



ASCENSION

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28, 2024



Worship Leadership

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

The Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Mikael Wagner

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Marge Schroeder

Communion: Gary Wipperman

Media: Anna Marien

Ushers: Lauren Birner, Sheri Greger

PRELUDE

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act

setting by Michael Burkhardt

OPENING HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (*v. 1-4*)

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CONFESSION

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.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...On this night holy God, we hear words of forgiveness and feel the weight of hands placed on our heads to be reminded that you only need to reach out to touch our brokenness and make us whole once again. Tonight, we remember and celebrate your Last Supper in the upper room. We remember that on this night you will be betrayed by a friend and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. Tonight, we stand and watch, share in the meal, and find ourselves overcome as we remember your arrest, beating, and the stripping of your garments. Tonight, we begin to prepare for what will come tomorrow. Give us strength to watch these events and not turn away. This night we remember your gift of love to us and your willingness to offer yourself for us. Tonight, we are reminded, and we remember.

C: Amen.

LENTEN VERSE**Return to God**

Congregation sings refrain / soloist sings verses

Refrain

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith - ful - ness of God."

1. Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
2. I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
3. If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the pris'ner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth
like the dawn.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 26th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Return to God: Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Tune: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 © 1990, 1991, GIA Publications, Inc.

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:25-30

Judas, who betrayed him, said, "Surely not I, Rabbi?" He replied, "You have said so." While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

Many Ways to Give

- *QR code*
- *Vanco Giving app*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681*



OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS

Come to the Table

ELW 481

My Song Is Love Unknown (v. 1 - 4, 7)



- 1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
- 2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
- 3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
 But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

7. Here might I stay and sing —
 No story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

ELW 359

COMMUNION BLESSING

READING

John 18:1-8

After Jesus had spoken these words, he went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" They answered, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus replied, "I am he." Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, "I am he," they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, "Whom are you looking for?" And they said, "Jesus of Nazareth." Jesus answered, "I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go."

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

What Wondrous Love Is This

Brenda Austin

**Scott Greger, solo
 Ascension Ringers**



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. On Easter, we need greeters and ushers at 10:45 and worship media help at 8:30. Please contact Tamie Greenwood, tamie@ascensionleca.org, in the church office if you can help.

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.

Easter Sunday Worship: 8:30a & 10:45a (English), 10:45a (Español)

Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday, April 1, in recognition of Easter.

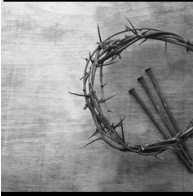
CRASH: Students who are going to the Youth Gathering will meet on Sunday, April 7, at 12 p.m. to prepare fundraising materials. Lunch will be provided.

JOLT: JOLT resumes Thursday, April 4, 6-7:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsals: There are no choir rehearsals the week of April 1st. The children's choir will move to Wednesday nights for the last three rehearsals. In April, we will meet Wednesdays, April 10, April 17 and April 24, from 5:15-5:50 p.m.

College Care: It's finals season and many college students are struggling through their end of year. Enter the college care package – filled with goodies and pick-me-ups – all in the hope of making life a bit more enjoyable for them. Due to the quick turn-around time, we are not requesting donations or packing help this time but would like you to consider making a monetary donation to help offset the cost of items and shipping (generally \$17 or more per box). If you have a student in college, please let us know their name and mailing address so we can send them a care package before this school year ends. Deadline Sunday, April 21. Please send names and addresses to Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionleca.org, or fill-out this online form, <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC>. If you have questions, please contact the church office.

Young at Heart Trip Sign-Up: Sign-up in April 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. Sign-up before or after worship on April 7 and 21 or at the April Young at Heart meeting on April 17. Contact Celeste Defenbaugh, dcdefen@gmail.com with questions.



March 29, Good Friday
Viernes Santo
 12p & 6:30p (*English*)
 6p Procession & worship
 (*Español*)



March 31, Easter Sunday
Domingo de Resurrección
 8:30a & 10:45a (*English*)
 10:45a (*Español*)

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> or contact the church office.

Ministry Fair: How can you get involved in Ascension ministries? What are all the ministries? What if I have a new idea for a ministry? Mark your calendar for April 14 after each service for the Ministry Fair. There will be a time to get to know other people and fun ways to learn about all the various ministries.

Calendar

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
 12pm Latino lunch WH/kit
 7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 1 Easter Monday
 Office closed
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

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

Sun Apr 7
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 12pm CRASH WH/kit
 7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 8
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Amen CR
 7pm Jubilate S

Tue Apr 9
7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 1pm Knit Wits HR
 6pm GriefShare CR
 7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Apr 10
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Apr 11
 10am Al Anon CR
 5pm Children's Choir MR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sun Apr 14
8:30am Worship S
 9:50am BLAST
 9:45am Ministry Fair
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Key	
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
SG	Spiritual Growth
WH	West Hall
YR	Youth rm
<i>Italics Virtual or offsite</i>	

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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