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface**

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** We lift them to the Lord.

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

**G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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

## Words of Institution



## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

text: Stephen P. Starke

## Distribution

### Communion Note:

*In order that we might be faithful to our Lord who commands us to be of one mind and the same doctrine (1 Cor. 1:10), and because coming to the Lord's table is a public confession of that unity of doctrine; we ask that only communicant members of Redemption Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Church of the Lutheran Confession come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather a confession of our own. If you would like to learn more about our doctrine and practice, the pastor would be happy to talk with you at your convenience.*

# Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 212

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

**TLH 54 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah**

## Silent Prayer

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# Announcements

## Upcoming Events:

- **Evangelism Seminar:** The Evangelism Seminar will be held at Redemption (probably Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the morning). It will be livestreamed on Redemption's YouTube page.

## Call News:

- Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley, WA ***has returned the call*** to Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Loganville, GA ***has returned the call*** to St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA
- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, ***is considering the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

### **Fruits of Faith at Ascension:**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>
4/10&13/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1260.00
4/17&20/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1665.00
4/27/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 775.00
5/4/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 650.00

### **Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30