

**April 26, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino**

*“Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ’s love”*

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**Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

***“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”***

*Hymn #229 vs. 1,2,4*

**Prayer of the Day - O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Bible Lessons:**

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Psalm 23

Romans 3:1-8

**Gospel Lesson:**

Mark 2:1-12

## Message

by Pastor Sabin

## Song of Praise

*“This Is Amazing Grace”*

**Apostles’ Creed** - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

## Prayers of the People of God

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*“Lord Listen” (to be sung before the prayers)*

*(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)*

P: Lord, in your faithfulness,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Victory Celebration

P: The Lord is with you!

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness. For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. (Psalm 138:1-3)

**“Awesome God”**

## Words of Institution

**The Lord’s Prayer** - 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.

## Invitation to Communion

**Communion Distribution**

**Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**Post-Communion Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song                    *“Lion of Judah”***

**Sending**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ’s love.**

**Postlude**

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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**COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

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| <b><u>April 26, 2026</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> | <b><u>May 3, 2026</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> |
| Communion: Linda Bubolz                                        | Communion: Pastor Marcia Sabin                              |
| Reader: Patty Lorenz                                           | Reader: Toni Klemp                                          |
| Money Counter: Rita Olson                                      | Money Counter: Ruthann Meiers                               |
| Altar Care: Jean Conradt                                       | Altar Care: Jean Conradt                                    |

**If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.**

## **April 26 - May 3, 2026 Announcements**

### **TODAY, APRIL 26**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
8:30 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Fellowship Meal - Egg & Ham  
Salad Sandwiches

### **APRIL 27 (Mon)**

6:30 pm - Bible Study



### **APRIL 28 (Tues)**

9:00 am - Bible Study

### **APRIL 29 (Wed)**

6:30 pm - Confirmation  
and Church School

### **MAY 3 (Sun)**

\*\*Confirmation Sunday\*\*  
\*\*Birthday Sunday\*\*  
8:30 am - Bible Study  
8:30 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Fellowship Meal - Ham  
Sandwiches

**Welcome to all visitors!**  
Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guestbook in the entryway.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ **May 11-13, 2026** - Brat Fry at Charlie's in Shawano
  - The sign-up sheet is on the back table. Please sign-up if you're able to help.



### **Prayer List**

Alice Mueller, Dave Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes,  
Russell Kloes, Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Dave Rohrer,  
Linda Ogi, Scott Wollenberg, Jenifer Erb



### **Prayers for the Congregation**

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God.

### **4th Week of April**

**Sunday:** Emily Houdek, Jon Zuiches, Max Sokolski, Scott Dingeldein, Abbie Daniels, Barb Weissappel  
**Monday:** Betty Ladwig, Joy Daebler, McKenzie Wollenberg, Travis Wollenberg, Emma Scharmann  
**Tuesday:** Bonnie Weyers, Erik Houdek, Judy Porter, Megan Krull, Greg Schoettler, Sofia Kienast, Russ Wilkinson  
**Wednesday:** Brad Schuelke, Everett Olson, Julie Wilber, Merle Olson, Maddie Daniels, Cheryl Wilkinson  
**Thursday:** Michael Homan, Ruthann Meiers, Jody Kuhn-Kauffman, John Mitchler, Miranda Hartlaben, Jacob Schley  
**Friday:** Barbara Hillsberg, Glen Peebles, Mike Olson, John Wudtke, Nataly Dominguez, Helen Kienast  
**Saturday:** Bruce Kauffman, Rosemary Kienast, Mike Shulze, Steve Daebler, Wesley Hartlaben, Jerald Wetzel

**Our Mission Statement:** *"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's Love"*

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**Church Office Hours:**  
Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm



## **A Message of Encouragement and Prayer**

In the midst of the flooding affecting our communities, our hearts go out to all who have been impacted. We know that many have been forced to leave their homes, while others remain without power and are unable to travel safely. These are difficult and uncertain moments, and yet we are reminded that even in the darkest times, we are not alone.

God's Word speaks comfort and assurance into times like these:

*"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the waters roar and foam." (Psalm 46:1-3)*

We give thanks that the waters have begun to recede, even if slowly. This small sign of relief points us to the promises of God, who watches over His people:

*"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you." (Isaiah 43:2)*

As a church family, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We stand with you in compassion, trusting in the Lord's protection and care. Even when circumstances feel overwhelming, we cling to His promise: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1)*



### **Let us pray:**

Gracious and merciful God,

You are our refuge and strength, a constant help in times of trouble. We lift up all those affected by the flooding—those who have lost homes, those who are stranded, and those facing fear and uncertainty.

Be their shelter in the storm and their peace in the chaos.

Watch over them and keep them safe.

Bring comfort to those who are anxious, and strength to those who are weary.

Protect the first responders and all who are working to bring aid and relief.

Grant wisdom to leaders making decisions in these challenging moments.

As the waters slowly recede, restore what has been lost and renew hope in every heart. Help us to be Your hands and feet, showing love, generosity, and care to our neighbors in need.

We trust in Your promises and Your presence with us through every storm.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

With care and concern,  
Ascension Lutheran Church

