



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Worship Leadership Today

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

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

Acolyte: Colin Knopf

Altar Guild: Joan Birner

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Jennifer and Scot Werner

Media: Buck Houston

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,
Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

Jean Francois Dandrieu

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW 368

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

This Is the Feast of Victory

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

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 10th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 10:7-16

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

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: Nada Draeger for her cousin Mary, starting chemo for stomach cancer
Sharon Coralline for her sister-in-law, Debbie, cancer diagnosis
Sharon and Ed Coralline for their godson, Ryan, heart attack

Comfort: Bob and Sally Alexander at the death of their nephew, Michael
Peter Passante at the death of his stepson, Ryan

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

The Gift of Love, *arr. Hal Hopson*

Ascension Choir

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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Know That My Redeemer Lives, *Michael Burkhardt*



ASCENSION

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.

Property Clean-Up: Join us May 6, 8a-12p, to spruce up the grounds. Needed are rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and many hands!

First Communion Stepping Stones: The last First Communion Stepping Stone class with 4th graders and their parents will take place today. Contact Pastor Tony with questions. First Communion will be on May 7.

CRASH meets at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7.

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction May 20: You are invited to a fun night of food and fellowship as we celebrate our upcoming mission trips to and from Tanzania and El Salvador. The evening begins with drinks and appetizers at 5 p.m. and a chance to bid on the amazing items that have been donated. Dinner will be provided by Noah's Pizza of Pewaukee and includes spaghetti, bread, salad, and dessert. Tickets will be available Sundays in May and are \$12 per person, or \$40 per family. Purchase of advance tickets is required to have an accurate number for the caterer. Thank you to everyone who has promised donations for the auction! We're still collecting donations. Contact sarah@ascensionelca.org to donate.

We are also looking for people to bring appetizers, desserts, and soft drinks to the dinner. You can sign-up online to help, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCdinnerhelp>.

Mission Outreach/Serve Meeting: This group will meet on Tuesday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room. This is our quarterly meeting to share what is happening in all the ministries in our wing. If you can't make the meeting in person, please contact Shirley Wehmeier so we can set up an online meeting, shwehmeier@gmail.com.

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.

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 to see what you can donate.

To Donate
Or use the Vanco Giving app or online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension



Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Sunday,	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Mikael Wagner	Cole Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Brian Novotny	Melody and Paul Maass
Media	Kurt Werner	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler
Sunday,	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Shelby Leatherwood	Kellen Johnson
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Media	Adam Boales	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jim Hahn	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

CALENDAR

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

Sun Apr 30

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST S

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

8am 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

3:30pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

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

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>

Tue May 16

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed May 17

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Choir S

Thu May 18

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

6pm JOLT - last one

Fri May 19

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat May 20

12:30pm Knit Wits CR

5pm Tanzania Fundraiser Dinner EH, WH, K

Sun May 21

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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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