



# **ASCENSION**

Lutheran Church

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday – April 26, 2026**



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**Welcome! We're happy you're with us for worship today.**

**IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME**, please take a moment to sign in at the podium at either sanctuary entrance. We pray your time with us strengthens your faith in the Lord. We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). You can find more information about our beliefs at [LCMS.org/about/beliefs](http://LCMS.org/about/beliefs).

**IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN**, we understand that God made them wiggly and noisy at times, but we also believe they should be with us in worship. If you need a moment, we have a nursery available to you through the hallway to the right of the altar. Children's bags are also available in the Narthex for use during service.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated at Ascension Lutheran on each Sunday. We receive this Holy Sacrament in the glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as His word says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Our Lord invites to His table those who, repenting of their sins, believe His word that His body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized believers who hold our confession of faith and have examined themselves according to Scripture's guidance (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), are invited to receive His Sacrament. If you are not yet baptized or are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to come forth during communion and fold your arms over your heart for a blessing. Pastor would be happy to discuss receiving Holy Communion at Ascension with you.

**AFTER EACH SERVICE** from September to May, please join us for a brief time of **FELLOWSHIP** with coffee and treats downstairs in our Fellowship Hall briefly before we begin our **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** hour for those ages 2 and above.

**If you have any questions, seek out Pastor, an usher, or a member with a name tag; they will be happy to help you out.**

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**SERVING TODAY:**

**ELDER(S):** Kurt Dolph & Cooper Blake  
**LAY READER:** Trish Young  
**USHERS:** Ron Curcio & Jim Obringer  
**ACOLYTE:** Hannah Koontz

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**ELDER(S):** Bob Booth & Mike Fiffik  
**LAY READER:** Bob Booth  
**USHERS:** Matt Gunther & Cristen Fiffik  
**ACOLYTE:** Craig Fleishauer

# Fourth Sunday of Easter/Confirmation Sunday

## Pre-Service - Speak O Lord

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Stand*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Hymn - Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#### Verse 1

Savior like a shepherd lead us  
Much we need Thy tender care  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us  
For our use Thy folds prepare  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Thou hast bought us Thine we are  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Thou hast bought us Thine we are

#### Verse 2

We are Thine do Thou befriend us  
Be the Guardian of our way  
Keep Thy flock from sin defend us  
Seek us when we go astray  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Hear O hear us when we pray  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Hear O hear us when we pray

#### Verse 3

Thou hast promised to receive us  
Poor and sinful though we be  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us  
Grace to cleanse and power to free  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Early let us turn to Thee  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Early let us turn to Thee

#### Verse 4

Early let us seek Thy favor  
Early let us do Thy will  
Blessed Lord and only Savior  
With Thy love our beings fill  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Thou hast loved us love us still  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Thou hast loved us love us still

#### Tag

Thou hast loved us, love us still

## Exhortation

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Greeting of Peace

*Following the Absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).*

## Hymn of Praise - The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

*LSB 710*

*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 2:42–47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

*1 Peter 2:19–25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

*John 10:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads

them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

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

*Sit*

**Children's Message**

*Pastor Thompson*

**Hymn of the Day - Let Me Be Thine Forever**

*LSB 689*

**Sermon**

**Statement of Faith**

*Pastor Thompson*

*Craig Fleishauer and Concetta Letters*

*Stand*

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

## Offering

### Meditation Song - I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

*Kids Bells*

Stand

### Offertory - Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*LSB 955*

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 the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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# Confirmation

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

- P** Craig, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.
- R** *Amen.*

*Confirmation Verse: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10a*

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow.”*

**P** Concetta, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**R** *Amen.*

*Confirmation Verse: 1 John 4:8*

*“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”*

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.*

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ’s Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord’s Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life

immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** Amen.

### Prayer of the Church

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

*After each prayer, the response will be:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

### Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### The Words of Institution *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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."

## Peace of the Lord

*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymns - You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*LSB 641*

### All the Way My Savior Leads Me

#### Verse 1

All the way my Savior leads me  
Who have I to ask beside  
How could I doubt  
His tender mercy  
Who through life has been my guide  
All the way my Savior leads me  
And cheers each winding path I tread  
And gives me grace for ev'ry trial  
Feeds me with the living Bread

#### Chorus

You lead me and keep me from falling  
You carry me close to Your heart  
And surely Your goodness and mercy  
will follow me

#### Communion Dismissal

**P** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you, in body and soul, unto life everlasting. Depart in His peace and with joy.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

#### Verse 2

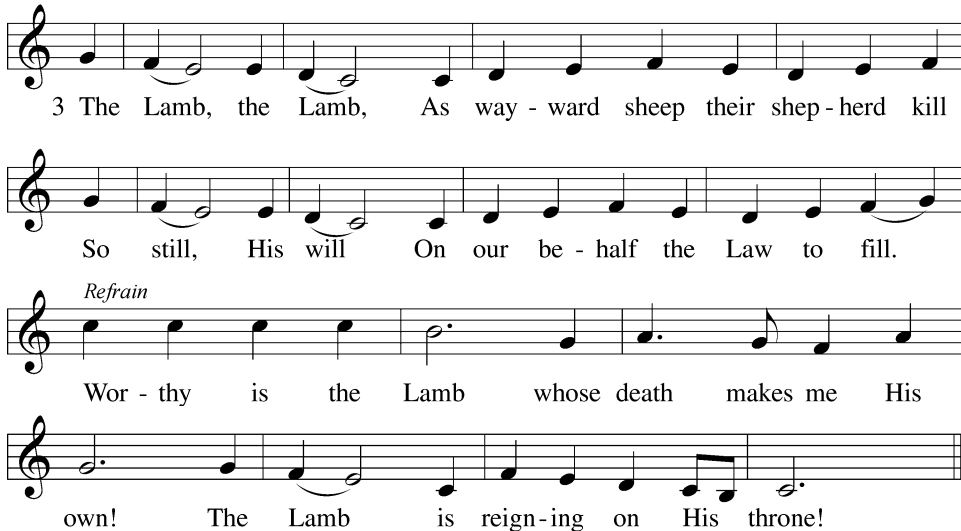
All the way my Savior leads me  
O the fullness of His love  
O the sureness of His promise  
In the triumph of His blood  
When my spirit clothed immortal  
Wings its flight to realms of day  
This my song through endless ages  
Jesus led me all the way  
Jesus led me all the way  
(Chorus x2)

#### Tag

All the way my Savior leads me  
All the way my Savior leads me

## Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 547 sts. 3, ref



3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
*Refrain*  
Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His  
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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## Post-Communion Prayer

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

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- 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 Song - You Said I Am (Behold and Believe)

### Verse 1

You said I am the Bread of Life  
Whoever comes to dine  
Will not hunger will not thirst  
And will be satisfied

You said I am the only light  
That gives the blind their sight  
And if we see You will lead us through  
The darkest night

## **Chorus**

We behold we believe  
You are the Lion and the Lamb  
The Prince of Peace  
We adore we confess  
You are the one who came and died  
And rose again  
The great I Am

## **Verse 2**

You said I am the open door  
That souls are longing for  
If we walk in new life begins  
forevermore  
You said I am the Shepherd guide  
Who came to live and die  
To lead the ones He loves  
To resurrection life  
(Chorus)

## **Interlude**

The great I Am

## **Bridge**

Before creation's spark  
Before light from the dark  
Before the waters part You are

*Sit*

## **Announcements**

**Memory Verse For The Week:** Acts 2:42 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

## **Dismissal**

- P** Go in peace and
- C** serve the Lord!

You are the great I Am  
Before You breathed on the dust  
Before Abraham was  
Before the burning bush You are  
You are the great I Am  
(Repeat)

## **Tag**

You are the great I Am  
You are the great I Am

## **Verse 3**

You said I am the only way  
To see the Father's face  
The only truth the only life  
The one who saves  
You said I am the one true vine  
In You we will abide  
To bear the fruit of Gospel truth  
In death and life  
That all might know the mighty name  
Of Jesus Christ  
(Chorus)

## **Ending**

You're the great I Am  
You're the great I Am

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### Looking Ahead - Next Week's Verses:

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60; Psalm 146; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

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### This week we pray for:

- **NEW:** Thanksgiving for faith given to Craig and Concetta and for continued faithfulness throughout the rest of their earthly lives.
- For the family and friends of Clayton Mees, who died in the faith. Comfort them with the hope and peace that comes from the promise of the resurrection victory in Jesus.
- For protection for all who serve in our armed forces and especially for Joshua, Lynn Rodina's grandson, who is a marine deployed in the conflict in Iran.
- For the family and friends of Ray, Alan Gard's father, who died in the faith. Comfort them, in the midst of their mourning, with the hope and promise of the resurrection in Jesus.
- For the family and friends of Darlene Harris, former member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, who died in the faith. Comfort them with the hope and peace that comes from the promise of the resurrection victory in Jesus.
- Arlene Rusnica, who sustained a broken arm in a fall, that she recovers quickly and is relieved from pain.
- John Fagen, for strength and faith as he battles cancer.
- **UPDATED:** Kurt Dolph's continued cancer treatment and for a quick recovery and healing.
- Greg Horne, husband of Rosalie Horne, as he deals with physical and mental distresses. Grant him relief and healing from his afflictions.
- Darryl Gunther for healing for his eyes.

- We give thanks for the progress Jim Obringer Sr. has made recovering from his stroke. We pray you continue to grant him a return to even more mobility.
  - **UPDATED:** Shirley Waselko's continued cancer treatments to give good results and for continued faith in the midst of her suffering.
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### **Church News & Announcements:**

**Happy Birthday to:** Karen Booth April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Edie Krom April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Christian Education Hour** - There is no Sunday School or Adult Bible Classes today.

**Prayer and Praise:** We are meeting this Wednesday at 10am for Prayer & Praise! We meet in the Fireside Room at church or we have an online option via Zoom. The link is sent in the Weekly Reminder email. If you have questions or need prayer, please contact Bob Booth at 808-295-1835.

**New Members needed for Praise Team** – With the departure of some of our long-time Praise Team members we need some new people to help serve the worship of the congregation on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider joining our Praise Team! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa or Emily Marcellus.

**Board of Stewardship-** We are currently looking for someone to fill the Head of the Board of Stewardship. The Board of Stewardship's main objective is to initiate programs of good stewardship attitudes amongst the Congregation members regarding their time, talents, and treasures. This can include, but not limited to recognizing members for their stewardship, annual pledges, training opportunities, and assistance with finding ministry opportunities. If you feel called to serve in this role, please contact Pastor Thompson, [pastor@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:pastor@ascensionpgh.com) or Beth Gard, [president@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:president@ascensionpgh.com)

**Christmas Pageant Team Needed:** Will Ascension continue to have a children's Christmas pageant? If yes, a team of members is needed. Costumes, scripts, and operations instructions are available and organized, as is help from the Music Director. If you are interested, please let Janeen Daftary know. A team of

2-3 members must be in place by September 20 in order for a 2026 pageant to take place.

**Annual Christian Education Survey:** Your Christian Education Team wants to know your thoughts! As we are planning for the upcoming school year starting in the Fall, **please take a moment to answer just five questions** regarding our adult Sunday School hour. Please complete the survey by **this Thursday**, April 30<sup>th</sup>. If you are completing a hard copy of this survey, please place answers in the Fantin-Nicolette mailbox in the narthex at church. If you are completing online, the link is attached in the weekly reminder email.

**Scoops of Thankfulness and Praise Reminder!** Just a reminder that anyone involved in the Music or AV ministries (and their families!) in the past year are invited to an appreciation ice cream social **today** from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Be sure to be there at 7:00 for some extra fun!

**Eden Christian Academy-** Come out and support our own Hannah Koontz on clarinet at the Eden Christian Academy Upper School's Fine Arts Night on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm with the art show and band concert following from 7 to 7:45 pm. The Fine Arts Night will be held at Eden Christian Academy Upper School Campus, Field House, 318 Nicholson Road, Sewickley.

**Annual Plant Sale:** The annual plant sale will be held **May 3**. Cheryl Saffa is very busy growing the vegetables and flowers. She will be offering several types of tomatoes, cukes, zucchini, peppers, parsley, and basil that she says is "so stinkin' cute." There will be various colors of vincas, too. All the money goes to the church.

**Speaker Series:** We are so excited to tell you about the Speaker's Program being held on **Wednesday, May 20** at 6:30 pm. It will be presented by Jeff Wissner, Town of McCandless Fire Marshal, and will be a fire safety class. We will be **giving Fire Blankets** to the first of you that sign up and ultimately attend. The limit will be one blanket per church family. We aren't absolutely sure how many we can get with our Thrivent grant so be one of the first to sign up. It will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. We welcome friends, family, and neighbors.

**Spaghetti Drive-Thru** was a huge success. We served 375 dinners. We received donations of \$862. We had about 45 volunteers of all ages, not counting all the cookie makers. It was overwhelming. Thank you to all who worked so very hard to make this a super outreach project. Ascension is truly an amazing congregation.

**Ascension Pirates Game & Tailgate:** Join us for our annual baseball outing on Sunday, June 28 vs the Cincinnati Reds! We'll head to PNC Park after church and gather in the parking lot for some tailgating before the 1:35 PM game. Tickets: \$38 each (includes a \$5 food/drink voucher. Parking Passes: Approximately \$25. If you are interested in attending, please provide your interest on the signup sheet located under the Connect Board in the Narthex or let Tim Mayes know directly no later than **Monday, May 11th**. Please reach out to Tim with any questions (814-659-5630).

<b>This week at Ascension Lutheran Church:</b>		
<b>Sunday 04/26</b>	<b>Divine Service-Confirmation Sunday Scoops of Thankfulness and Praise</b>	<b>9:30 AM 6:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Praise PRC Meeting</b>	<b>10:00 AM 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Sunday 05/03</b>	<b>Divine Service Plant Sale Christian Education Hour</b>	<b>9:30 AM 11:00 AM 11:00 AM</b>