



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## Third Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 23, 2023

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

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**Communion:** Becky Hastings, Mike Tomchek

**Media:** Andrew Marien

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONGS

#### God Who Saves

The light of the world shining in love  
Taking the fall upon Your shoulders  
You shattered the dark as You rose to life again

**You are the way, the truth and the life  
Your mercy has overcome our failings  
The battle is won Jesus in love You reign**

**You're the God who saves  
You're the hope of all  
Reaching out Your hand  
As your people call (2x)**

Our savior has come let Your will be done  
Your kingdom on earth as in the heavens  
Our freedom is found, Lord, in no other name  
(*Chorus*)

#### Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth, You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
Lord my one request, Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

**Lord reign in me, bring in Your power  
Over all my dreams and my darkest hour  
You are the Lord of all I am  
So won't You reign in me again**

Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again (*Chorus*)

## PRAYER

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## SONG

A New Hallelujah

Can you hear, there's a new song  
 Breaking out from the children of freedom  
 Every race and every nation  
 Sing it out, sing a new hallelujah

Let us sing love to the nations  
 Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us  
 Make Him known and make Him famous  
 Sing it out, sing a new hallelujah (*Chorus*)

**Arise, let the church arise**  
**Let love, reach to the other side**  
**Alive, come alive, let the song arise**

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG

Stronger

There's love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

**You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ has risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)**

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There's truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR  
KAIANA MARIE NICHOLS SCHROEDER AND AMAYA LAUREN SCHROEDER**

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: Amy and Mike, Beth and Brad, do you present Kaiana and Amaya for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Parents and Sponsors: We do.

P: Kaiana Marie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Kaiana: I do.

P: Amy and Mike, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Amaya Lauren baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Kaiana Marie and Amaya Lauren to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people; bring them to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach them the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Kaiana and Amaya grow in the Christian faith and life?

**C: We do.**

P: Beth and Brad, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend these miracles of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Kaiana and Amaya: to walk alongside them as they grow in their faith and in their relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Kaiana and Amaya and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I do.**

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

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

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Kaiana Marie Nichols Schroeder, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Kaiana Marie: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

- P: Kaiana Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.
- P: Amaya Lauren Schroeder, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Amaya Lauren: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.
- C: Amen.**
- P: Amaya Lauren, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.
- P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sisters Kaiana and Amaya into the family of God.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYERS

*Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the following refrain after each petition.*

**You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ has risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all**

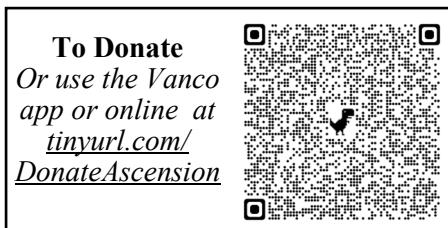
### OFFERING

### Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a savior  
The hope of nations

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

**Savior, he can move the mountains  
Our God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**



## 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 grape juice are available.

### SOLO

### Jesus I Believe

### SONGS

### I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Over the mountain and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when your love came down

**I could sing of your love forever (4x)**

Over the mountain and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when your love came down

**I could sing of your love forever (4x)**

### Our God

Water you turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like you

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, awesome in power  
Our God, our God

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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## 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

### SONG

### You Are Good

I want to scream it out, from every mountain top  
Your goodness knows no bounds  
Your goodness never stops, your mercy follows me  
Your kindness fills my life, your love amazes me

**And I sing because you are good  
And I dance because you are good  
And I shout because you are good  
You are good to me (2x)**

### SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**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.

**College Care Packages:** Do you have a son or daughter in college? Please let us know and we'll send a care package. Please respond by April 24 online <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC> and/or contact Pastor Tony [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org) with questions.

**Outlaw Christian Book Study:** 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 4 more weeks. Books are available for \$13 from Pastor Chris, [pc@ascensionelca.org](mailto:pc@ascensionelca.org), or Amazon.

**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!

**First Communion Stepping Stones:** The First Communion Stepping Stone classes with 4th graders and their parents will take place in West Hall between services today and on April 30.

**CRASH** meets today at 6 p.m. **JOLT** meets at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.

**Community Outreach:** Mission Outreach's Community Outreach Committee will meet in West Hall on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. to plan outreach activities for the summer and early fall. If you are interested in learning more, contact Shirley Wehmeier, [shwehemeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehemeier@gmail.com), or just join us at the meeting.

**Jubilate Chorale:** The Jubilate Chorale will present its 30th Anniversary Concerts on Saturday, May 6, 7:30 pm here at Ascension, and again on Sunday, May 7, 4:00 pm at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Oconomowoc. Tickets are available from Scott Greger and Vicki Taylor, or online at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org).

**Habitat's ReStore:** The Habitat for Humanity Waukesha ReStore accepts donations and sells a constantly changing inventory of diverse, high-quality merchandise to the public at a fraction of the retail price while diverting reusable household items and building materials from area landfills. For more information, go their website [habitatwaukesha.org/restore-1](http://habitatwaukesha.org/restore-1) to see what you can donate.

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## Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

*We're always looking for help!*

*See the complete schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>.*

<b>Sunday, Apr. 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Colin Knopf	Ava Steinke
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Birner	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
<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 Woll-schlager	Mike Rapp
<b>Sunday, May 7</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mikael Wagner	Cole Reinfeldt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
<b>Communion</b>	Sharon Coralline, Brian Novotny	Melody and Paul Maass
<b>Media</b>	Kurt Werner	Cheryl Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler

*Calendar next page.*

# CALENDAR

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

## Sun Apr 23

### **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**

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

6:30pm Community Outreach  
WH

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 S

## Sun Apr 30 cont.

9:50am First Communion

Stepping Stone WH KIT

### **10:45am Misa en español EH**

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

7pm AA WH

## 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

## Sun May 7

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

9:50am BLAST

### **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 8

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

## Tue May 9

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

## Wed May 10

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

## Thu May 11

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Knit Wits WH

6pm JOLT

## Sun May 14

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

9:50am BLAST

### **10:45am Misa en español EH**

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

7pm AA WH

## Mon May 15

10am PC Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study HR

## Are You Visiting?

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

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

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

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

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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