

TODAY'S WORSHIP NOTES

What is the church season or special day? _____

What is the color of the altar cloths today? (circle one)

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| White perfection, joy, purity | Black absence of color; symbolic of death |
| Blue hope | Green life, nourishment |
| Purple royalty, mourning, repentance | Gold royalty, riches, victory |
| Red fire, fervor, blood, martyrdom, victory in the blood of Christ | |

How does the color of the day fit the theme of the day? _____

What led our singing today? video organ piano other

Did we have special music today? choir soloist guest musicians

Did we have a sacrament today?

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Communion? | Baptism? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

The sermon text is: _____, found in Old Testament New Testament

What did I learn today about God, myself, or my Christian faith? _____

What was my favorite song today? _____

Did we do something special or out of the ordinary in worship today? _____

I would like to ask pastor this question (*in person, text or email!*): _____



Easter Worship

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 31, 2024

Welcome to Easter Worship at Ascension Lutheran Church!

✞ **Our order of service today is** based on various orders of service we frequently use in worship here at Ascension. This service, of course, centers on the event that changed everything: the physical resurrection of Jesus from death. His resurrection proves that he is the Son of God, that all his promises are trustworthy, that his death was sufficient payment for every sin of every sinner, and that death has been defeated. Our sermon today continues the theme we have been using throughout Lent in the Wednesday evening Lenten services and throughout Holy Week: **God on Trial**. We have considered the accusations, restraint, testimony, misconceptions, truth, sympathy, respite, and evidence – all related to Jesus’ suffering and death. Today we rejoice in the vindication!

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✞ **Ascension is a mission congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.** We walk together in oneness of faith with over 1,000 other congregation in the U.S. and with many other Lutheran church bodies around the world. We are committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with each other, with those in our community, and with our world. We currently receive funds from other WELS Lutherans to enable us to be here in Macomb Township, Michigan, to do the work Jesus has given us to do. We are about half way through a 3-year plan to become fully self-supporting.

If you have no church home, we would be happy to have you consider making Ascension your home. If you have questions about us and what we believe and teach, please contact Pastor Simons. He would be very happy to answer your questions.

If you would like to visit our services for a while, please feel free to do so. We want to make you feel welcome, but we won’t pressure you in any way. Thanks for being with us today!



THE LORD’S SUPPER, OR HOLY COMMUNION, WILL BE CELEBRATED IN TODAY’S SERVICE.

The Holy Sacrament of our Savior’s body and blood is a gift which he has given to his church. Whenever we approach his altar, he wants us to contemplate the fact that this sacred meal is to nurture two kinds of fellowship:

- 1) The **vertical fellowship** between God and each of his individual Christians, and
- 2) The **horizontal fellowship** which God gives his people to enjoy with one another.

Paul, the Apostle, tells us that we are to examine ourselves before we partake of the Lord’s Supper (1 Corinthians 11:18). We are to give serious consideration to our sin and remind ourselves why we need the forgiveness of sins offered and given in this Sacrament. Hearts that are properly prepared to receive Christ’s body and blood rejoice in God’s gift of forgiveness of sins.

Paul also warns us that anyone who eats the bread and drinks the wine without recognizing that Christ’s body and blood are also given in this sacrament, “will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.” That is a very serious matter, for Paul says that such a person “eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

That is why we ask all people who wish to commune at our altar be properly instructed about the Lord’s Supper as well as the other basic teachings of the Christian faith, and to declare that that faith is their own. We follow this practice – as did the early Christian Church – out of love for all people and to ensure that all who commune with us:

- Are baptized in the name of the Triune God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- Are aware that Christ’s true body and blood are actually received along with the bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper;
- Are relying on Jesus for salvation; and
- Are united in that fellowship which is based on God’s Word.

Therefore, **if you are visitor and not yet affiliated with Ascension Lutheran Church or with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, please speak to the pastor before communing with us.** We are not saying that we think we are better than anyone else, for our motive in our practice is love, and Christian love “does not boast; it is not proud” (1 Corinthians 13). Our love for God, respect for what he says about this Sacrament, and our love for those who wish to receive it compel us to administer this sacrament according to the guidelines he has given in his Word.

Jesus’ love and forgiveness are freely offered to you whether you commune or not. We, as sinners, all stand before God in need of forgiveness. The word of forgiveness God speaks to us today through his called servant is as valid and certain for both members and visitors as if God himself spoke it.

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(For personal reflection)

Q: What does God tell me about myself in his holy Word?

A: He says that I am a sinner and deserve only his punishment.

Q: What should I do if I am not aware of my sins or am not troubled by them?

A: I should examine myself according to the Ten Commandments and ask how well I have carried out my responsibilities as a husband or wife or single person, as a parent or child, an employer or employee, a teacher or student. Have I loved God with all my heart, gladly heard his Word, and patiently endured affliction? Have I been disobedient, proud, or unforgiving? Have I been selfish, lazy, envious, or quarrelsome? Have I lied or deceived, taken something not mine, or given anyone a bad name? Have I abused my body or permitted indecent thoughts to linger in my mind? Have I failed to do what is right and good?

Q: When I realize that I have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should I do?

A: I will confess before God all my sins, those which I remember as well as those of which I am unaware. I will pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

Q: How do I receive his gracious forgiveness?

A: His Word assures me that Jesus led a pure and holy life for me and died on the cross for me to pay the full price for all my sins. Through faith in Jesus, I have been clothed in my Savior's perfect righteousness and holiness.

Q: What further assurance do I have that Jesus is mine and I am his?

A: In Holy Communion he gives me his body and blood together with the bread and wine as a truly life-giving food and drink to unite me with him and my fellow believers. By means of this sacrament, Jesus not only forgives my sins but sweeps away all my doubts about his love for me, gives me his own strength to live a God-pleasing life, and grants me a joyful foretaste of heaven.

Q: How can I be sure that I receive all these blessings in the Lord's Supper?

A: I have his own word spoken as his last will and testament on the night before he died. There he tells me: "Take and eat; this is my body. Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Q: How will I respond to this priceless gift from Jesus?

A: I will daily thank and praise him for his love to me. With his help I will fight temptation, do my best to correct whatever wrongs I have done, and serve him and those around me with love and good works.



STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends in Christ, today we come together to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and in praise, in our thoughts and in our prayers.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: **Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

P: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: **When I was in great need, he saved me.**

P: The Lord is my strength and my song;

C: **He has become my salvation.**

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free — to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, — bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Refrain*

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Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

The Word of God

Easter Longing in the Old Testament

Job 19:23-27

“Oh how I wish that my words were written down. Oh how I wish that they were inscribed in bronze,²⁴ that they would be engraved in rock forever with an iron tool and letters filled with lead.²⁵ As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the end of time he will stand over the dust.²⁶ Then, even after my skin has been destroyed, nevertheless, in my own flesh I will see God.²⁷ I myself will see him. My own eyes will see him, and not as a stranger. My emotions are in turmoil within me.”

I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
 I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion
 Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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STAND

Gospel Easter Fulfillment

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. ²Very early on the first day of the week, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. ³They were saying to each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.

⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶He said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

BE SEATED

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; praise him, ran-somed ones of earth.
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and fre-quent sigh?



from the gloom-y house of death forth the con-quer - or has gone,
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.
He who died our broth-er here lives our broth-er still on high,



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
Praise the Vic - tor-King, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.

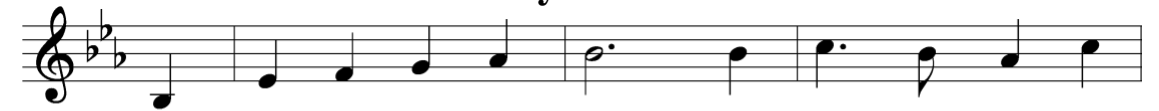
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Easter Meaning

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

“If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ as the firstfruits and then Christ’s people, at his coming. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has done away with every other ruler and every other authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign ‘until he has put all his enemies under his feet.’ [Psalm 110:1] ²⁶Death is the last enemy to be done away with.”

This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,

our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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God’s Easter Message

Mark 16:1-8

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God on Trial – Vindicated!

STAND

Our Easter Confession

Dr. Martin Luther’s Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed (Small Catechism, 1529)

“I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.”

BE SEATED

Easter Offering

We consider it our privilege to honor God with gifts that support the ministry of the Word among us and around the world. The offerings of God’s people are dedicated to sharing the good news that Christ was crucified and risen for the world. Many worshippers prefer to use offering envelopes each week. If you do not have offering envelopes and would like a set, please ask. We will be glad to provide them, whether you are member or not. A growing number of our worshippers choose to give their offerings online using our website. You can do so at www.ascensionmacomb.com. Click on the WATCH A SERVICE tile, then scroll down to the GIVE NOW button to make an offering or to set up an automatic recurring offering. Whichever way you choose to give your gift to the Lord, it is an important part of worship. That’s why each week we take this time in our worship to acknowledge that with an offering hymn. Our offering hymn for Easter is on the next page. It expresses our desire to make known to all the world that Christ has risen from the dead!

“Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Day of Resurrection



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light
 let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

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 Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879
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EASTER PRAYERS

P: O God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, we thank and praise you for the mercy you have shown us through his glorious resurrection. Grant that on this day believers throughout the world may see the fullness of your grace and peace. Give us a living hope to believe that the grave has no power over us and that we have been made partakers of eternal life.

C: **Strengthen all your people that we may be faithful to death and may receive the crown of life.**

P: Almighty God, as your Son on this day rose from the dead for us, victorious over sin and the grave, grant that sin may no longer live in our hearts. By the power of his resurrection set our minds on things above, not on earthly things.

C: **Grant that in Christ's resurrection we may conquer sin and find strength to resist the devil's temptations.**

P: Rule over the nations of the earth, O Lord, that they may join the hosts of heaven in songs of Christ's victorious triumph. Bless and preserve the President and Congress of the United States of America and all those who govern and guide us in this great land so that freedom, justice, righteousness, and peace may prevail. Watch over the members of our armed forces as they protect our nation from harm and evil. Grant contentment to service personnel and their families as they spend these holy days apart from one other.

C: **Comfort those who mourn the loss of those they love and sustain the innocent who are caught in the carnage and cruelty of war.**

P: In every adversity and trial preserve us, O Lord. Heal the sick, giving them the hope of a glorious body in the resurrection of the dead. With the promises of this great day remove the fear of death from the hearts of the dying and the sadness of death from hearts that feel the loss of family and friends. Defend the weak and vulnerable, especially the unborn, the aged, those who are hungry, homeless, unemployed, and those who are struggling under the load of troubles and trials.

C: **Bestow your gracious favor on our homes and families and bless us with Easter's joy and consolation.**

P: We give thanks for all those who have died and now live with Christ in the triumph of Easter, especially our own faithful departed loved ones.

C: **Unite us with them in the hope of the resurrection of the dead.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

P: Hear us, O Father, for the sake of him who is the firstborn of the dead and is now alive forevermore, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

A Word About Holy Communion at Ascension Lutheran Church

Are you a guest or visitor with us today? We regard receiving Holy Communion as an expression of membership in our congregation or in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The Scriptures also describe this Supper as having great power that requires careful preparation and understanding. Out of Christian love for those we commune, we take the responsibility of administering this sacrament very seriously. That's why we commune at our altar those with whom we have had the opportunity to discuss what the Scriptures teach about the Lord's Supper. With that in mind, we kindly and respectfully ask that you refrain from taking Holy Communion here at Ascension until you speak with Pastor Simons. He will be happy to meet with you and explain our practice of Holy Communion. For more information, see the information on page ii at the front of this service folder. Thank you.

THE SACRAMENT

The Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

BE SEATED

Hymn During Holy Communion I Know that My Redeemer Lives, st. 3-6



3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and



plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he



soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

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Closing Prayer

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Blessing

M: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
foll'wing our exalted head.
Made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, abr., alt.; Tune: Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221; adapt. Richard Redhead, 1820–1901;
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6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
praise the resurrected Lord!

EASTER EGG HUNT - EASTER TODAY

Children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt today immediately after worship! Please gather in the church lobby so that we can make sure each child has a special gathering bag. Each bag is pre-loaded with some fun Easter-themed items. Parents, be sure to check your child's bag for any small items that might be a choking hazard. Once everyone has a bag we will go outside together for the hunt.



Ascension Notes and News

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY:

Worship accompanist - Gloria Aita; Recording Engineers – Sandy Borkowski, Paul Kokesh; Security – Paul Fuller. Worship leader – Pastor Dan Simons, Ascension Lutheran Church.

LAST WEEK AT ASCENSION:

Ascension members in God's house for worship - 43
Repeat visitors in God's house for worship - 13
First-time visitors in God's house last Sunday - 7
Worshipped with us online - 14
Total - 77

Teens & adults growing in the Word in Bible class – 24

Children in Christlight for Kids – 3 (and 2 teachers)

Confirmation Instruction Class - 3

46 % of those who in God's house for worship stayed to grown in the Word.

Faith conversations and invitations to worship by Ascension people: 9

Ascension people in touch with each (planning, encouraging, etc.): 11

COMING UP AT ASCENSION:

Today 9:30 a.m.....Easter Worship w/ Holy Comunion
 10:30 a.m.....Meet, Greet, and Eat
 and Children’s Easter Egg Hunt following worship
Monday 7:00 p.m.....Alcoholics Anonymous-Covenant Chapter meets at Ascension
Sunday, April 7th 9:30 a.m.....Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30 a.m..... Meet, Greet, and Eat
 10:45 a.m.....Christlight for Kids: Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene
 10:45 a.m.....Final lesson in our Parables & Word Pictures Bible class:
 “Ransomed and Redeemed”

Pastor Simons will be out of town from Thursday April 4th through Sunday April 7th. In case of emergency, please contact Pastor Mark Voss (Divine Grace, Lake Orion): (248) 462-1390. Jon Munson CRM will be leading worship, preaching, and leading Bible class on April 7th.

LUTHERAN WOMENS MISSIONARY SOCIETY MITE BOXES are available in the church



lobby. Each Spring, LWMS chooses one home mission and one world mission to be the recipient of the offerings gathered in these boxes. They must be returned today.

NEW BEGINNINGS is a parachurch organization of WELS Christians which offers pregnancy counseling and support for single women. A special opportunity to support this effort will begin after Easter. Plastic baby bottles will be available in the church lobby in which you can gather your gifts of coins or folding money. Watch for this to begin right after Easter.



Our photo studio will be set up in the church lobby each Sunday. Gary Aita will be on hand to take your individual or family photo. We’re putting together a digital picture directory of our congregation that will run continuously on a large monitor at church.

Easter Lilies have been purchased to fill our Easter Lily Cross for Easter. If you would like to purchase one, please submit cash or check payable to Ascension Lutheran Church in the amount of **\$8.50**. Please be sure to indicate in the envelope that it is for an Easter Lily.



The Resurrection

“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.” Mark 16:6 (NIV)
 The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



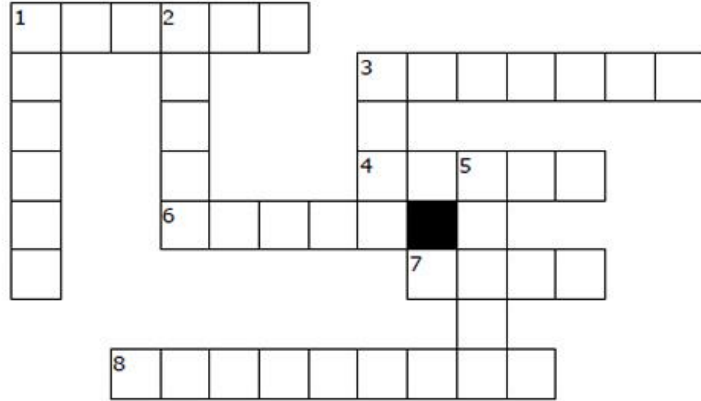
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AFRAID	BODY	FIRST	DAY	CRUCIFIED
RISEN	MARY	TOMB	SPICES	ROLLED
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The Resurrection

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Puzzle is based on various Gospel accounts of the resurrection.



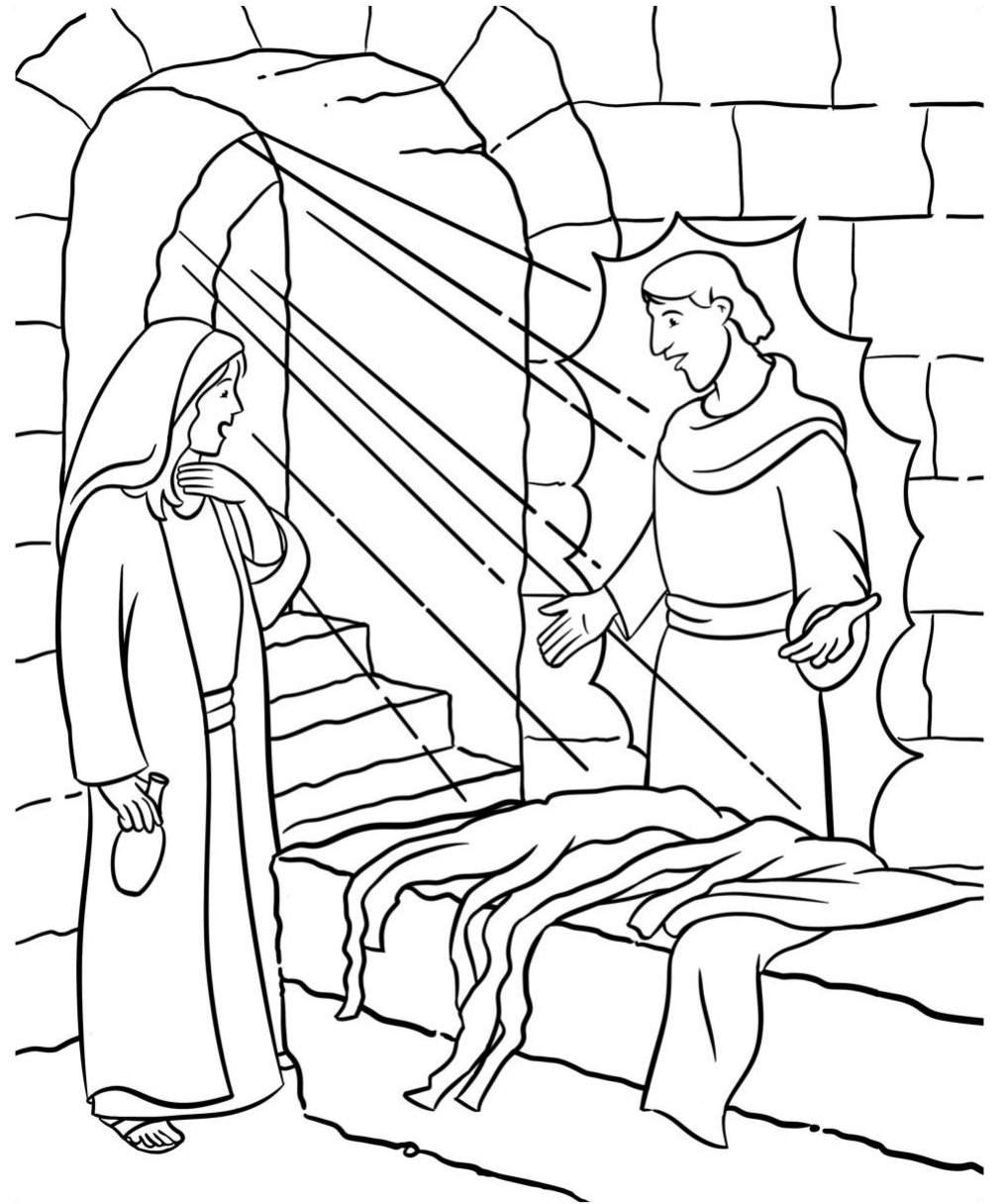
ACROSS

1. To be filled with fear
3. The first or early part of a day
4. To return from death
6. To have nothing inside
7. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
8. Having been put to death on a cross

DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. Not dead
3. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb
5. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

ALIVE	MORNING	EMPTY	AFRAID	ANGELS
TOMB	MARY	CRUCIFIED	RISEN	STONE



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Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



D	A	U	E	I	P	S	W	Y	G	X	T	C	F	Q	R	J	L	O	M	Z	K	B	H	N	V
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- 14-5-16-7-12 _____
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**START
HERE!** →

