



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## 7th Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., Sunday, May 21, 2023

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolyte:** Anna Marien

**Altar Guild:** Jay and Robin Gallo

**Communion:** Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp

**Media:** Joe Morgenroth

**Usher:** Mike Rapp

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

### Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made  
Before You spoke it to be  
You were the King of kings  
Yes, You were, yes, You were  
And now You're reigning still  
Enthroned above all things  
Angels and saints cry out  
We join them as we sing

**Glory to God, glory to God**  
**Glory to God, forever**  
**Glory to God, glory to God**  
**Glory to God, forever**

Creator God, You gave  
Me breath so I could praise  
Your great and matchless name  
All my days, all my days  
So let my whole life be  
A blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings  
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
Take my life and let it be  
All for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
We sing (*Chorus*)

## SONG

Through You the blind will see  
Through You the mute will sing  
Through You the dead will rise  
Through You all hearts will praise  
Through You the darkness flees  
Through You my heart screams, I am free

**I am free to run (echo)**  
**I am free to dance (echo)**  
**I am free to live for You (echo)**  
**I am free**

## I Am Free

Through You the Kingdom comes  
Through You the battle's won  
Through You I'm not afraid  
Through You the price is paid  
Through you there's victory  
Because of You my heart sings, I am free  
**(Chorus)**

## ANTHEM

**Amazing Grace, arr. Lloyd Larson**

**Ascension Ringers**

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Tony**

## SONG

Why should I feel lost  
When You made the heavens  
Why should I feel afraid  
When you put the stars in place  
Why should I lose heart  
When I know how great You are  
Why should I give up  
When Your plans are full of love

## You Shine

**You shine**  
**Brighter than the brightest star**  
**Your love**  
**Purer than the purest heart**  
**You shine**  
**Filling us with courage and strength**  
**To follow You**

## 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: **Praise to you O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Tony**

## SONG

## Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world	King of all days
You stepped down into darkness	So highly exalted
Opened my eyes let me see	Glorious in Heaven above
Beauty that made this heart adore You	Humbly You came to the earth You created
Hope of a life spent with You	All for love's sake became poor ( <i>Chorus</i> )

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

## SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR LINCOLN JAMES GARRITY

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: Katie and Paul, do you present Lincoln James Garrity for the sacrament of holy baptism?  
Sponsors: We/I do.

P: Justin and Melanie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Lincoln James baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Lincoln James to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend him in faith and prayer, so that he 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 Lincoln grow in the Christian faith and life?

**C: We do.**

P: Katie and Paul, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Lincoln: to walk alongside him as he grows in his faith and in his relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Lincoln and pray for him in his 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: Lincoln James Garrity, 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 Lincoln James: 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: Lincoln James, 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 brother Lincoln into the family of God.

## PRAYERS

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

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me**

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

#### The Saving One

When mercy was revealed what selflessness and peace  
My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me  
His pardon for my sin; His bounty for my need  
From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

**And Heaven can't contain the glory of the Son  
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One  
His love has made a way the grave is overcome  
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One**

No fear can hold me down, nor darkness steal my joy  
For blood has been poured out; the enemy destroyed  
Death could not hold Him down; the cross was not enough  
To steal away His throne, for He is God (**Chorus**)

## 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**

**Holy Spirit Rain Down**

**SONGS**

**He Reigns**

It's the song of the redeemed  
Rising from the African plain  
It's the song of the forgiven  
Drowning out the Amazon rain  
The song of Asian believers filled with God's  
holy fire  
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals  
To the faithful gathered underground (*Chorus*)

**It's all God's children singing  
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns  
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Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

**Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by thy help I've come  
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God  
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee  
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, o take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

**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

#### Awesome Is the Lord

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength  
You are faithful You will ever be  
We will praise You all of our days  
It's for Your glory we offer everything

**Raise your hands, all you nations shout to God all creation  
How awesome is the Lord most high  
We will praise You together for now and forever  
How awesome is the Lord most high**

Where You send us God, we will go  
You're the answer we want the world to know  
We will trust You when You call our name  
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way (*Chorus*)

### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Support Schedule <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</a>		
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	

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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 if needed.

**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.

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## CALENDAR <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

### Sun May 21

8:30am Worship S  
 10:45am Misa 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 Council HR  
 7pm Holloway WH

### Wed May 24

1pm Bunco WH  
 7pm AA WH

### Thu May 25

10am AI 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