



*Lutheran Church*

**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m., April 14, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Zach Jahner

**Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

**Communion:** Marge Schroeder

**Communion:** Jennifer Werner, Scot Werner

**Greeters:** Bob and Jan Zastrow

**Media:** Todd Schroeder

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Al Wollschlager

**PRELUDE**

**Christ Lag in Todesbanden, *J. S. Bach***

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**All Creatures, Worship God Most High!**

**ELW 835**

**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: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

**Easter Bells, *Michael Ryan***

**Ascension Ringers**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Edwin**

## 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:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 24:36b-48**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. 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.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

**Pastor Edwin**

## HYMN

**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

**ELW 377**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Comfort:** With Arlene Davis for the family of Sandi Vogt at her death (Arlene's cousin)

**Healing:** Michelle Shulfer, mini-stroke  
Karen Shulfer, broken arm following a fall  
Donna Savin, bronchitis  
Peter Passante for Jillian's grandma following a hospital stay  
Linda Druml for her cousin Phillip, stage 4 pancreatic cancer, and God's care for his family

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Rock of Ages (Forgiven and Free)  
*Heather Sorenson*

Ascension Choir



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- 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

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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**

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**HYMNS**

**Around You, O Lord Jesus**

**ELW 468**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**ELW 471**

**We Place upon Your Table, Lord**

**ELW 467**

**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**

**This Joyful Eastertide**

**ELW 391**

**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**

**Awake, My Heart, with Gladness, *Flor Peeters***



# 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 Serena Kristina and Stella Maria Equila in baptism today at the 10:45 service. Serena and Stella's parents are Luis and Shayla Equila.

**Ministry Fair:** Check out the Ministry Fair after worship today. Learn more about all our ministries and how you can get involved. We are challenging everyone to commit to one new way of serving! Get your special Ascension Passport Book, fill-in the stamps and earn a chance to win a gift card or even a flat-screen TV!

**CRASH Youth Gathering Fundraisers:** Students who are going to the Youth Gathering are doing their last fundraisers to raise money for the trip. Check out their table today to order pupusas or select an envelope to donate. CRASH next meets on Sunday, April 21 at 6 p.m.

**JOLT:** JOLT does not meet this week, Thursday, April 18. JOLT will next meet on Thursday, April 25, at 6 p.m.

**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 end of year studying from a lack of sleep, dehydration, and maybe even a little home sickness. Enter the college care package, filled with goodies. 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. 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](mailto:tony@ascensionleca.org), or fill-out this online form <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC>.

**GriefShare:** Please note that there is no GriefShare this week. The class will resume April 23. We're still looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare for the last two weeks of GriefShare. Please see the Sign-Up Genius <http://tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24>. Contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionleca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionleca.org), with questions.

**Young at Heart:** Young at Heart (for those over 55) will meet on Wednesday, April 17, at noon for a potluck lunch followed by games. Bring a dish to pass if you're able. You'll also be able to sign-up for the June trip to Lake Geneva.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued***

**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>.

**Preserve an Easter Lily:** Consider taking a plant home and transplanting it outside after the danger of frost [May 15th]. Select a location close to your foundation which has full or partial sun. Mark the location with a soda straw, as the plant will die back. Easter lilies are not hardy and will not tolerate being planted anywhere like lily bulbs purchased commercially. We have had success with Easter lily transplants along East Hall. They have been there since 2021 and are reappearing for another season.

**April Newsletter:** Read all about April at Ascension, including pastoral perspectives, events and ministries, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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

**Sun Apr 14**

**8:30am Worship S**  
 9:50am BLAST  
 9:45am Ministry Fair  
**10:45am Biling. Worship S**  
 11:45am Private event WH  
 7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 15**

5pm WPD CR

**Mon Apr 15 cont.**

6pm Amen HR  
 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

**Thu Apr 18 cont.**

10am Al Anon CR  
 1pm Hansen Group CR

**Sat Apr 20**

*9am SOPHIA Brunch*  
 12pm Hahn Visitation  
**2pm Hahn Funeral**  
 3pm Hahn Reception  
*6pm Healing Hearts Gala*

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 9:45am BLAST 1st Resp  
 9:45am New Members HR  
**10:45am Misa EH**  
**10:45am Worship S**  
 6pm CRASH  
 7pm AA WH

**Key**

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

**WORSHIP SUPPORT** See the schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

**Sunday, Apr. 21**

**8:30**

**10:45**

<b>Acolyte</b>	Aidan Miller	Lexi Lytle
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jimmy and Chris Loos	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
<b>Communion</b>	Carol and Steve Spieker	Melody and Paul Maass
<b>Greeters</b>	Steve and Carol Spieker	Mike and Joan Mikecz
<b>Media</b>	Kurt Werner	Andrew Marien
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	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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