



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 30, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolytes: Ava Steinke

Altar Guild: Jane Collins, Sue Mathews

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Jane Collins, Mary Ellen Comp,

Sue Mathews, Cathy Rapp

Media: Joe Morgenroth

Usher: Mike Rapp

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with a sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along (*Chorus*)

**So remember Your people,
remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me (*Repeat*)**

Everything Glorious

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter than its hue
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

My eyes are small but they have seen
The beauty of enormous things
Which leads me to believe
There's light enough to see (*Chorus*)

**You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours**

ANTHEM

Go Now in Peace, Natalie Sleeth

Children's Choir

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

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

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

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SONG

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me
Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me
Your love defends me

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won (*Chorus*)

We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion
My salvation
Hallelujah (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

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, death of nephew, Michael
Peter Passante, death of stepson, Ryan Gates

SHARING OF THE PEACE

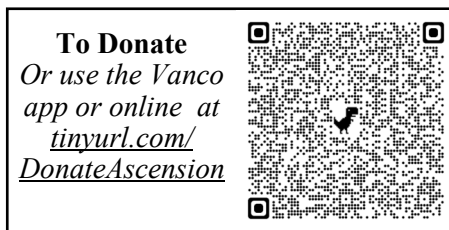
OFFERING

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your name

Jesus in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name (*Chorus*)

Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name



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.

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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

Lord, I Need You

SONGS

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord (**Chorus**)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (**Chorus**)

King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from; oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song

You are good, good, oh (4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves; oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins
And the echo of my days; oh He is my song (**Chorus**)

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down (4x)

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

Old Church Choir

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it
There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh, You are with me, never leave me
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy (*Chorus*)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need

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Singing in my soul
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And it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
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There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

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.

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 6:30p 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.

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

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



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

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>

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

We're always looking for help!

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

Sunday, May 7	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, May 14	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

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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