



*Lutheran Church*

**Second Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m., April 7, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Mikael Wagner

**Altar Guild:** Joan Birner

**Communion:** Sharon Coralline

**Communion:** Al Wollschlager

**Greeters:** Lauren Birner, Carol Houston

**Media:** Adam Boales

**Pianist:** Kathy Johnson

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Paul Wehmeier

**PRELUDE**

**“Hallelujah”** from *Messiah*, G. F. Handel

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

**ELW 369**

**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:** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 Chris**

## 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. John, the 20th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Chris**

**HYMN**

**That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

**ELW 384**

**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**

**Comfort:** For Jim Hahn and the family and friends of Kathy Hahn at her death

**Healing:** For Natalie Mustapich, upcoming surgery  
For Linda Elder's son-in-law Mike, re-hospitalized due to infection  
With Peter Passante for Renata and Mark

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**We Walk by Faith**

**ELW 635**



**Many Ways to Give Electronically**

- *QR code*
- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at [tinyurl.com/SupportALC](http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

**C:** **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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**                      **Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**                      **ELW 492**

**Day of Arising**    **ELW 374**

**Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!**    **ELW 380**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**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**                      **Lift High the Cross**    **ELW 660**

**SENDING**

**P:** Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**  
*setting by Michael Burkhardt*



# 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!

**El Salvador Delegation Orientation Today:** There will be an orientation meeting today at 9:45 a.m. in the Hearth Room for the people who are traveling to El Salvador this summer. For more information, please contact Sarah Aparicio, [sarah@ascensionleca.org](mailto:sarah@ascensionleca.org).

**CRASH Youth Gathering Meeting Today:** Students who are going to the Youth Gathering will meet today at 12 p.m. to prepare fundraising materials. Lunch will be provided.

**Children's Choir:** The children's choir will move to Wednesday nights for the last three rehearsals. In April, they will meet Wednesdays, April 10, April 17 and April 24, from 5:15-5:50 p.m. Please note the time and day change.

**BLAST First Responder Sunday:** BLAST families are invited to welcome the First Responders during BLAST on Sunday, April 21, at 9:50 a.m. We will have a light breakfast and an opportunity to explore an emergency vehicle. Please see the Sign-Up Genius, <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST1stResp>, to help with breakfast.

**College Care:** It's finals season and many college students are struggling through their year-end studies. Enter the college care package 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. If you have a student in college, send names/addresses to Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionleca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionleca.org), or fill-out this online form, <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC>, so we can send them a care package before this school year ends. *Deadline Sunday, April 21.*

**Ministry Fair:** Wondering about Ascension's ministries and how you can get involved? 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.

**GriefShare Support:** We're still 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. Contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionleca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionleca.org), with questions.

**Young at Heart Trip Sign-Up:** Sign-up today before or after worship 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.

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

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

## Sun Apr 7

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST

9:45am El Salvador Mtg EH

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

12pm CRASH WH/kit

7pm AA WH

## Mon Apr 8

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

7pm Jubilate S

## Tue Apr 9

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway group HR

## Wed Apr 10

*12:30pm Staff Meeting*

5:15pm Children's Choir MR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Thu Apr 11

10am Al Anon CR

6pm JOLT EH

## Sat Apr 13

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

## Sun Apr 14

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

9:45am Ministry Fair

**10:45am Bilingual Worship S**

11:45am Private event WH

7pm AA WH

## Mon Apr 15

10:30am Fire inspection

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

7pm Jubilate S

## Tue Apr 16

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Church council HR

## Wed Apr 17

12pm Young at Heart WH

5:15pm Children's Choir MR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Thu Apr 18

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

### Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
N	Narthex (Lobby)
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics Virtual or offsite</i>	

## Sat Apr 20

*9am SOPHIA Brunch*

12pm Hahn Visitation

**2pm Hahn Funeral**

3pm Hahn Reception

*6pm Healing Hearts Gala*

## Sun Apr 21

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST First Re-sponders

9:45am New Member class HR

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

## Mon Apr 22

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

## WORSHIP SUPPORT

See the schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport>

**Sunday, Apr. 14**

**8:30**

**10:45 Bilingual**

	8:30	10:45 Bilingual
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Needed</i>	<i>Needed</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
<b>Communion</b>	Marge Schroeder, Jennifer Werner	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
<b>Greeters</b>	Bob and Jan Zastrow	Mary Ellen Comp, Bonnie Siegel
<b>Media</b>	Todd Schroeder	Cheryl Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Al Wollschlager	Mike Rapp

# Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***How did God invite you here?***

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## ***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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