



Palm Sunday
8:30 a.m., March 24, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Grace Paczesny

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Marge Schroeder

Communion: Jennifer Werner

Greeters: Celeste and Doug Defenbaugh

Media: Kurt Werner

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Scot Werner

PRELUDE

Partita on “All Glory, Laud and Honor,” *Michael Burkhardt*

1. Maestoso

2. Toccata

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Freedom Is Coming, *South African*

Ascension Choir

OPENING WORDS

P: Hosanna in the highest!

C: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 11:1-10

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.’” They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then

those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

OPENING HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

ELW 344

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

Glory to God

p. 148

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Open Wide the Gates!

Children's Choir

Mary Kay Beall

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 264

SERMON

Pastor Chris

ANTHEM

The First Song of Isaiah

Ascension Choirs

Congregation, please join in refrain when indicated.



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Ruth Dewitz, hospitalized
With Peter Passante for Jan's daughter-in-law, chemo
Care: With Peter Passante for Kathryn

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

All Glory, Laud and Honor
arr. Brenda Austin

Ascension Ringers



Many Ways to Give Electronically

- QR code
- VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone
- Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

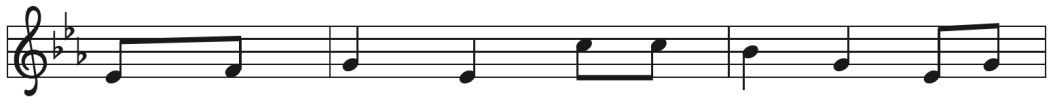
Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

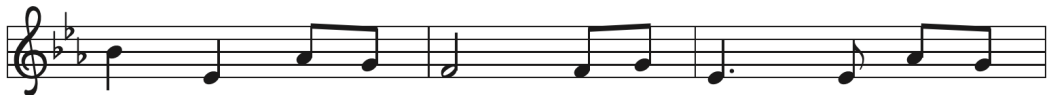
All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.

HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



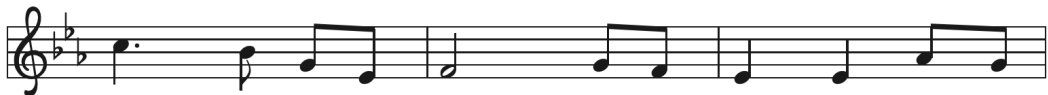
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

HYMNS	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	ELW 779
	Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup	ELW 492

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray...Jesus, on this Palm Sunday, as we remember your triumphant entry into Jerusalem, let us also remember the path that lay before you. Fill our hearts with the humility and faithfulness that you displayed. Teach us to follow your example of selfless love, to praise you in our hearts and with our lives, all the way to the cross. May our footsteps measure yours. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	Beneath the Cross of Jesus	ELW 338
---------------------	-----------------------------------	----------------

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE	Chaconne, Louis Couperin
-----------------	---------------------------------



ASCENSION

Together We Rise

Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We happily 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.

Worship Help Needed: We're looking for volunteers to help with worship this Holy Week. We need acolytes, communion assistants and ushers for Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 p.m. On Easter, we need communion assistants, ushers, worship media help at both services and greeters at 10:45 a.m. Please contact Tamie Greenwood, tamie@ascensionelca.org, in the church office if you can help.

Easter Lily Donation Deadline Today! Please fill-out the form on the next page and put in the offering plate today if you'd like to donate to help beautify the sanctuary for Easter.

Good Friday Procession & Worship: You're invited to the Latino Ministries' Good Friday procession at 6 p.m. from the Memorial Gardens into the Latino Sanctuary where we will walk over the alfombras. Worship will follow in Spanish in the Latino Sanctuary. English worship will be at 6:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

The Chosen Adult Ed: The Chosen Series meets for the last time tomorrow March 25. We will watch and discuss Session 8. The morning group is bringing treats. The evening group is bringing appetizers. If you do not have time to cook, come and watch session 8 and eat with us! Readings for this last session include: Genesis 16, Genesis 33:18-20, Daniel 7:13-14, Hosea 6:6, Matthew 9:9-13, Luke 4:38-39, and John 4:1-42.

New Member Class: Interested in learning more about Ascension or considering joining? Attend one of our new member classes on April 21 or 28 between services and get the scoop. Sign-up online <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>.

Bunco: Join the Young at Heart group on Wednesday, March 27, from 1-3 p.m. for a fun game of bunco.

Young at Heart Trip: Sign-up on April 7 or April 21 before or after services for the Young at Heart trip on June 27 to Lake Geneva to ride on the U.S. Mailboat Tour. The trip is \$90 per person and includes the bus fare, tour and lunch. This trip fills quickly so sign-up soon.

GriefShare Support: We're looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare on Tuesday nights. Please see the Sign-Up Genius <http://tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24> for dates and suggestions.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday

March 24

8:30a & 10:45a Worship

(English)

10:45a Worship *(Español)*



Maundy Thursday

March 28

6:30p Worship *(English)*

6:45p Worship *(Español)*



Good Friday

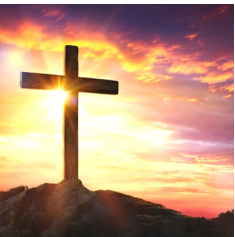
March 29

12p & 6:30p Worship

(English)

6p Procession & Worship

(Español)



Easter Sunday

8:30a & 10:45a Worship

(English)

10:45a Worship *(Español)*

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$16 each.



Donor(s)

Donation amount \$ _____

This donation is given *(please check)*:

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of:

Donated in memory of:

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

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

Sun Mar 24

Palm Sunday

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST Al-fombras

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Latino Luncheon
WH, K

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 25

10am Adult Ed HR

1pm Knit Wits WH

6pm Adult Ed HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Mar 26

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

6pm GriefShare CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway group
HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 27

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 28

Maundy Thursday

10am Al Anon CR

6:30pm Worship S

**6:45pm Spanish
Worship**



Fri Mar 29

Good Friday

12pm Worship S

**6pm Spanish Procession & Worship
MG & EH**

6:30pm Worship S

Sun Mar 31

Easter Sunday

8:30am Worship S

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 1

Easter Monday

Office closed

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Apr 2

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

6pm GriefShare CR

Wed Apr 3

6pm Leader mtg CR

7pm AA WH

Thu Apr 4

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

6pm JOLT EH

Key

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