



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ministers: All Members of Ascension
Pastors: Jeff Blain & Anthony Wick

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
followed by Refreshments,
Fellowship, & Education Time
(Self-serve Nursery Available)

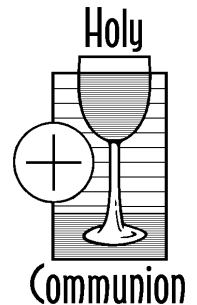
5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

A Few Words About Our Worship...

A Word of Welcome to our Guests: If you are visiting today, we say a special “**WELCOME!**” to you. We want to do everything we can to make you feel like family! Please feel free to ask us any questions you might have about our congregation and ministry. If you live in this area and do not have a current church home, we'd be delighted to have you become a part of our congregation family at Ascension.

Name Tags & Worship Registration: As you look around, you will likely see a lot of name tags! That's because we encourage everyone to fill one out. (Name tags and markers are on the tables outside the Sanctuary.) We also ask everyone present to fill out a “Friendship Book” with their name, address, phone, and email—and to mark any of the boxes that apply to them. These books are usually distributed by the ushers at the beginning of the service. Thanks for taking a moment to do this! (Online worshippers should register on our website!)

Open Communion Table: Jesus tells us in the Bible that the bread and wine are His body and blood. While we cannot fully understand this mystery with our minds, we can take Jesus at His word and believe in our hearts that He is truly present in Holy Communion. In this gift, Jesus brings forgiveness of sins along with hope and strength for a renewed life to all who come to Him with a repentant and believing heart. We invite any and all baptized Christians who share this faith to join us at our Lord's table, including children who have received Communion instruction. You don't have to be a member here or belong to a Lutheran congregation. Simply share this faith with us that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper and come with your open and repentant heart to receive the gifts Jesus offers to us in this Holy Sacrament!



Receiving Communion: As you receive your piece of bread, please dip it into the wine which is in the ceramic chalice. For those who cannot have the wine, you can dip the bread into the glass of grape juice or just take the bread alone. (If you need a gluten-free option, just let the server know!) Individual cups are also available, with the grape juice in the center of the tray! (Empty cups can be dropped into the wastebasket.) If it will work better for you to receive Communion at your seat, please notify one of the ushers and one of our Communion teams will come to serve you there.

Health & Worship: As a caring faith community, we believe God calls us to do our part to lower any risks involved in public gatherings. For this reason, we have hand sanitizing stations throughout the building, and we will set some up in the aisles during Holy Communion. If you are not feeling well, we encourage you to stay at home and participate in the worship service via our live stream which can be found on our Ascension website (www.alcfdl.org) or via Facebook (www.facebook.com/alcfdl.) **Know that we will pray for you to get better soon!!!** As we worship, interact, and visit with others around us, it is good to be sensitive to and respectful of the differing comfort levels, practices, situations, and views that we hold.

**May God use this time in worship to feed us in our faith
and strengthen us for daily service in His name!**

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Please Stand

Opening Hymn #306 (Green)

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'ns a - bove,
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!

died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;

As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.

Text: William McComb, 1793–1870
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

Apostolic Greeting

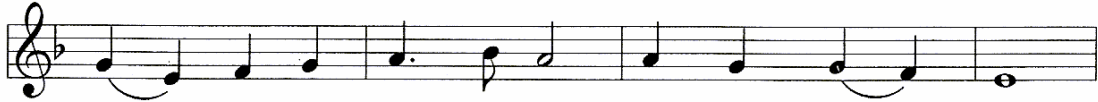
L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

Kyrie



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

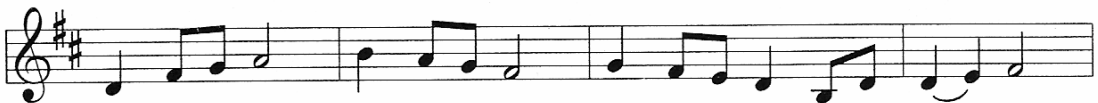


A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray...Life-giving God,

C: through the blessed gift and sacrament of Holy Baptism, you abide in us, even as we abide in you. Through this holy and mutual abiding you give us life in Christ and strengthen and nurture our faith just as a vine gives life to its branches. Help us to grow in Christ so that we may be sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

Word

First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

p. 1000

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading Psalm 150

L: Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

C: praise him in his mighty firmament!

L: Praise him for his mighty deeds;

C: praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

L: Praise him with trumpet sound;

C: praise him with lute and harp!

L: Praise him with tambourine and dance;

C: praise him with strings and pipe!

L: Praise him with clanging cymbals;

C: praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

L: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

C: Praise the LORD!

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. ⁴Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Lesson

P: The Holy Gospel according to **John 15:1-8**
 C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus says,] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ**
 Please be seated

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #765 (Blue) "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, b. 1925, alt.
Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune; adapt. Tom Colvin, b. 1925
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

(See p. 13)

Prayers

(Each petition will end with: "Lord, in your mercy"; please respond with: "Hear our prayer.")

Please stand

The Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.


You may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: "Peace be with you."

Please be seated

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

(If you have brought an offering with you today, you can place it into one of the baskets. If you give electronically, please drop in one of the acknowledgement cards that you will find in the pew racks or chair pockets or out by the name tags. Thanks!)

Offertory 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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Please stand

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their

creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical)

Please be seated

The Agnus Dei

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, grant us peace.

Distribution

Special Music

Abby Wagner

Sending

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray... We give you thanks, almighty God,

C: That you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Benediction

Closing Announcements

Please stand

Sending Song #551 (Green)

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee”

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flashing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1933
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Sending Words

L: Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

GO FORTH TO SERVE!



Baptized today is:

Lauren Olivia Richter

Lauren's sponsors are
Jeff & Kristen Quast and Anna Quast.

We welcome Lauren into
God's family at Ascension.

May God richly bless Lauren!



A Portion of the Baptism Liturgy

To the Congregation:

P: I ask you, the people of God, who have now heard the promises of Lauren and her sponsors: Do you in turn promise to be a witness and example of the life to which God calls us? Do you promise to pray for Lauren so that she might grow in her faith and to surround her with a community of love and forgiveness? If so, answer, "We do, and we ask God to help and guide us!"

C: We do and we ask God to help and guide us!

Saying "Yes!" to God

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, to reject sin, and to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce the devil, all his empty promises and all the forces of evil that defy God? If so, answer "I renounce them!"

C: I renounce them!

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them!

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them!

(Congregation stands)

P: Do you believe in God, the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(Congregation is seated)

Welcome to the Family!

L: Through Baptism, God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

It's Annual Rummage Sale Time!

We will once again be looking for donations of new or gently used items for our annual rummage sale.

You may begin bringing your donations to the Zone on Sunday, May 12. **(Please NO electronics!)**

The dates of the rummage sale will be Wednesday May 22 from 8-5, Friday May 24 from 8-5, and Saturday May 25 from 8-12.

We will be looking for help setting it up, running it, and packing it up. Proceeds will go towards the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter, Old Glory Honor Flight, and Operation Christmas Child.

Please contact Melody Matty at 920-252-5070 if you have any questions



RUMMAGE SALE

THANKS TO ALL WHO SERVED SO WE COULD WORSHIP GOD!

Altar Care	Natalie Wilburn Team
Assisting Minister	Michael Jones
Care & Encouragement	Marliss Sobczak
Children's Message	Nicole Richter-Smith
Communion Bread Provider	Sheree Froemke
Communion Bread Server	Ken Schmitz
Communion Wine Server	Jim Price, Aidan Price, Emerson Price
.....	Violet Hughes, Rachel Hughes, Gabriel Jones
Money Counters	Don & Linda Mussell Team
Music Ministry	Rashelle McCallum
Prayer Sheet Highlighter	Linda Lepien
Reader	Carol Blain
Refreshment Provider	Jim & Melody Merkel
Refreshment Servers	Jim & Melody Merkel
Thank You Ministry	Polly May & Natalie Wilburn
Usher Teams	Bob Miller Team & Volunteers
Video & SALT	Macallan Miller & Steve Miller
Worship Slides prepared by	Macallan Miller

SUNDAYS in EASTER — Easter is the celebration of Jesus' victory over death. The Scripture proclaims, "because Christ lives, we shall live also!" The Easter season is one of life and hope. Pray to be a beacon of God's light in a world shrouded in darkness.

For Your Prayers This Week:

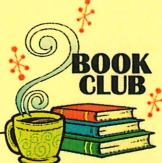
For glad and generous hearts. For unending compassion and love. For a willingness to offer forgiveness and also to receive it. For the will and resolve to work for justice and peace.

For exiles and refugees; for the widowed, the orphaned and the divorced and those struggling in their relationships; for the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed; for the lonely, the disturbed, and those with mental illness; for the oppressed, the prisoner, the outcasts, the victims of abuse; and for those who suffer from any debilitating disease

For God to help us always be centered on our mission and purpose to Worship the Lord, to Grow in Faith, to Care for Others, and to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Lead us now, O God, To acknowledge your costly generosity by living as forgiven people, until heaven and earth rejoice and the whole earth cries Glory! Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For renewal in all congregations of our area, and for ever-growing trust and cooperation among the churches. This week, pray especially for our "cousin" ELCA congregations: Church of Our Saviour, Immanuel-Trinity, Emmanuel in Brandon, Peace in Rosendale, St. Stephen's in Rogersville and Zion in Fairwater and also for their pastors, staff, leaders and members.



Women's Book Club
History Lost and Found
 by Beth Adams
 May 6th at 6:30 p.m.
 Please contact Mary Gohl for more information.

Answered Prayers!!



- ✚ Thank God Tim Sielaff's step-niece Teah's health is improving and winning the battle against bulimia.
- ✚ Praise God that Jill Randall survived cancer.
- ✚ Praise God Pat Kranig's friend Tracy survived breast cancer.
- ✚ Thank God that Dave DeWitt's niece Val gave birth to a healthy baby girl.
- ✚ Praise God that Gail Schwantes' niece Emily gave birth to a healthy baby boy.
- ✚ Thank God that Melissa Schneider's friend Scott recovered well from his heart surgery.

Attention Men!

During April, and May, you are invited to join our Saturday Men's Fellowship as we watch a video session each week from the recent Men's **No Regrets** conference.

We invite you to join us at 8 AM in the Church Library for a BYO breakfast & Fellowship. At 9 AM we will watch and discuss one of the recorded sessions from the conference. We will finish up everything by 9:45 AM.

Come for just one session or catch all 14. Each speaker was fantastic!



Men's Fellowship

Ascension Lutheran Happenings

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This Week At Ascension

Today, April 28
 9:00 a.m. **Worship w/Noisy Offering**
 Then Refreshments and Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. Christian Education
 11:15 a.m. In-vehicle Communion
Monday, April 22
 6:00 p.m. NA-Zone
 6:30 p.m. **Pastor Siimon Haamer from Estonia**

Tuesday, April 30
 5:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship
Annual Reports Due

Wednesday, May 1
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study
 5:30 p.m. **APPRECIATION DINNER #2**
 6:45 p.m. Youth Group (9th-12th)
 7:00 p.m. Handbell Practice

Thursday, May 2
 6:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer
 6:00 p.m. Kairos Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Forgiven & Free Rehearsal

Friday, May 3
 6:00 p.m. NA-Zone

Saturday, May 4
 8:00 a.m. Men's prayer and fellowship breakfast

Sunday, May 5
 9:00 a.m. **Worship**
 Then Refreshments and Fellowship
 10:25 a.m. Confirmation 1 Session
 10:25 a.m. Christian Education
NOON APPRECIATION DINNER #3

Would you like to provide FLOWERS for a Sunday service? If so, check the sign-up sheet on the Worship board outside the Sanctuary for available dates. You can use your own vase or borrow one from us. Call the church office, 920-922-3353, for more details.




Baptized today is
Lauren Olivia Richter

Her sponsors are
Jeff, Kristen & Anna Quast

May God richly bless **Lauren!**

Can you help with lawn mowing the church property? A sign-up sheet has been placed on the CARE 2 board. For questions, please contact Gary Voigt 920-579-8243 or Dave DeWitt at 920-922-3463.



Lawn Mowing Team

Worship Ministries Schedule for **NEXT WEEK MAY 5, 2024**

THANKS to ALL who SERVED so we could Worship GOD!

Altar Care..... Peggy Loehrke Team
 Assisting Minister Sheila Flucke
 Care & Encouragement..... Linda Schiessl
 Children’s Message..... Kellie Hare
 Communion Bread Provider Cathie Aschenbrenner
 Communion Bread Server..... Sue Fox
 Communion Wine Server John Meyer, Judy Meyer, Liz Koechel
 Dawn Sampson, Pat Kranig, Kierstin Kranig
 Money Counters..... Cathy Philipsky Team
 Music Ministry Rashelle McCallum
 Prayer Sheet Highlighter Bryce Salzman/Angela Salzman
 Reader..... Sheila Flucke
 Refreshment Provider Linda Schiessl
 Refreshment Servers Dan & Melody Matty & Aspen Schneider
 Thank You Ministry Wade & Laura Blain
 Usher Teams Ed Pahl Team & Jason/Nicole Smith Team
 Video & SALT Kaye & Ken Schmitz
 Worship Slides prepared by Kaye Schmitz

Wednesday Women’s Bible Study



10 AM in the Library.

Contact Polly May for more information.
New members always welcome!

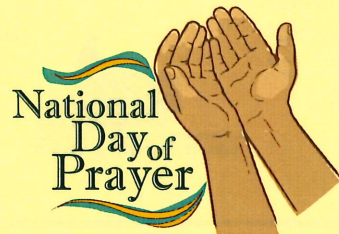
Youth Group



All 9th - 12th grade youth are welcome to join us in the Youth Room each Wednesday evening at 6:30

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 2, 2024 6:00. — 7:00 p.m.
 Veteran’s Park, Fond du Lac



Join us for a time of worship & prayer with other believers from around the city! Together we will pray for our community, nation & world. Prayer walk to follow weather permitting



Sunday Josie Volbright
 Crosby Rohloff
 Monday Joe Lackas
 Graham Duehring
 Cora Shell
 Saturday Jamie Mielke
 Aliyah Kottke
 Sunday Amy Hunkins
 Tanya St. Louis
 Aidan Price



Sunday Toby & Corrin Burnell
 Wednesday Scott & Shelly
 Ketelhut
 Friday Harvey & Sherri Gysbers
 Joe & Emily Lackas
 Sunday Patty & David Toshner

FOR THE RECORD

Date	Attendance		Regular Offerings	Building Fund	
	9:00	Online			
Mar 24	204	57	\$6,578.55	\$672.83	
Mar 31	331	53	\$6,609.75	\$1,930.69	
Apr. 7	145	38	\$8,217.51	\$1,207.83	
Apr 14	134	29	\$12,307.00	\$2,777.69	
Apr 21	166	40	TBD	TBD	
Mar Weekly Avg.		189	40	\$7,959.87	\$1,134.18
			Weekly Budget Goal	\$9,156.47	\$2,103.00

** NOTE: Online Attendance comes from the information we receive from the people who register on our website. Anyone who does not register cannot be counted
 ** Total amount TBD

All non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated! (in canned or plastic containers.)

These items are especially needed:

Spaghetti pasta and spaghetti sauce



Please continue to give to the Food Pantry & Homeless Shelter! Place items in the grocery cart outside The Zone. (The Solution Center also in need of bed bug bed covers and lice control products.)

Adult Ministry Coordinator Position Opening

We are asking God to help us find the next person to join our staff team for up to 16 hours per week in this important ministry area. If you are interested in learning more about this position, please reach out to Pastor Jeff or Joyce Kaysen.



ASCENSION'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE!

We will be looking for donations of new or gently used items for our annual rummage sale. You may begin dropping off your donations on Sunday, May 12th, in the Zone. Please NO electronics! The dates of the rummage sale will be Wednesday May 22 from 8-5, Friday May 24 from 8-5, and Saturday May 25 from 8-12. We will be looking for help setting it up, running it, and packing it up. Proceeds will go towards the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter, Old Glory Honor Flight, and Operation Christmas Child. Please contact Melody Matty at 920-252-5070 if you have any questions



friends *Alex, Amber & baby Leo*—health concerns
 friend *Jane*—diagnosed with CNS lymphoma
 Ken Schmitz's father *Elmer*—recovering from a stroke
 brother *Bob*—health concerns
 Melissa Schneider's friend *Michelle*—MS
friend's mom—battling cancer & treatments
 friend *Kyle's wife*—battle with breast cancer
 Gail Schwantes' sister *Fern*—worsening dementia issues
 sister *Julie*—ongoing numerous health issues
 aunt *Rita*—moved into hospice
 David Scoates' family *Josh & Addie*—death of their 5-week old son, Taj
 friend *Carl* passed away—strength for his family
 Gail Scoates' niece *Shannon & family*—faith, life issues
 friend *Gwen & family*—lung tumor
 friend *Carol*—breast cancer
 friend *Emily*—breast cancer & chemotherapy
 brother-in-law *Brad*—liver failure
 friend's daughter *Mya*—health concerns
 friend *Chuck*—in hospice
 Charlotte Sielaff's best friend *Alyssa*—life issues
 Tim Sielaff's family *Stephen & Katie*—extended family issues
 friend *Terry*—life issues
 brother *Andrew*—diagnosed with DVT
 godfather *John*—terminal lung disease
 Jason Smith's parents *Russ & Pat*—health & life issues
 Mistie Smith's father *Robert*—cancer
 friend *Rob*—cancer
 Nicole Smith's parents *John & Sandy*—health issues
co-worker—diagnosed with cancer & future treatments
 Tanya St. Louis' mom *Kay*—lung cancer
 Barb Thill's friend *Mike*—needs heart transplant
 Troy Vanderhoof's daughter *Ashley*—faith & life issues
 Jim Vander Ploeg's daughter *Claire*—spiritual and life issues
 friend *David*—health concerns
 friend *Charlie*—treatment for benign brain tumor
 Eric Vande Slunt's aunt *Jane*—life issues
 Sue Voigt's brother *Kevin*—health issues
 cousin *Yvonne*—stroke recovery & malignant brain tumor
 Josie Volbright's grandma *Janice*—kidney failure & cancer
 Norm Weber's son & wife *Eugene & Mary*—health concerns
 niece *JoAnn*—broken hip
 Natalie Wilburn's daughter *Tamara*—life concerns
 friend *Terry*—heart/health issues
 neighbor *Brian*—continued healing
 Dallen Wilson's brother *Robert*—cancer in several places
 Mary Zehren's great niece *Nora*—health concerns
 friend *Jordan*—recovering from auto accident

For Those In Military Service of Any Kind

Steven Krueger (Air National Guard)
Maxwell Lubben (Air National Guard)
Luke Neumeyer (Naval Academy)
Olivia Newman (Air National Guard)
Ben Schmocker (Air Force, Japan)

Jon & Lori Gutzmann's son *Ariel* — Army
 Dennis Martin's nephew *Norm* — Air Force
 Mallory Nachtwey's husband *Tom* — Army Reserve
 Kaye Schmitz's niece's husband *Lucas* — Army
 Sara Thuecks' husband *Ryan* — Navy

Hallelujahs!!!

Thank God Tim Sielaff's step-niece *Teah*'s health is improving and winning the battle against bulimia.

Praise God that *Jill Randall* has survived cancer.

Praise God Pat Kranig's friend *Tracy* survived breast cancer.

Thank God that Dave DeWitt's niece *Val* gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Praise God that Gail Schwantes' niece *Emily* gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

Thank God that Melissa Schneider's friend *Scott* recovered well from his heart surgery.

Do you have any other "Hallelujahs" to share for the Prayer List???
If so, please notify the Church Office.

Updated Prayer Request from our Call Committee!

Lord, we have entered a unique phase of the call process by hiring Anthony Wick, the candidate we have identified for consideration by this congregation, to be our Lay Pastor. We ask for your Holy Spirit to continue to fill each member of this congregation, the Personnel Oversight Committee, the Church Council, and the Call Committee as we welcome Anthony and his family into our church community. Grant us wisdom, perception, faithfulness, and joy to hear and respond to the Holy Spirit's leading as we get to know Anthony through our interactions with him. Guide us each step of the way and may we respond with patience, acceptance, and love to one another during this special time in our church. May each of us dwell in and renew our minds in your holy Word; and may we seek through prayer to be aligned to your will for Ascension. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN



Prayers & Concerns For the Week of April 28, 2024

For Health, Guidance & Well-Being of Members & Friends

Recent Concerns

Terry Baumhardt	Barb Hartl	Javaun Mielke
Kaden Bebow	Tom Henry	Joe Perkins
John Behrendt	John Holman	Shirley Pezewski
Sandie Berka	Rod Hynek	Barbara Pollei
Lorrie Blain	Michael Jones	Brad Randall
Dave Boelter	Pat Jurgensmier	Tania Rhoads
John Dana	Kylie Kapler	Paul Schroeder
Kylee Ernst	Tracie Kapler	Barb Thill
Harvey Gysbers	Matthew Koechel	Troy Vanderhoof
Sherri Gysbers	Pat Kranig	Julie Wagner
Lisa Handy	Roy Krueger	Norm Weber
Kris Harmsen	Jeff Lurvey	Gail Wustrack

Ongoing Concerns

Paul & Tina Baleiko	Joyce Kaysen	Nicole Richter-Smith
Ruth Berryman	Chad Kranig	Sean Rohloff
Laura Blain	Matthew Krell	Kathy Snyder
Nancy Candlish	Joe Lander	Barbara & Derald Sommers
Mark Flucke	Kurt Lehman	Harrison St. Louis
Cheri Fredrickson	Cheryl Leonard	Tanya St. Louis
Elijah Freund	Peggy Loehrke	Troy Stettbacher
Barb Gulbrand	Debbie Lunda	John & Maria Townsend
Jennifer Gumieny	Anna Maramonte	Ben & Tandace Vissers
Sam & Mitzi Hagerman	Robin Maramonte	Brandon Volbright
Morgan Hansen	Grace McAuly	Karyn Weber
Pat Hansen	Rashelle & Tim McCallum	Shirley Westby
Sheryl Henry	Amy McFadden	
Mike Heimbach	Chris McKinney	
Dan & Pat Herdt	Carla Miller	
Jeanne Hintz	Karen Miller	
Lindsey Hofer	Gerri Parker	
Owen Holzman	Sheila Perkins	
Jon Hughes		

For Comfort & Hope in Times of Loss

For Dave Scoates at the death of his sister-in-law *Carole*
 For Cathie Aschenbrenner at the death of her sister-in-law *Laurie*
 For Sherri Gysbers at the death of her cousin *Mary*
 For Carla & Bob Miller at the death of their cousin *Vickie*
 For Natalie Wilburn at the death of her friend *Larry*

For Health & Well-Being Among Family & Friends

Lori Anderson Lurvey's friend's daughter **Molly**—life issues
friend **Mike**—cancer returned, strength for treatment
Cathie Aschenbrenner's friend **Tom**—rehab after stroke
brother-in-law **Randy**—loss of his wife
Sue Backhaus' mom **Rulea**—health concerns
Carol Blain's friend **Kathy**—cancer
parents **Bill & Vi**—as they face decisions and challenges in life
Jeff Blain's mother **Lorrie**—pancreatic cancer
sister **Sarah**—health concerns
aunt **Mary Ann**—leukemia & recovery from a fire
friend **Dean**—cancer and other health issues
friends **Joy & Rohry**—health concerns
Laura Blain's brother **Michael**—heart problems, life issues
dad **Kurt**—health concerns
Trice & Cindy Blakely's friend **Gloria**—suffered a stroke
Nancy Candlish's nephew **Aaron**—multiple health issues
Mark Davis' sister **Dawn**—health and life issues
Dave DeWitt's father **Ted**—vascular dementia
friend's mom **Anna**—heart trouble
Cathy Duehring's sister **Cindy**—health & well-being
mother **Norma**—on hospice
Cathy & Darrel Duehring's friend **Doug**—Parkinson's
Karen Ecker's granddaughter **Bella**—health concerns
Sheila Flucke's friend **Aria**—pregnancy complications
Cheri Fredrickson's friend—health & life issues
Sue Freund's friend **Carol**—surgery & cancer concerns
friend **Noah**—has new family
Freund family—house delay and health issues
Mary Gohl's friend **Sandy**—cancer decisions
friends **Bruce** and **Donna**—health concerns
Jennifer Gumieny's cousin **Vicky**—MS
Jennifer & Ben Gumieny's brother-in-law **Joe**—health concerns
Harvey & Sherri Gysbers' grandson **Griffin**—eye surgery
granddaughter **Zoelle**—surgery recovery
friend **Candy**—non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
friend **Everett**—knee replacement
neighbor's dad **George**—emergency liver surgery
Sherri Gysbers' sister **Shirley**—knee surgery
Kellie Hare's friends **Claire & Beth**—serious health issues
Kris Harmsen's daughter **Kayla**—life issues
son **TJ**—life issues
friend **Joe**—struggling with life issues
Mark Harmsen's brother **Paul**—decisions with health concerns
Barb Hartl's friend **Bob**—health issues
grandson **Charles**—addiction
sister **Linda**—health concerns
Alesha Hau's mom **Sharon**—kidney dialysis
friend **Laura**—back & feet issues
Sheryl Henry's sister **Jackie**—serious health issues
Tom & Sheryl Henry's granddaughter **Dakota**—life issues
Dan Herdt's mother **Shirley**—health concerns
Dan & Pat Herdt's daughter **Christine**—health & life concerns

son **Brian**—life issues
sister-in-law **Pat**—terminal lung cancer
grandson **Riley**—health & life issues
Theresa Hippert's aunt **Mary**—heart attack
Kristie Hochrein's sister **Lori**—severe lung condition, breathing issues
Sue Hoehne-Bate's brother **Dave**—skin cancer
brother-in-law **John**—leukemia
sister-in-law **Mary Alice**—cervical/uterine cancer
cousin **Kay**—tumor on her liver
Rich & Lindsey Hofer's daughter **Noel**—daily head & neck pain
John & Sigrid Holman's friend **Sue**—cancer has returned
friend **Joe**—recovery from stroke
friend **Rick**—end stage throat cancer
Cindy Holzman's friend's co-worker **Kelly**—ALS
uncle **John**—Parkinson's
neighbors **Debbie & Greg**—surgery recovery
nephew **Alex**—life issues
friend **Colleen**—cancer treatment
friend **Joanne**—ALS
Mary Jo Howe's friend **Laura**—aggressive cancer treatment
Amy Hunkins' brother **Andy**—serious health issues
Cindy Immel's dad **Tom**—serious health concerns
daughter **Cassie**—diagnosed with bipolar disorder
Pamela James-Chavez's parents **Wes & Sandy**—life & health issues
Chuck & Darlene Jenkins' family **Christine & Scott**—moving to England
grandson **Benjamin**—continued healing
friend **Darlene**—breast cancer treatment and recovery
friend **Judy**—cancer
friend **Norm**—dementia
Tracie Kapler's mom **Bev**—health concerns
Joyce Kaysen's grandson **Todd**—family and life concerns
friend **Colin**—mental health crisis with chronic pain
Brandon Knudson's good friend **MJ**—cancer
Matthew & Liz Koechel's friend's grandchild **Lennox**—health issues
Pat Kranig's family members **Dan & Sheela**—health & life issues
Cheryl Kruncos' sister **Joni**—ongoing health concerns
Jennifer Lehman's coworker's son **John Paul**—severe trauma recovery
Kurt Lehman's son **Josh**—life issues
Linda Lepien's mother **Effie**—continued healing
Angie Liner's great nephew **Moon**—medical issues
son **Jake**—faith and life issues
uncle **Butch**—suffering burns from house fire
Peggy Loehrke's granddaughter **Kinzi & twin sons**—continued health
granddaughter **Allie**—safe pregnancy
granddaughter's friend **Sophie**—bone cancer
son-in-law **Stewart**—recovery from stroke
friend **Mariann**—brain aneurysm
Amy Lubben's friend **Renee**—crippling anxiety & panic attacks
Bob Lunda's mother **Mary**—health concerns
Jeff Lurvey's father **Richard**—stroke
Maramonte family friend **Rose**—colon cancer

Joe Maramonte's uncle **Lee**—fibrosis in his lungs
Robin Maramonte's friend **Alice**—colon cancer
Dennis Martin's friend's **5-year-old son**—kidney transplant
Grace McAuly's mom **Betty**—health concerns from fall
friend **Robynne** whose Dad is in hospice
Rashelle McCallum's mom **Sharon**—health concerns
aunt **Donna**—health concerns/life issues
brothers **Jeremy & Jason**—life & health issues
cousin **Sarah**—cancer
Amy McFadden's mom **Marty**—health and life concerns
friend **JJ**—life issues
John McFadden's sister **Wendy**—cancer
uncle **Fritz**—health concerns
nephew **Trevor**—life issues
friend **Tim**—life issues
Trice McKinney's niece **Samantha**—very serious car accident
Jim Merkel's sister **Joan**—health concerns
John Meyer's family members **Charles & Carol**—faith and life issues
Mike Mihelich's mom **Sandra**—ongoing health issues
Carla Miller's friend **Dale**—health issues
Kay Miller's relatives **Paul, David & Elsie**—health issues
Katie Moder's friend **Chrissy**—cancer
Don & Linda Mussell's friend **Mark**—cancer
friend **Daryl**—death of his wife
Gerri Parker's friend **Sodie**—cancer
KP Parker-Vermeer's friend **Sandy**—serious health issues
friend **Ty**—recovery from accident
friend **John**—recovery from heart surgery & health issues
Sheila Perkins' son **Steven**—health concerns
Cathy Philipsky's son **Connor**—help, guidance & continued healing
brother **Jon**—struggling with addiction
friend **Jimmy**—recovery & rehab from surgery and stroke
friend **Joe**—increased anxiety and depression
friend **Vicky**—diagnosed with cancer
Bonnie Pittl's niece **Vicky**—MS
niece **Kate**—life concerns
nephew **Ethan**—life concerns
sister **Paula**—strength & hope
niece **Hailey**—life concerns
sister **Mary**—back pain issues
Mark Pittl's nephew **Andrew**—life concerns
Kyle Polishinski's brother **Kurtis**—serious motorcycle accident
Sue Polster's grandson **Kacey**—health concerns
Jim Price's friend's child **Makenzie**—diagnosed with cancer
Sarah Price's father **Gary**—health concerns
Kristen Quast's dad **Jan**—heart and blood clot issues
Sue Roeseler's son **Eric**—health issues
Linda Schiessl's daughter & grandson **Jackie & Archer**—life issues
brother **Brian**—ongoing health concerns
brother **Michael**—severe neuropathy
Kaye Schmitz's friends **Lara, Wes & son Sol**—muscular dystrophy
friend **Kevin**—blood cancer
friend **Dave**—vascular dementia