



Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:45 a.m., Sunday, April 21, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

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Altar Guild: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Melody and Paul Maass

Greeters: Joan and Mike Mikecz

Media: Andrew Marien

Usher: Mike Rapp

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (*Chorus*)

God Who Saves

The light of the world shining in love
Taking the fall upon Your shoulders
You shattered the dark as You rose to life again

You are the way, the truth and the life
Your mercy has overcome our failings
The battle is won Jesus in love You reign

You're the God who saves
You're the hope of all
Reaching out Your hand
As your people call (2x)

Our savior has come let Your will be done
Your kingdom on earth as in the heavens
Our freedom is found, Lord, in no other name
(*Chorus*)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Over the mountain and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when your love came down

I could sing of your love forever (4x)

Over the mountain and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when your love came down

I could sing of your love forever (4x)

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

When [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

SONG

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won (*Chorus*)

We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion
My salvation, Hallelujah (*Chorus*)

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SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR LILIANA ROSE VANDERMAUSE

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: Ashley and Troy, do you present Liliana Rose for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We/I do.

P: Cole and Emily, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Liliana Rose baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Liliana Rose to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people; bring her to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Liliana grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: **We do.**

P: Ashley and Troy, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Liliana: to walk alongside her as she grows in her faith and in her relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Liliana and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I do.**

P: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Liliana Rose Vandermause, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sing:



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single line. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: "1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;". The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line. Below the second staff, the lyrics are: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Liliana Rose: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

P: Liliana Rose, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sister Liliana into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the following refrain after each petition.

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Comfort: For Sue Moore and Chuck Czaplewski following the death of their friend, Karin

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

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

OFFERING

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaking
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I build my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now?

**He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail (Repeat)**

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through

Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaking
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now? (*Chorus*)

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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 grape juice are available.

SOLO

To the Table

SONGS

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

**You are Way Maker
Miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker
Miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are**

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You
(Chorus)

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
And even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
(Chorus)

Our God

Water you turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like you

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, our God

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.



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 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 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? 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>.

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, 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, 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>.

Thank You: Thank you to all who attended the Ministry Fair. It was great to see all the minis-

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tries 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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Thu May 2

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 11am Staff Spanish
 1pm Hansen Group HR
 6pm JOLT EH

Fri May 3

10am Cloverleaf EH
 JOLT Lutherdale

Sat May 4

JOLT Lutherdale
 8am Property Day

Sun May 5

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 12pm Dia de la Cruz con al-
 muerzo WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon May 6

6pm Amen CR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue May 7

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed May 8

1pm Knit Wits HR
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu May 9

10am Al Anon CR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sun May 12

New member Sunday
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 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

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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