



Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m., April 2, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*
Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Carol and Steve Spieker

Media: Brian Novotny

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Partita on "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL

Ascension Ringers

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

ELW 344

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

LENTEN VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

God Is Here!

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NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For the Lytle family at the death of a niece, Samantha

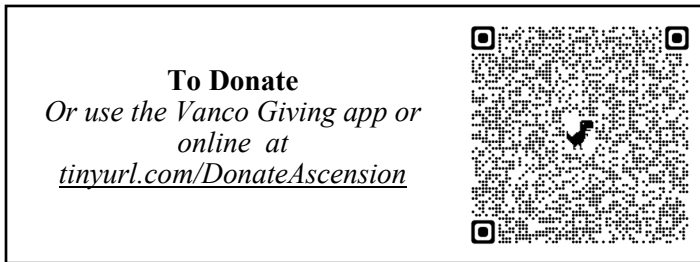
Thanksgiving: With Peter Passante for his cousin Ray's upcoming birthday

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

The Lord Is My Shepherd, Allen Pote

Ascension Choir



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's 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, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Chaconne, Louis Couperin

Holy Week ~ Semana Santa



April 2, Palm Sunday, Domingo de Ramos

Worship 8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (en español)

Between services, BLAST students and families will share in the creation of the alfombras (sand carpets) for Holy Week. Following the 10:45a worship services, BLAST will have an Easter egg hunt and lunch.

April 6, Maundy Thursday, Jueves Santo

Worship 6:30p (English), 6:30p (en español)

Maundy Thursday Dinner 5:30p: Experience and learn about the foods of the Passover. A sampling of Passover food will be provided. Plan on bringing a dish to pass. Reservation only. Reserve your space online <https://tinyurl.com/HolyWeekThursday> or by call to the church office, 262-547-8518.

Maundy Thursday Worship 6:30p: Gather in the upper room with Jesus and the disciples to celebrate the Last Supper.

April 7, Good Friday, Viernes Santo

Worship 12p & 6:30p (English), 6:30p (en español)

The ancient title for this day is “the Triumph of the Cross.” A reminder for us that the church gathers not to mourn this day but to celebrate Christ’s life-giving passion and to find strength and hope in the cross as a symbol of new life.

April 9, Easter Sunday, Domingo de Resurrección

Worship 8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (en español)

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! We gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus, the Christ. Continental potluck breakfast reception between services.



Children Are God’s Gift: We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.

Worship Help Needed: We're looking for volunteers to help with worship this Holy Week. If you can help, please contact Tamie Greenwood in the church office, tamie@ascensionelca.org.

Good Friday, Apr. 7	Noon	6:30 PM
Acolytes	Anna Marien	Needed
Media		Needed
Ushers		Jim Hahn, Paul Maass
Easter Sunday, Apr. 9	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Anna Marien, Maggie Miller, Mikael Wagner	Alina Ward, 1 needed
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Needed
Communion	Jim Hahn, Marge and Todd Schroeder	3 needed
Media	Kurt Werner	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny	Cathy and Mike Rapp

BLAST Alfombras, Easter Egg Hunt & Lunch: BLAST families are invited to a fun day of learning and celebration as we enter into Holy Week. Beginning at 9:45a, children and parents will create colorful alfombras (Spanish carpets). After, you are invited to join us for worship at our 10:45a service followed by the Easter Egg Hunt and lunch.

CRASH meets at 10:45 a.m. this Sunday, April 2, to help with the BLAST egg hunt and lunch and at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 23.

JOLT meets at 6:30 p.m. on April 6 for Maundy Thursday worship and at 6 p.m. on April 20 and 27. No JOLT on April 13.

First Communion Stepping Stone: We are excited to begin the journey with 4th grade students and parents through the three-part First Communion Stepping Stone that will take place in West Hall between services on April 16, 23, and 30. The Rite of First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, May 7, at 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (bilingual) services. First communion families will receive detailed information directly by mail and can contact Pastor Tony with questions.

Auction Items Needed: The spaghetti supper benefitting our partnerships in Tanzania and El Salvador is back! Do you have connections or special skills that would make a great auction item? Is your small group willing to put together a basket? Do you have a Thrivent membership to create an Action Team to provide financial support? With partnership trips coming up in June, we need your help for our May 20 event. If you are able to help, complete this form, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCAuction2023>, or contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org.

Diapers Needed: Hope Center is in need of diapers sizes 3-7 and wipes. Donations accepted at Hope Center anytime Monday-Friday 8-4 p.m.

Worship Invitation: Holy Week remains important in the hearts of people even if they don't attend church regularly. We're providing a laminated card including service times so you can easily invite people. Please share the card with someone you know and invite them to our special services.

Blessing Box and Food Pantry: The Food Share increase that was given by the government during the pandemic has ended. This greatly impacts many families as they see a reduction in their food benefit and rising prices at the stores. Our donations can make a difference. Please remember to pick up a few items from the grocery store and put them in the marked bins in the Donation Center.

April Newsletter: The April newsletter is now online. Read reflections from the pastors, ministry leaders and learn about April 2023 at Ascension, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter>.

CALENDAR

Sun Apr 2 Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

11:45am BLAST Easter Egg

Hunt & Lunch

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 3 Holy Week

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Apr 4 Holy Week

7am AMEN Z

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

Wed Apr 5 Holy Week

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

Thu Apr 6 Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5:30pm Maundy Thurs Dinner

6:30pm Worship S

6:30pm Misa EH

Fri Apr 7 Holy Week

Good Friday

12pm Worship S

6:30pm Worship S

6:30pm Misa EH

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
N	Narthex
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics Virtual or offsite</i>	

Sun Apr 9 Easter Sunday

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Breakfast

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

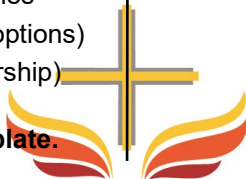
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How did God invite you here?

How can we share the life of Ascension with you?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.



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