



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 21, 2023

Worship Leadership Today

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

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

Acolyte: Max Stigler

Altar Guild: Jim and Kathy Hahn

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Jim Hahn, Becky Pepper

Media: Brian Novotny

Trumpet: Addison Jahner

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,
Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, *Kenneth Kosche*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C:



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Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

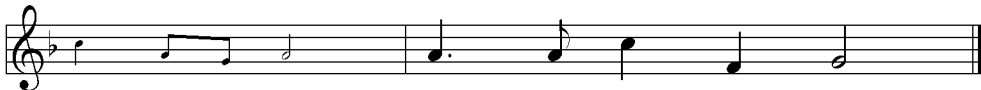
GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



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Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

ELW 393

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR EMILY GRACE AND TYLER JORDAN SEAMANS

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Jill and Jaimi, Kurt and Melissa, do you present Emily and Tyler for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We do.

P: Lisa and Scott, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Emily Grace and Tyler Jordan baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Emily Grace and Tyler Jordan to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people; bring them to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach them the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Emily and Tyler grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Jill and Jaimi, Kurt and Melissa, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend these miracles of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Emily and Tyler: to walk alongside them as they grow in their faith and in their relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Emily and Tyler and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I do.

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Emily Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Emily Grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

P: Emily Grace, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Tyler Jordan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Tyler Jordan: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

P: Tyler Jordan, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sister Emily and brother Tyler into the family of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thanksgiving: Mary Rapp, celebrating her 85th birthday on May 22
With the Lytles for the birth of grandson Ezra to Brooke and Rahveon Valentine

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING **When Morning Gilds the Skies, arr. Molly Ijames** **Ascension Choir**

OFFERTORY **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful** **ELW 182**

GREAT THANKSGIVING **p. 144**

PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY **p. 144**

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 **p. 146**

HYMNS **Beautiful Savior** **ELW 838**

Now We Join in Celebration **ELW 462**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **ELW 490**

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.

CANTICLE **Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise** **ELW 204**

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 Lord, You Give the Great Commission (*v. 1, 2, 5*)

ELW 579

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing, *setting by Thomas Gieschen*



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.

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

Baptized: We welcome Emily Grace and Tyler Jordan Seamans in baptism today at the 8:30 a.m. service. Emily and Tyler's parents are Lisa and Scott Seamans. Emily's sponsors are Jill Burie and Jaimi Coralline. Tyler's sponsors are Kurt Burie and Melissa Crowley. At the 10:45 a.m. service, we welcome Lincoln James Garrity in baptism. Lincoln's parents are Justin and Melanie Garrity. Lincoln's sponsors are Katie and Paul Hugo.

Year-End BLAST Party: BLAST families are invited to join us for a cookout and inflatables after the 10:45 worship today.

CRASH meets at 6 p.m. today.

Bunco: Join Young at Heart and others for Bunco at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24.

Worship Schedule: The late services (both Spanish and English) will move to 10 a.m. starting May 28. Beginning June 4, the 10 a.m. English worship service will be in the Memorial Gardens on the first and third Sundays of June, July and August.

Get Connected: Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

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

Worship Support Schedule <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Sunday, May 28	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Aidan Miller	Colin Knopf
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Elaine Kilgore	Diane and Rick Dowling
Media	Todd Schroeder	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	

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.

CALENDAR

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

Sun May 21

8:30am Worship S

10:45am Misa EH

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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 Council HR

7pm Holloway WH

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 MG

10am Misa EH

7pm AA WH

Mon May 29

Office closed

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

Tue May 30

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

6pm GriefShare CR

Wed May 31

10 Staff meeting HR

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 1

10am Al Anon CR

10 am Tonn visitation

11 am Tonn funeral

12 pm Tonn luncheon

Fri Jun 2

1pm Hansen Group 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>



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