



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 7, 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: Anna Marien, Mikael Wagner

Communion: Sharon Coralline, Brian Novotny

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Media: Kurt Werner

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner

PRELUDE **Variations on “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**
Lasky/Johnson

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE **This Is the Feast of Victory** **p. 140**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM **Go Now in Peace, Natalie Sleeth** **Children’s Choir**

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 14th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-6

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

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: Paul Maass, undergoing seven weeks of chemo

Care: Michelle Shulfer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

How Can I Keep from Singing?
arr. Jeffrey Honore

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.

First Communion: Today in worship, we celebrate the first communion of the following students:

Alison Guadalupe Aguilera Castillo
Gabriela Aguilera Castillo
Marta Ilisse Aparicio Wehmeier
Claire Rylee Cruft
Natalie Johanna Cull
Nora Riley Cull
Elijah Edison Escobedo

Oscar Garay
Camden Jeffrey Johnson
Maja Kasten Amorsen
Hadley Elizabeth Marien
Callum Harry Reinfeldt
Kaiana Marie Nichols Schroeder
Jakob Theodore Wagner



A taste of Passover at the First Communion class.



First Communion students making bread.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

I Received the Living God

ELW 477

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

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.

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

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (*v. 1-3, 6, 8*)

ELW 619

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Glory Be to God on High, J. S. Bach



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.

CRASH meets today at 3:30 p.m. for an offsite service project.

Spaghetti Dinner & Auction May 20: You are invited to a fun night of food and fellowship as we celebrate our upcoming mission trips. The evening begins with drinks and appetizers at 5 p.m. and a chance to bid on the amazing items that have been donated. The spaghetti dinner will be provided by Noah's Pizza of Pewaukee. Tickets are available Sundays or online, <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>. Purchase of advance tickets is required. We’re still collecting donations. Contact Sarah, sarah@ascensionelca.org, to donate. We're still looking for volunteers to help with this event and also to bring appetizers and desserts. Sign-up online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCdinnerhelp>, to help.

Jubilate Chorale: The Jubilate Chorale will present its 30th Anniversary Concert today at 4 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther Church in Oconomowoc. Tickets are available from Scott Greger and Vicki Taylor, or online, <http://www.jubilatechorale.org>.

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Upcoming Worship Support Schedule <i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
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

CALENDAR / CALENDARIO

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

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

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

Mon May 22

10am PC Book Study

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm PC Book Study

Tue May 23

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare 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>

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed May 24

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu May 25

10am Al Anon CR

Sun May 28

8:30am Worship S

10am Worship S

10:45am Misa en español EH

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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