

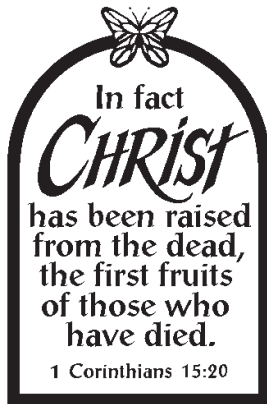
April 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY

# Ascension Ev. Lutheran Church

(a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

**Welcome** to Lutheran Church! worship with us is a this morning! If you today, we consider it with us! Would you sign our guest register the right of the front your visit with us And please come soon!



Ascension Ev. We pray that your rich blessing to you are a guest with us an honor to have you do us a favor: please (in the entryway to doors) as a record of today? Thank you! and join us again

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## TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME:

*The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the rock-solid foundation of our faith, the certainty of our salvation, and the assurance of our own resurrection on the*

*Last Day! Let us, then, fix our eyes on Him who is our Life!*

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Order of Service:

Christian Worship, p. 38

Hymns: **152**

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Prayer of the Day: *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; thru Jesus Christ our risen and ever-living Lord. Amen.*

## God Speaks to Us in His Word

**First Lesson:** **Isaiah 12:1-6** (Pew Bible, p. 1078)  
In two short psalms of praise, Isaiah sings of the great deliverance God provides for His people.

**PSALM OF THE DAY:** **Psalm 30** (CW, p. 76)

**Epistle Lesson:** **1 Corinthians 15:51-57** (Pew Bible, p. 1791)  
Paul proclaims the significance of the resurrection of Christ for believers in terms of the assurance it gives. Easter proclaims that we, too, shall be raised! For in the victory of Jesus Christ over death, even death itself has been swallowed up in defeat!

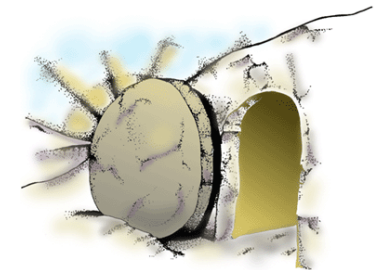
**Gospel Lesson:** **John 20:1-18** (Pew Bible, p. 1685)  
Here we have an eye-witness account of the early Easter events which surrounded the discovery of Jesus' empty tomb by John and Peter, and the subsequent appearance of the risen Lord to Mary Magdalene.

Sermon Text: **Revelation 19:11-16** (Pew Bible, p. 1935)

Sermon Theme:

### VICTORY!!!

- I. Our Hero is alive— He has defeated death!
- II. Our living Hero has all authority— on Judgment Day!



## JUST A COUPLE OF NOTES TO EVERYONE

— These are certainly some crazy, unsettled, unknown, uncharted times we're in right now— for everyone! But we also know that the LORD our God is still in control, watching over each and every one of us, and will bring us safely thru all such situations and circumstances, even working *this* out for our eternal good, as He has promised (Romans 8:28)!

— The Easter sermon that I've included in *this* packet is a sample sermon that was included with the Lenten series we were using this year. It was written by a Pastor John P. Huebner, who put the whole Lenten series together for use by NPH (Northwestern Publishing House); is retired, and lives in Jacksonville, FL. I have adapted the entire series for our use here at Ascension for Lent 2020.

— The Easter sermon that I prepared for this Sunday is based on 1 Corinthians 15:12-20,57 – Paul's "*Resurrection Chapter*", which I am working on right now so I can preach it on *Sunday!* "*How are ya gonna do that, Pastor?!*" you ask?! That's what I'm working on! It will involve you being able to stay in your car, out in the parking lot of church, while I'm inside church (maybe – hopefully!) speaking to you over the FM radio in your cars!! I just got the equipment that I need to be able to do this on Thursday, with some additional parts that I had to run around to try to find on Friday, all of which are, as yet (on Friday, as I'm hurrying to get this in the mail yet today!), COMPLETELY UNTESTED! So, *I really have no idea yet if it's going to work or not!!* If you would like to come on Sunday, at a new (temporary!) "service" time of 9:00 AM to help me test it out, you are welcome to come!! We'll see if it will work or not at that time! If it does, it would be the "ultimate" method of having church while also "socially distancing" and "self-quarantine-ing", right?! We'd all be more than 6 feet apart from each other, yet "*together*" ... out in the parking

lot!! Ha-ha!! We thought it would at least be worth a try, to see if it might be a "workable alternative" to being completely isolated at home, unable to see each other, for Easter!! More details will be made available on Sunday, assuming that it's going to work at all!! Come and see!! It could be work; it could fail! It could be a total "bust"; it could just be good for a great "laugh"! It could even be a TREMENDOUS SUCCESS, Lord willing, under these trying circumstances! You won't know unless you come and participate in our "little experi-ment"! (BIG thanks, by the way, to Carol Piggot, who volunteer-ed to finance this "little experiment" for us!! **THANK YOU**, Carol!!)

— I have no idea when we will be able to safely gather together inside our church building! Please continue to pray that it will come soon! In the meantime, if you have any other thoughts or suggestions as to how and what I/we could do to stay close to God's Word, to each other, and growing in our most-precious saving resurrection faith, please don't hesitate to tell me! I'm always open to suggestions, new ideas, other alternative ways of proclaiming God's saving Word!

CHRIST  
IS RISEN

HE IS RISEN  
INDEED!!



Hallelujah!