



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 16, 2023

### **Worship Leadership Today**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*  
Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*  
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolytes:** Elsa Kinunen

**Media:** Adam Boales

**Altar Guild:** Jim and Kathy Hahn

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul

**Communion:** Jim Hahn, Elaine Kilgore

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### **PRELUDE**

**Christ Lag in Todesbanden, J. S. Bach**

### **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OPENING HYMN**

**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

**ELW 377**

### **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.**

### **KYRIE**

**p. 138**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This Is the Feast of Victory**

**p. 140**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Chris**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C:



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Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

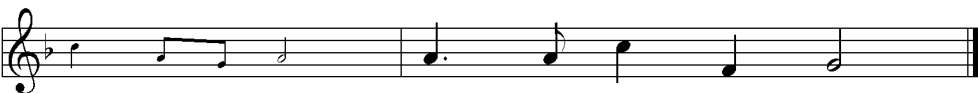
## GOSPEL READING

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



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Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Chris**

**HYMN**

**Thine Is the Glory**

**ELW 376**

**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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Healing:** For Cara Boyer's dad, Jim, cataract surgery  
With the Boyers for Leonard, heart surgery  
For Arlene Davis' great-niece, Danielle

**Comfort:** For Linda Elder and family at the unexpected death of her cousin Robert's son,  
Albert

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**We Walk By Faith**

**ELW 635**

**OFFERTORY**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

**ELW 182**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**p. 144**

**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**

**p. 146**

**HYMNS**

**The Peace of the Lord  
By Your Hand You Feed Your People  
Here Is Bread**

**ELW 646**

**ELW 469**

**ELW 483**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**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**

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

**ELW 367**

**SENDING**

P: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

**C: Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! *Healey Willan***



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**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 if needed.

**Pew Pads:** Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

**Lost & Found:** Please check the table that has items from the Lost & Found on display. If not collected, we'll be donating them -- coffee cups, jackets, glasses, sweatshirts, and all.

**Outlaw Christian Book Study:** This new book study begins on Monday, April 17. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/PCBookstudy2023-4> and choose a time that works for you, 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. We will meet for 5 weeks. If you are longing for an authentic faith that is bold, outspoken and active in a world of pain, join Pastor Chris and others for this book study. Books are available for \$13 from Amazon or Pastor Chris, [pc@ascensionelca.org](mailto:pc@ascensionelca.org).

**Pastoral Assistants:** Ascension's pastoral assistants meet today at noon.

**Read all about April at Ascension!** <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

**First Communion Stepping Stones:** 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 today and on April 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. Please contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org), with questions.

**JOLT** meets at 6 p.m. on April 20 and 27.

**CRASH** meets at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 23.

**Property Clean-Up:** Time to get out and see what Mother Nature has for us! Join us May 6, 8a-12p, to spruce up the grounds. Needed are rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and many hands!

**Auction for Tanzania & El Salvador May 20:** 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 and would you be willing 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, please complete this form, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCAuction2023>, or contact Sarah Aparicio, [sarah@ascensionelca.org](mailto:sarah@ascensionelca.org).

## To Donate

Or use the Vanco Giving app or online at [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)



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

**Blessing Box & the Food Pantry:** The Food Share increase that was given by the government during the pandemic has ended, greatly impacting 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.

<b>Upcoming Worship Support Schedule</b>		
<i>See the complete schedule online <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a></i>		
<b>Sunday, Apr. 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aidan Miller	Aidan Poling
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
<b>Communion</b>	Julie Kinunen, Becky Pepper	Becky Hastings, Mike Tomchek
<b>Media</b>	Brian Novotny	Andrew Marien
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	
<b>Sunday, Apr. 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Colin Knopf	Ava Steinke
<b>Altar Guild</b>		
<b>Communion</b>	Jennifer and Scot Werner	Mary Ellen Comp, Cathy Rapp
<b>Media</b>	Buck Houston	Joe Morgenroth
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mike Rapp

# CALENDAR

See the full calendar and a list of events on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

## Sun Apr 16

### **8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

9:50am First Communion Stepping Stone WH KIT

### **10:45am Misa en español EH**

### **10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

## Mon Apr 17

10am PC Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

## Tue Apr 18

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Church council HR

## Wed Apr 19

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

## Thu Apr 20

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

## Fri Apr 21

1pm Hansen Group HR

## Sat Apr 22

9am Tutoring

## Sun Apr 23

### **8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

9:50am First Communion Stepping Stone WH KIT

## Sun Apr 23 cont.

### **10:45am Misa en español EH**

### **10:45am Worship S**

1pm Private event SN

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

## Mon Apr 24

10am PC Book Study HR

1pm Knit Wits WH

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

## Tue Apr 25

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

## Wed Apr 26

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

## Thu Apr 27

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir - final for season

6pm JOLT

## Sat Apr 29

9am Tutoring

## Sun Apr 30

### **8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

9:50am First Communion Stepping Stone WH KIT

### **10:45am Misa en español EH**

### **10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

### Key

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

## Mon May 1

10am PC Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

## Tue May 2

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

## Wed May 3

11:30am Staff Meeting

4:30pm HOPE Dinner WH K

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

## Thu May 4

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

6pm JOLT

## Fri May 5

1pm Hansen Group HR

## Sat May 6

8a Property Day

9am Jubilate Rehearsal S

9am Tutoring

7:30pm Jubilate Concert S

## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***How did God invite you here?***

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### ***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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