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*April 12, 2026*

*2nd Sunday of Easter*

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

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*Welcome to Worship...*

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion and commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;**

**However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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*Please silence your cellphone at this time*

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## Welcome to Worship

### Opening Song

Please stand in body or spirit.

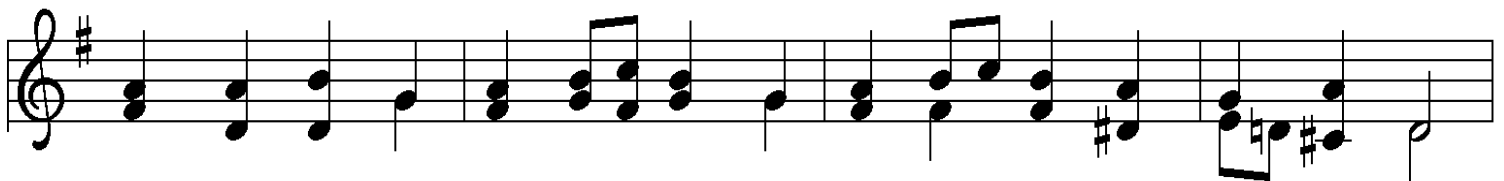
## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 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, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

### Call to Worship

*P* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You may be Seated

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*P* Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**All Amen.**

*P* Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**All You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*WA* Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**All You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*P* Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**All You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

*WA* Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**All Amen**

*Greeting*

*P* The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love and wisdom of God,  
and the light and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

*P* In peace, in peace,

*Pastor:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray\_ to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

*P* For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

*P* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

*Pastor:*

Help, save and de - fend us, \_\_\_\_\_ O God.

*Congregation:*

A - - - men.

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

P The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

*Prayer for This Day*

WA Let us pray:

Almighty and eternal God,

**All the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*A Reading from 1 Peter, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter*

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

WA Word of God, Word of Life!

**All Thanks be to God!**

*Gospel Acclamation*

Please stand in body or spirit.

**Congregation**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we



go? \_\_\_ You have the words of e - ter - nal



life: Al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

*Gospel Reading*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."*

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the

Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*John 20:19-31*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be Seated*

## Children’s Sermon & Noisy Offering

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pocket change and small bills. Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make “hope & love” tangible. The children have chose Family Promise of Ogden to receive this monetary blessing for this season.*

*Sermon*

**Pr. Gordon Young**



I \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus. \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ be - lieve \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ You Lord. \_\_\_\_\_



I be - lieve He is the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ God. I be - lieve He died and  
I be - lieve You are the Son of \_\_\_\_\_ God. I be - lieve You died and



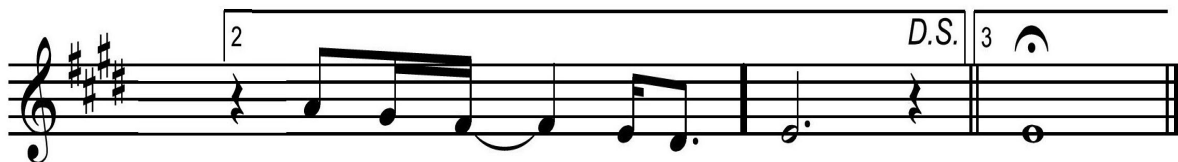
rose a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ I be - lieve He paid for us \_\_\_\_\_ all. \_\_\_\_\_  
rose a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ I be - lieve You paid for us \_\_\_\_\_ all. \_\_\_\_\_



I be - lieve He is here now, \_\_\_\_\_ stand - ing in our midst.  
I be - lieve You are here now, \_\_\_\_\_ stand - ing in our midst.



Here with the pow - er to heal \_\_\_\_\_ now, \_\_\_\_\_ and the grace to for - give.  
Here with the pow - er to heal \_\_\_\_\_ now, \_\_\_\_\_ and the grace to for - give.

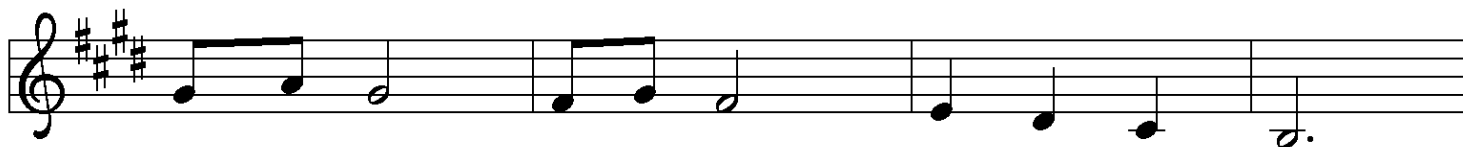


and the grace \_\_\_\_\_ to for - give. give.

Baptism of Rowan Joshua Jones

*Prayers of the People*

WA Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* Merciful God, *All:* **receive our prayer.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ*

*P* Jesus Christ become peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Offertory*

Please stand in body or spirit.



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

*Offertory Prayer*

*P* Risen One,  
receive the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

**All Nourish us to follow you,  
using what we have gathered to feed the hungry  
and tend the weary, all for your love's sake. Amen.**

*Holy Communion*

*P* The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*P* It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer  
thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death  
on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death  
and gave life to all creation.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might;— Heav-en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the



One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the



high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*P* On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;  
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you...

Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## *The Lord's Prayer*

*P* Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

**All** 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 Invitation*

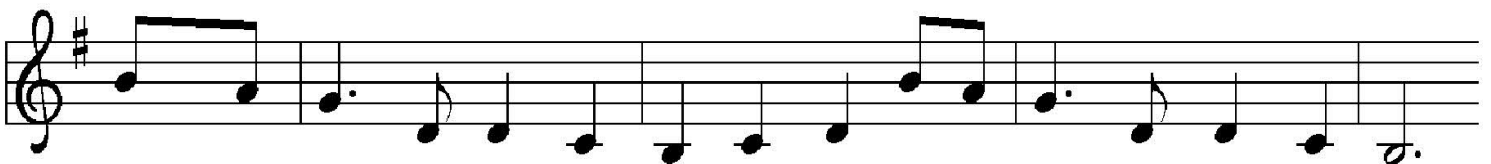
*P* Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,  
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.  
Come to the feast.

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

## *Communion Songs*

### Borning Cry



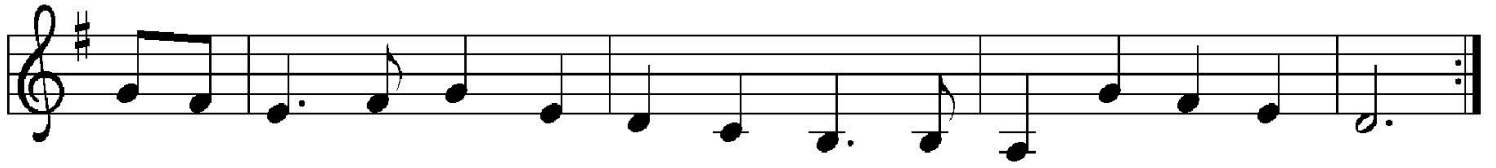
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



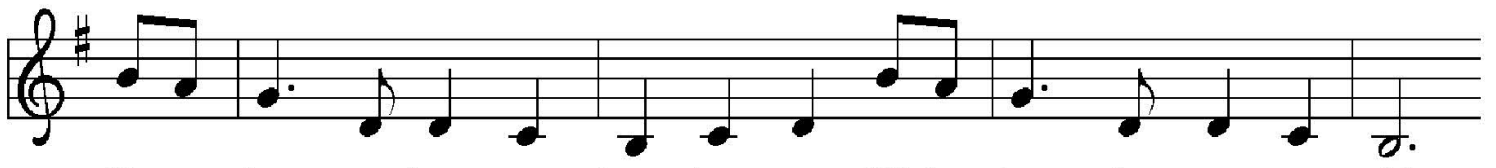
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



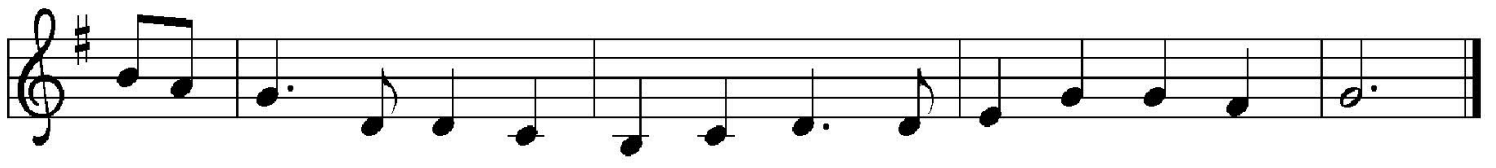
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.

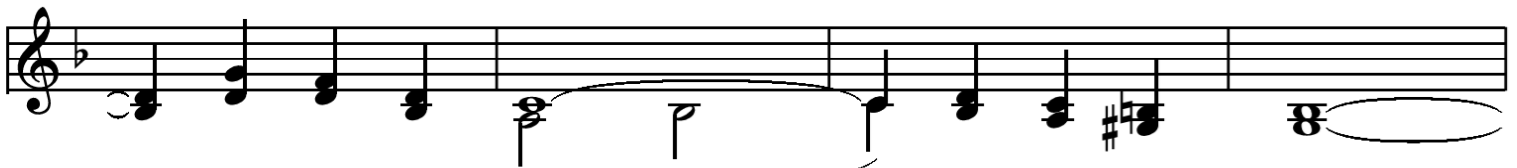


I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

## Because He Lives William J. Gaither and Gloria Gaither



1. God sent His Son- They called Him Je - sus;  
 2. How sweet to hold our new - born ba - by,  
 3. And then one day I'll cross that riv - er;



He came to love, heal and for - give.  
 and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
 I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain.

He bled and died to buy my par - don;  
But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance:  
And then, as death gives way to vic - t'ry,

An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause Christ lives.  
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He reigns.

Be - cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;

Be - cause He lives, all fear is gone.

Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

and life is worth the liv - ing

just be - cause He lives.

*Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All Amen**

Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*Please be seated for  
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

*Benediction and Sending Song*

Please stand in body or spirit.

**(Cantors sing each line, the congregation repeats.)**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.  
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.  
May the Lord lift His countenance on you.  
May He keep you in perfect peace.

*Dismissal*

**WA** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**WA** With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**All** Thanks be to God.



Readings for next Sunday,  
 April 12<sup>th</sup>

<b>First Reading:</b>	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Peter 1:17-23
<b>Gospel:</b>	Luke 24:13-35

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