



## Ascension Lutheran Church

# ANNOUNCER

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The most beautiful words in all the world, guaranteeing your destiny through faith in Jesus Christ! By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the resurrection of our Lord as one, bidding adieu to the penitential season of Lent. Our new joy is made known through lilies, white paraments, the return of the Glorias, the return of the Alleluias, and the re-adornment of the holy altar stripped bare on Maundy Thursday. The body and blood offered on the cross of Good Friday now comes to us under bread and wine, not to be digested as perishable food, but consumed as imperishable food that transforms you into a spiritual being. The body of the Man who lives victoriously resurrected is given to you by the Man Himself, “so that our faith may be refreshed and strengthened and that it may not succumb in the struggle but become stronger and stronger” (*Large Catechism* V.24); or, as Jesus says, “I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way” (Mt 15:32). The journey began in baptism continues in reception of the Lord’s Supper through which we receive the benefits of Christ’s cross.

Which brings me to one of the most beautiful hymns ever written, sung this Easter (and to be sung *every* Easter): “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB #633). Written as early as the fourth century (though more likely between the sixth and seventh centuries), the hymn is termed “Ambrosian” because it reflects the musical style of St. Ambrose (see also LSB #332, #874, and #890), although the author remains unknown. The hymn itself includes the historical practice of the newly baptized receiving the Lord’s Supper for the first time on Easter Day, found in the first two stanzas: “Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side / Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine.” The hymn may very well have been written for this annual occasion, making it the first hymn sung around those receiving the sacraments of Jesus Christ. That the Lord’s Supper is “the Lamb’s High Feast” is clearly revealed in Scripture, but I cite a second-century church father who writes, “For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so

likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by transmutation are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh” (Justin Martyr, *Apology* I.66; ANF 1:185). We absolutely hold that Scripture is the only source of all doctrine... but it is encouraging to read ancient Christians and hymn writers who also believe in the true, bodily presence of Jesus Christ under the bread according to the simplicity of His words, “This is My body.”

And this is what makes the Lord’s Supper so brilliantly beautiful as the culmination of Christian life in this age: we receive it kneeling beside our brothers and sisters who hold the same confession of body and blood distributed unto forgiveness, while “angels and archangels and all the company of heaven laud and magnify God’s glorious name” into which we were baptized! The unknown hymn writer and Justin Martyr received the same body and blood 1400 and 1900 years ago, respectively, and by this shared faith we are one with them in Christ. As we live on from this Easter, we receive the resurrected Jesus in the ways He says He gives Himself, so that each reception of the Lord’s Supper is “Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!” For “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day” (Jn 6:54).

In His name,  
*Pastor Greg*



“Boy, what a birthday cake Methuselah must have had!”

# Announcements



All ladies of Ascension are invited to attend the  
April LWML Meeting: Saturday, April 14,  
10:00am-noon (lunch to follow).

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## MONTHLY MOVIE



**Sunday, April 22, 2018**

**Movie starting at 2:30 p.m.**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**SNACKS PROVIDED: GOLDFISH CRACKERS and  
CHOCOLATE COVERED POPCORN**

# Missions & Ministry

Organizations and people we support:

 <p><a href="http://rescue1global.org/">http://rescue1global.org/</a></p>
 <p><a href="https://www.trinityhope.org/">https://www.trinityhope.org/</a></p>
 <p><a href="http://helpmadison.org/">http://helpmadison.org/</a></p>
 <p><a href="https://nashvillerescuemission.org/">https://nashvillerescuemission.org/</a></p>
 <p><a href="https://www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/">https://www.hopeclinicforwomen.org/</a></p>
 <p>International Health Partners <a href="http://ihptz.org/">http://ihptz.org/</a></p>
 <p>Seminarian Corey Shaffer and family <a href="https://www.csl.edu/">https://www.csl.edu/</a></p>
 <p>Missionary photographer: Johanna Heidorn <a href="https://www.lcms.org/heidorn">https://www.lcms.org/heidorn</a></p>
 <p>Missionaries in Germany: Carl and Karen Cecil <a href="https://www.lcms.org/cecil">https://www.lcms.org/cecil</a></p>



God is Faithful

The joy of this this truth is that it has never been impacted by the ups and downs we believers deal with. It is also a truth we are leaning very heavily on. As is the case with non-profit work, financially, there are times of plenty and times of lean. We are in a time of lean. None the less God has continued to give us young women to minister to. We currently are working with 5 different women, all of which are making progress on their journey toward recovery. As you pray, please rejoice with us as one of our survivors is moving into a new apartment, her first one in a very long time. She is in need of basic life necessities and we are trusting God to provide. Our founders recently returned from Thailand and the Philippines where we also have safe homes. The work being done there is so amazing! In Thailand, we are ministering to 115 children in a prevention home and we currently have 15 young ladies in the safe home. In the Philippines, we were able to open our first safe home and they are now ministering to 8 people and have an additional 50 in prevention education programs. We covet your prayers and gratefully thank our God for you all.

# Serving Ascension in April

	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
<b>Lector</b>	Pastor Greg	Dennis Fritz	Judie Mader	Linda Fritz	Liz Brown
<b>Acolyte</b>	Ben Conner (procession)	TBD	Ben Conner	TBD	Ben Conner
<b>Elder</b>	Phil Weinert	Phil Weinert	Phil Weinert	Phil Weinert	Phil Weinert
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Speitel & Robert Conner	Rick Speitel & Robert Conner	Rick Speitel & Robert Conner	Rick Speitel & Robert Conner	Rick Speitel & Robert Conner
<b>Cantor</b>	Tim Hanusa	Mark LaLumondier	Tim Hanusa	N/A	Tim Hanusa
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cindy Dougherty & Trisha LaLumondier & Kate Conner	Cindy Dougherty & Tridha LaLumondier	Cindy Dougherty & Trisha LaLumondier & Kaytlyn Deland	Cindy Dougherty & Tridha LaLumondier	Cindy Dougherty & Tridha LaLumondier

*If you're unable to serve, please find a replacement.*



## *Coffee Half-hour*

April 1: Easter potluck

April 8: Amy Conner

April 15: Carolyne Willis

April 22: Cindy Dougherty

April 29: Cherri Walker

## The Organist

April 1: Minae Hayashi

April 8: Cindy Dougherty

April 15: Minae Hayashi

April 22: Cindy Dougherty

April 29: Dennis Anderson



# Celebrations

## Birthdays

April 2: Ora Mae Golter  
April 3: Deliah Gerson  
April 6: Caleb Oehlkers  
April 10: Adalyn Spann  
April 14: Jennifer Cole  
April 18: Jane Gullett  
April 19: Shan Rose  
April 26: Chris Fritz  
April 28: Amy Conner



## ANNIVERSARIES



April 6: Dennis & Connie Anderson  
April 23: Dave & Liz Brown  
April 24: Abdelseed & Alizabeth Murran  
April 28: Jeff & Pam Oehlkers

## Baptismal Birthdays

April 2: Frances Boggs  
April 10: Dave Brown  
April 16: Minae Hayashi  
April 22: Jeff Oehlkers  
April 24: Bill Speitel



*If a celebration is incorrect or missing, please call (615-868-2346) or email (office@ascensionmadison.com) the church office so our records can be updated. Thanks!*

# Church Calendar

April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 Easter potluck breakfast  10:00 Children's Easter egg hunt  10:30 Easter Worship w/ Lord's supper	<b>2</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>	<b>3</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>6</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>
<b>8</b> <i>Pastor's vacation</i>  9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  10:00 LWML
<b>15</b>  9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship w/ Lord's supper	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship  2:30 Fellowship monthly movie	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  8:30 Retired ROMEO Breakfast  10:30 Bible study  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  9:00 Sunday School  10:30 Worship w/ Lord's Supper  12:00 Potluck  3:00 Circuit forum	<b>30</b> <i>Pastor's conference</i>					



The mission of Ascension Evangelical Lutheran Church is to connect people to the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—so that they may come to know and believe they are saved for eternal life by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone.



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**Sunday School & Bible Study at 9:00am**  
**Coffee Half-hour at 10:00am**  
**Worship at 10:30am**

*Please email newsletter submissions to [office@ascensionmadison.com](mailto:office@ascensionmadison.com) one week before the 1st of the month.*

*Please email all weekly bulletin announcements for the upcoming Sunday to [office@ascensionmadison.com](mailto:office@ascensionmadison.com) by Wednesday.*