



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., Sunday, May 14, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Cole Reinfeldt

Altar Guild: Sue Mathews

Communion: Diane and Rick Dowling

Communion: Becky Hastings, Sue Mathews

Media: Andrew Marien

Ushers: Kathy and Mike Tomcheck

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Today Is the Day

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have
In store for me is good, is good

**Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day**

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good **(Chorus)**

I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
(Chorus)

SONG

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Lord, pour out Your power and love
As we sing “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, Holy, Holy (3x)

PRAYER

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name	Every blessing You pour out
In the land that is plentiful	I’ll turn back to praise
Where Your streams of abundance flow	When the darkness closes in
Blessed be Your name	Lord, still I will say
Blessed be Your name	Blessed be the name of the Lord
When I’m found in the desert place	Blessed be Your name
Though I walk through the wilderness	Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name	Blessed be Your glorious name

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

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SONG

Not for a Moment

You were reaching through the storm
Walking on the water
Even when I could not see
In the middle of it all
When I thought You were a thousand miles away
Not for a moment did You forsake me
Not for a moment did You forsake me

After all You are constant
After all You are only good
After all You are sovereign
Not for a moment will You forsake me
Not for a moment will You forsake me

You were singing in the dark
Whispering Your promise
Even when I could not hear
I was held in Your arms
Carried for a thousand miles to show
Not for a moment did You forsake me
Not for a moment did You forsake me
(Chorus)

PRAYERS

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

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

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

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

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

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)*

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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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Today in worship, we celebrate the first communion of Maja Kasten Amorsen and Callum Harry Reinfeldt.

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.

SOLO

Goodness of God

SONGS

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

**You are Way Maker, miracle worker,
promise keeper
Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, miracle worker,
promise keeper
Light in the darkness,
My God, that is who You are**

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord
(Chorus)

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
And even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
(Chorus)

Meet With Me

I'm here to meet with You
Come and meet with me
I'm here to find You
Reveal yourself to me

As I wait, You make me strong
As I long, draw me to Your arms
As I stand, and sing Your praise
You come, You come and You fill this place
You come, You come and You fill this place

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Praise You

**Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance
I just want to praise You, I just want to praise You
You broke the chains now I can lift my hands
I just want to praise You, I just want to praise You**

Everything that could go wrong
All went wrong at one time
So much pressure fell on me
I thought I was going to lose my mind
I've been through the fire and the rain
Bound in every kind of way
But God has broken every chain
So let me go right now (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

C: Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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!

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/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

Many Ways to Give Electronically



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- 3) *Online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

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

CALENDAR

See the full calendar and a list of events on our website, <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 Al 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

S Sanctuary

WH West Hall

Italics Virtual or offsite

Thu May 25

10am Al Anon CR

Sun May 28

8:30am Worship S

10am Outdoor Worship MG

10am 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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