



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 21, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

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

**Acolyte:** Aidan Miller

**Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

**Communion:** Carol and Steve Spieker

**Greeters:** Carol and Steve Spieker

**Media:** Kurt Werner

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

**Usher:** Jeff Rohrer

**PRELUDE**                    **O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing**, *Jean Francois Dandrieu*

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**                    **The Day of Resurrection!**                    **ELW 361**

**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**                    **p. 140**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**


P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**ANTHEM**                    **The Lord Is My Shepherd**, *Allen Pote*                    **Ascension Choir**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**                    **Pastor Tony**

## 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 10th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

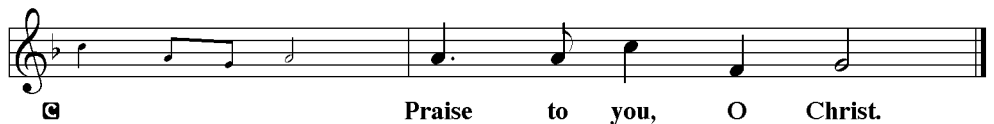
## GOSPEL READING

**John 10:11-18**

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

**Pastor Tony**

## HYMN

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**

**ELW 385**

## 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 Sue Moore and Chuck Czaplewski following the unexpected death of their good friend, Karin

**Healing:** Barb Kreft, recovering from a fall  
With Barb Kreft for her sisters, Diane and Debbie, both diagnosed with cancer  
Steve Boyer, shoulder surgery on April 22  
With Paul Maass for his brother, Michael, re-hospitalized following surgery

**God's Care:** For Linda Druml, CT scan on Monday  
For Peter Passante's son Mark, as he travels  
For Don and Sara Doyle as Sara begins hospice care

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

### Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764



#### 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

<b>HYMNS</b>	<b>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</b>	<b>ELW 502</b>
	<b>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</b>	<b>ELW 490</b>
	<b>What Feast of Love</b>	<b>ELW 487</b>

**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.**

<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<b>Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!</b>	<b>ELW 382</b>
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**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**      **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!** *Healey Willan*



**Children Are God's Gift:** We are a noisy church. We are 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. You might make a new friend!

**Baptized:** We welcome Liliana Rose Vandermause in baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. service. Liliana's parents are Cole and Emily Vandermause. Big sisters are Sienna, Callie and Maya. Liliana's sponsors are Ashley and Troy Vandermause.

**CRASH Youth Gathering:** 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 from the money wall to donate.

**BLAST Today:** BLAST families are invited to welcome the First Responders during BLAST today at 9:50 a.m. We will have a light breakfast and an opportunity to explore an emergency vehicle.

**College Care Deadline Today:** 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. Please send names and addresses to Pastor Tony at [tony@ascensionleca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionleca.org) or fill-out this online form <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC>.

**CRASH & JOLT:** CRASH meets today at 6 p.m. JOLT meets on Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m.

**New Member Class Today:** Interested in learning more about Ascension or considering joining? You're invited to attend one of our new member classes today and on April 28 between services in the Hearth Room. Sign-up online: <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>.

**Young at Heart Trip:** Sign-up before or after worship today for the Young at Heart trip 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. Contact Celeste Defenbaugh, [dcdefen@gmail.com](mailto:dcdefen@gmail.com), with questions.

**Bunco:** Everyone is invited to join the Young at Heart group this Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. for bunco, a fun, fast and easy dice game.

**GriefShare:** 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.

**Partnership Dinner & Auction:** Save the date of Saturday, May 18, starting at 5 p.m., for the Partnership Dinner & Auction for the trip to El Salvador. Sign-up to donate or volunteer, <http://tinyurl.com/tacodinner2024>.

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**Thank You:** Thank you to all who attended the Ministry Fair. It was great to see all the ministries lined up in the narthex and hearth room. We hope you kept your Passport Books. They will make a quick reference for you or you could use them to invite someone else to Ascension and give them an idea of all that we do. Inside the folder is also an article (one in English and one in Spanish) with more in depth descriptions of all the activities including when and where they meet and type of group they are. This can serve as a way for you to decide where you would like to serve. It is never too late to sign up. If you did not get a folder and would like one, contact Shirley Wehmeier, [shwehmeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehmeier@gmail.com).

**Jubilate "One Voice":** The Jubilate Chorale will present *One Voice* on Saturday, May 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Waukesha, and on Sunday, May 5, 3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, New Berlin. The chorale will be joined by a chamber orchestra and the Brookfield East High School choirs in a performance of Jubilate Deo by Dan Forrest. Jubilate Deo is based on Psalm 100, "O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands." The work is sung in seven different languages and draws from a wide variety of musical influences. Tickets are available from Ascension members Scott Greger and Vicki Taylor, or online at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org).

**Reflections Blog:** Too busy to read the entire newsletter? Browse our Reflections Blog for individual articles that might interest you! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>

**Get Connected:** Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. We send out e-alerts weekly on Wednesday and occasionally for special notices. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

<b>WORSHIP SUPPORT</b> See the schedule online <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a>		
<b>Sunday, Apr. 28</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Max Stigler	Bly Dringenburg
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
<b>Communion</b>	Julie Kinunen, Becky Pepper	Cathy Rapp, Gary Wipperman
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Pepper, Niklasch family	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
<b>Media</b>	Adam Boales	Cheryl Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler

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

**Sun Apr 21**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am New Members  
HR

9:50am BLAST 1st  
Resp

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 22**

1pm Fire appt. WH/kit

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

6:30pm Gather In HR

**Tue Apr 23**

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway group  
HR

**Wed Apr 24**

1pm Bunco WH

5:15pm Children's  
Choir MR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Apr 25**

10am Al Anon CR

11am Staff Spanish HR

1pm Knit Wits HR

6pm JOLT EH

**Sun April 28**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST

9:45am New Member  
class HR

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

2pm CRASH CR

4pm Pupusa pick-up

7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 29**

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

**Tue Apr 30**

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

6pm GriefShare CR

**Wed May 1**

11:30am Staff Meeting

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

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

**Are You Visiting?**

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

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

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

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

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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