



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., May 14, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Carol and Steve Spieker

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jim Hahn

PRELUDE

Partita on “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness,” *Flor Peeters*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

We Know that Christ Is Raised

ELW 449

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me
K. Lee Scott

Ascension 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.

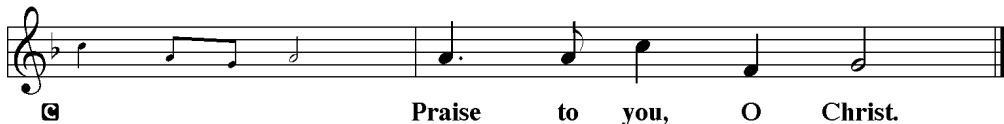
GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Borning Cry

ELW 732

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Chuck Czaplewski, hip replacement surgery
Drene Briski, fall
With the Goetters for Tristan Hagen, car accident

Comfort: Sara Behrendt and family at the death of her mom, Arlene

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Lord of the Dance, Carter, arr. Krug

Ascension Ringers

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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.

PRAYER STATION

If you desire private prayers of healing for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS**The Holy Wings****ELW 613****Holy Spirit, Truth Divine****ELW 398****Children of the Heavenly Father****ELW 781****COMMUNION BLESSING****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**Sent Forth By God's Blessing****ELW 547****SENDING**

P: Christ is risen!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain, *Wilbur Held***



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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.

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

Did You Know? You can view the bulletin with your smartphone. Use the QR codes posted at the doors of the sanctuary.

Tickets on Sale Now! Buy your tickets soon for the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction to be held on Saturday, May 20. This is the last Sunday tickets are for sale in-person! You may also purchase online, <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>. Purchase of advance tickets is required. Thank you to everyone who has promised donations for the auction! 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. This special and fun night of food and fellowship celebrates 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. The 6 p.m. spaghetti dinner will be provided by Noah's Pizza of Pewaukee. Thank you to all who have donated the awesome items for the auction. Check out Mission Outreach on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO>, for samples of some of the items.

Kitchen Training: Learn all about the new kitchen! We'll have a training session on Saturday, May 20, at 8 a.m. Come and learn about the new features!

Year-End BLAST Party May 21: Worship with us at 10:45 a.m. then join us for a cookout and inflatables to celebrate the awesome year we have had! See the sign-up, <https://tinyurl.com/BLASTparty2023>, to bring a side dish to share as well!

CRASH: CRASH next meets at 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

Get Connected: Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. We send out e-alerts weekly on Wednesday and occasionally for special notices. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealrt> or contact the church office.

Many Ways to Give Electronically



- 1) *QR code*
- 2) *Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone*
- 3) *Online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

CALENDAR

View the calendar online, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

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

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 AI Anon CR

Fri May 19

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat May 20

12:30pm Knit Wits CR

5pm Tanzania Fundraiser

Sun May 21

8:30am Worship S

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

11:45am BLAST Party

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

7pm Church council HR

7pm Holloway Group WH

Wed May 24

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Key

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

Thu May 25

10am AI Anon CR

Sun May 28

8:30am Worship S

10am Outdoor Worship MG

10am Misa en español EH

7pm AA WH

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Sunday, May 21	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Max Stigler	Anna Marien
Altar Guild	Jim and Kathy Hahn	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Jim Hahn, Becky Pepper	Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp
Media	Brian Novotny	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Mike Rapp

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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