



# He Lives!

YOU ARE LOOKING FOR  
JESUS THE NAZARENE,  
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.

*He has risen!*

Mark 16:6 (NIV)

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021

Worship Services – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

## WELCOME

## EASTER GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PRELUDE

### RETURN AND SEE

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it “up close and personal”!

### + PREPARATION +

*(stand)*

## INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

## OPENING HYMN MEDLEY:

Congregation with trumpets

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**

LW 127, vs. 1 & 2

**Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

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## **“Crown Him” (Majesty)**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7*

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over Him.**

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C **He has put all things under His feet.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have not put seeing You as our Lord in all matters as our life’s priority. We have not lived at all times filled with charity in all things and toward all people. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these, our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us to see our Lord more clearly and graciously build Your kingdom among us here in every way.**

P The Lord is risen! Your sins are forgiven! The Lord has swallowed up death forever!

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE: “This Is The Feast Of Victory For Our God”**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free  
to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation;  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*(sit)*

**+ WORD +**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 25:6–9*

**P** A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

P A reading from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, <sup>4</sup> that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*(stand)*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE *(Sing)*

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 28:1–10*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Congregation reads together:*

**<sup>1</sup> Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

**P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**SERMON HYMN: “In Christ Alone”**

*(sit)*

**SERMON**

Pastor Adam Thompson

*(stand)*

**NICENE CREED**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Rejoicing in the life, hope, and peace that our mighty God and Father gives through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need.

For the Church throughout the world, and for our local church community, that enlivened by the risen Lord Jesus, we seek new ways to love and bless all of God's creation. Risen Lord,

**C let our prayers rise to You.**

P For world leaders, our president, congress, governor, and mayor, that walking in humility and acknowledging their power as a gift meant for serving others, they lead in ways that promote justice for the vulnerable, peace for the broken, and flourishing for those who struggle. Risen Lord,

**C let our prayers rise to You.**

P For the needs of our local community:

For those who are poor, unemployed, or struggling with life, that You lead us to find ways to love and serve. For those who work to protect and serve our community: nurses and doctors, police and firefighters, sanitation workers and mail carriers, we give thanks. For those who serve in the military and for soldiers who struggle after deployment, that the peace in Christ which surpasses understanding guide them and comfort them. Risen Lord,

**C let our prayers rise to You.**

P For those who are sick, for the hospitalized, for those who are facing surgery, [*especially . . . individual prayer requests may be spoken at this time followed by the petitioner saying "Lord, in Your mercy" after each request*], that they experience healing according to Your will, and in the midst of their suffering know the assurance that our risen Lord will never forsake them. Risen Lord,

**C let our prayers rise to You.**

P For this congregation, that having returned to our Lord throughout the season of Lent, we go forward in the Easter season energized by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our church will be known in our community as a people filled with joy in the Lord who love and serve our neighbors as Jesus did. Risen Lord,

**C let our prayers rise to You.**

P In remembrance of our loved ones who have died. We give You thanks for their lives and for the time You gave us with them. Fill us with gratitude for the resurrection of Jesus, who empowers us to grieve with hope. Risen Lord,

**C let our prayers rise to You.**

P You, O Lord, defeated our greatest enemy by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We entrust to You these prayers spoken in love this day; we trust, too, that You hear our prayers that are too deep for words. For You call us to pray without ceasing and to trust that You hear our prayers. In that promise we live and hope, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*(sit)*

**OFFERTORY: “Alleluia! Alleluia!” (Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him)**

Choir and Congregation

*(stand)*

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**PREFACE**

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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

P It is our duty and delight to thank and praise You, holy and mighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us on the cross to pay the price for our sins and who rose in glory from the tomb as the firstfruits of Your new creation, so that our lives are now filled with hope and abundant life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *(Sing)*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P With joyful praise, Lord God, we bless You this day for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be the perfect sacrifice so that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name. Grant that our lives know the peace that surpasses all understanding. Invited by Your grace, grant that we come to Your Table with grateful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ’s body and blood, that we live with confidence, securely awaiting the eternal feast with all the saints in glory.

C **Amen. Alleluia!**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and Passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*Now at this time, turn around and greet each other with the peace of Christ. Please do so by waving and remaining where you are seated.*

## AGNUS DEI (Sing)

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Congregants are welcome to take a Communion kit from the Narthex near the front door, and will be invited to take Communion in the pews at this time.

### DISTRIBUTION

P Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

C **Amen.**

P Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

C **Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

C **Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION SONG: “Lamb of God”**

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

God of life, You return to us again and again with Your mercy and forgiveness in the Supper of our Lord. Let our eating and drinking of Christ’s body and blood this day form us into people who turn to You in all circumstances and then turn outward to the people in our lives to love them and serve them as a witness to the risen Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*(sit)*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(stand)*

### BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN MEDLEY:**

Congregation with trumpets

**“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”**

LW 143, vs. 1-4

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o’er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor’s triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen head!  
Alleluia!**

**He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven’s high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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**“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

LW 264, vs. 1 & 8

**I know that my Redeemer lives!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head!**

**He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
What joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

P Go in peace and  
C serve the Lord.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The assigned readings of the Church Calendar for next week are Acts 4:32-35, 1 John 1:1-2:2, and John 20:19-31.



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**THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION**

|               |   |                                |
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| APRIL 4, 2021 | WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAMED | 9:30 AM                        |
|               | WORSHIP SERVICE IN-PERSON                   | 11:30 AM                       |
|               | EASTER EGG HUNT                             | 1:00 PM                        |
| MONDAY        | CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED                        |                                |
| TUESDAY       | TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE                        | 6:30 PM                        |
| WEDNESDAY     | PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP VIA ZOOM            | 10:00 AM                       |
|               | CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING                 | 6:30 PM                        |
| THURSDAY      | CHURCH COUNCIL                              | 6:30 PM                        |
| SATURDAY      | MEN'S BIBLE STUDY                           | 8:30 AM IN-PERSON/9:00 AM ZOOM |

**ASCENSION NEWS**

**WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS!** It is a great joy to have you here today. We pray that your time with us has helped to deepen your faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. If we can be of service to you or your family, we invite you to talk to us at your convenience. You will always be welcome here. Please do us the honor of signing the guest sheet at the podium at the front of the church or at the entrance from the Education Wing. Thank you for coming!

**EASTER EGG HUNT** – While Easter looks a little different this year, one tradition is making its way back: the annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for the families of Ascension! **Join us after the 11:30 AM Easter Sunday Service (around 1:00)** over at the side lawn to hunt for eggs as we celebrate and remember the new life that God gave us through the resurrection of His son Jesus. **Please wear a mask!** Email [youth@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:youth@ascensionpgh.com) for more information.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – To avoid excessive contact on Communion Sundays, there will be prepackaged Communion packets in the Narthex as you walk in. We ask you pick them up on your way to your seat. When Communion time happens, during the service, we will all partake as a community.

**IMPORTANT** – **EVERYONE please sign in** on one of the attendance sheets located at the Narthex or the Education Wing entrances.

**FACE COVERINGS** – Please wear face coverings indoors in all parts of the building (those who are over age two [2] and medically able to do so). If you forgot a face covering, there are some available in the Narthex and at the office entrance.

**OFFERINGS** – Since the offering plate will not be passed during the service, an offering plate will be available in the Narthex for you to present your gifts as you exit or arrive.

**ACOLYTES:** ..... Kayla Arnett / Elder  
**ALTAR GUILD / APRIL:** ..... Janet Seitz  
**ELDERS ON DUTY TODAY:** .....Pete Candreva / Cooper Blake  
**LAY READERS:** ..... Trish Young / Pete Candreva  
**USHERS:** ..... Lora Koontz & Jim Obringer / Ron Curcio  
**ATTENDANCE 03/28/21: WORSHIP** ..... 61; **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** ..... 29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

April 4: Linda Sweeney; April 6: Coleen Henkelmann; April 8: Cheri Adams

**SOCIAL DISTANCING** – Please practice social distancing in the Sanctuary (six [6] feet between households), and seating in every other pew. Please do not linger inside the building entrances/exits prior to and following worship services. Please enjoy the outside as you visit from six (6) feet apart!

**HAND SANITIZER** – Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and at the office entrance for your use.

**BUILDING RESTRICTIONS** – To limit the need for cleaning and disinfection, the classroom areas will be taped off. *If anyone needs to comfort a child, we will temporarily ask parents to use the Narthex.*

**CHILDREN’S BAGS** – Children’s bags will be stored in the closet to the right of the main entrance. Please feel free to take one (or more) from the closet on your first visit and keep it in your car for your kids’ use during services. Please do not put any bags back in the closet.

**HELP NEEDED** – We are looking for volunteers to wipe down the handrails after the services. Please see Pete Candreva if you can help.

**BULLETINS** and **CHILDREN’S BULLETINS** are available on our website: [www.ascensionpgh.com](http://www.ascensionpgh.com).

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES** – Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Throughout this season of Lent, we have heard a drumbeat call from God to return to Him, and today we rejoice that this call was issued so that we might have life in abundance through the One who lived, died, and rose again to secure our salvation. Our journey has led us through some dark places, and we have grappled with the implications of our sin in many different forms, but today the call is especially personal; it is about what it all means for you. We are called to come and see the Christ; to see the salvation won for us; to see the life that He has secured; and to see the Word that we are to share with others. Our prayer is that others, too, would hear God’s call and respond in trust and faith. © 2020 Concordia Publishing House. Scripture: ESV®.

**OFFICE CLOSED** – The Church Office will be closed **tomorrow** (April 5).

**PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP** is meeting via Zoom. Join us on **Wednesday** (April 7) from 10 AM to 11 AM and then every Wednesday thereafter until we are able to meet in person. If you have any questions or need prayer, please call me at 808-295-1835. In the Love of Jesus, Bob Booth

**BIBLE STUDY FOR TEENS** – Remember that Bible study about C.S. Lewis that we started right before the pandemic hit? Well, we are ready to bring it back and start over! Starting on **Sunday, April 11th** we're going to restart "**Aslan's World**" during Sunday School Hour in the **Youth Room**. All confirmed youth are welcome to attend! We can't wait to see you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES** – In addition to the youth class above, Sunday School will resume in-person on April 11, 2021 with two children's classes. Social distancing will be observed. Please wear a mask.

**SPRING APPEAL** – WE DID IT!! The \$11,000 goal for the Spring Appeal was not only met, it was exceeded!! THANK YOU to everyone who gave in support of this project! The generosity of the members and friends of Ascension continues to shine on everything that is done here. God bless and thanks again!

**NEWSLETTER** – If you would like a printed copy of the April 2021 issue of *The Heart of Ascension* mailed to you, please call Barb in the church office at 412-364-4463.

**BACKYARD BONFIRE AT THE BLAKE'S** – Are you excited about the warm, Spring weather upon us? Are you looking forward to all of the things that we love when the weather turns like yard games, bonfires, and seeing your friends safely outdoors? Join us on **Friday, April 16th at 6:30PM** for a family bonfire complete with yard games and s'mores. We'll keep it COVID safe and we are currently asking that you wear a mask and socially distance when enjoying snacks and beverages. Ronette will email additional details but feel free to contact [youth@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:youth@ascensionpgh.com) with questions or to RSVP NOW!

**HAVING A MEETING, GROUP STUDY, OR GATHERING AT THE CHURCH?** If so, you should request access to the church building by contacting the secretary at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) or by contacting a trustee at [trustees@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:trustees@ascensionpgh.com). We are here to help make your function go smoothly.

**MEN'S SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** – The Saturday Men's Study Group is scheduled to meet on **Saturday** (April 10, 2021) in person and via Zoom. We will continue reading *Fearless*, by Max Lucado. If you would like to attend in person, Mike Fiffik will be in the Fireside Room at 8:30 AM. The Bible study will start no later than 9:00 AM and that will be offered on Zoom as well.

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP NOTE** – **John 20:1** – “Now on the first day of the week ...” All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter. It's sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.

**PRIVATE COMMUNION SERVICES** are available to members who should not attend or who are not yet ready to return to worship in person due to Covid-19. Appointments will be made every 20 minutes on Tuesdays between 7:00-9:00 AM and Fridays between 4:00-6:00 PM. Please email Pastor Thompson at [pastor@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:pastor@ascensionpgh.com) to make your appointment.

**GET TO KNOW YOU VISITS** – Have you scheduled your get to know you visit with Pastor Thompson yet? There are three options—Zoom (Tuesdays-Fridays from 2:00-7:00 PM meeting times, as available), in person, or if neither of those options work, a telephone call option. For scheduling, please email Pastor Thompson at [pastor@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:pastor@ascensionpgh.com).

**LIVE-STREAMING WORSHIP SERVICES** – Our worship services are live-streamed on our YouTube Channel. Just click on this link [https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucu\\_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeyEVQ/videos](https://www.youtube.com/channel/Ucu_ARgzTTcfZZXuZAeyEVQ/videos) or search in YouTube for Ascension Lutheran Church PGH. More detailed directions are available on our website ([www.ascensionpgh.com](http://www.ascensionpgh.com)). If you have any questions, feel free to contact Vanessa Candreva at [music@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:music@ascensionpgh.com).

**THE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** is April 15, 2021. Please submit any articles/announcements/meeting dates, etc., for the newsletter or May calendar to Barb via her email at [secretary@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:secretary@ascensionpgh.com) or her mailbox in the Narthex. Thank you!

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – Ascension is on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/AscensionPgh](http://www.facebook.com/AscensionPgh)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/AscensionPgh](http://www.twitter.com/AscensionPgh)). You don't have to have accounts to view our pages online. Please do check us out (and “Like”/follow us).

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### **COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

**“GOD WITH US” ON THE RADIO** – If you are not attending in-person worship services and do not have access to a computer for online services, the Lutheran broadcast “God With Us” is **available on WORD-FM 101.5 on Sundays at 10:30 AM**. “God with Us” features Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Hahn Jr., Pastor of Tri-Parish (St. John’s, Bethel and Zion, Lawrenceville).

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** is on WWNL/1080 AM on Saturdays at 3:30 PM and on Tuesdays at 12:30 PM. Read or listen to the sermon at [www.lutheranhour.org](http://www.lutheranhour.org). **April 11, 2021: “What It Means to Be a Family”** Loving, caring, and sharing—it's what we do as God's family, His Church. (Acts 4:32-35) Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling

**KFUO RADIO**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio). **This week on KFUO.org**, we celebrate our Risen Savior! Hear the end of Mark and begin 1 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear practical conversations on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find podcasts, including the new "Friends for Life" podcast from LCMS Life Ministry, on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org)!

**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING ASSOCIATES** is a full-service counseling center committed to using the resources of the Christian faith in helping individuals and families achieve emotional, spiritual, and physical well-being. Licensed and certified professional counselors provide all services. Available services include help for those seeking professional help for emotional and life challenges such as depression, anxiety, marital problems, addictions, grief, trauma, or any mental health concern. CCA offers services to adults, children, adolescents, and families. Christian counseling engages a faith-based process of change that can equip individuals to overcome the challenges they face. CCA accepts many different health insurances for payment and offers a sliding fee scale if there is no insurance. Ascension provides office space for CCA. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 724-396-1510.

**LIFE QUOTE:** “As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that ‘He is risen! He is risen indeed!’ It changes everything!” *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS – April 4, 2021\***

***“And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.” (James 5:15-16)***

### **FOR HEALTH & HEALING**

Glenna Powers (recovery from rotator cuff surgery); Kelly Vogel (recovery from surgery); Natalie Gaertner (health issues); Roy Wiegand (hospitalized with pneumonia and other health issues); Susan Stewart and Barbara Howe (cancer – sisters of Carolyn Walker); Ruth Miller; Elva Fields; for all those ill with coronavirus; Gene Williams (mesothelioma); Clay McClellan; Nadine Weber

### **FOR STRENGTH & COMFORT**

For all those who lost loved ones, especially Deb (friend of Cristen Fiffik) and family on the death of a daughter; for the citizens, survivors, relief workers, missionaries, and families affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks and disasters worldwide

### **FOR THANKSGIVING**

For the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; all our guests; the gifts of love and God's Word; family and friends; our country

### **FOR SAFETY/PROTECTION**

For all affected by the coronavirus pandemic; healthcare workers; college students; school students, teachers, staff and bus drivers; missionaries; our armed forces; unborn children

### **FOR DIRECTION AND FAITH**

For those who are experiencing a crisis of faith; women with unplanned pregnancies

### **GENERAL PRAYER, GUIDANCE, AND PROVISION**

For Kurt and Jackie Dolph; Pastor Thompson's transition; our country and leaders; the Gaertner family; SOAR Respite Nights families; Megan and Gene Williams, Jr. and DiscipleMakers; Pastor Eric Andræ and Campus Ministry in Oakland; seminary students; the residents and staff of Concordia Lutheran Ministries; Shepherd's Heart Fellowship; Food For The Poor; Christian Counseling Associates counselors and their clients; those with special needs (physical, mental, or emotional)

***“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)***

**\*Please note that prayer requests will remain on the prayer list for 60 days and then be removed unless an extension is requested by notifying the church secretary.**