



Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 28, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Max Stigler

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Julie Kinunen, Becky Pepper

Greeter: Becky Pepper

Greeters: Niklasch Family—Billy, Molly,
Nora and Leo

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Scot Werner

PRELUDE

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, arr. John Innes

Piano/Organ Duet

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

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: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an

Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 15th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You

have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Deb Izu, surgery on April 30
Jerry Waltman, knee replacement on April 29

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING **What a Fellowship** (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms) **Ascension Choir**
David Cherwien



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- QR code
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- Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 488

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

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

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

March, G. F. Handel



ASCENSION

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!

New Member Class: Interested in learning more about Ascension or considering joining? Attend our new member classes between services today and get the scoop. Sign-up online <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>.

Pupusa Pick-Up: Pupusa pick-up will be between 3:30 and 5 p.m. today. Look for an email (or text) from Pastor Edwin for your specific time. Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser!

CRASH students who are going to the Youth Gathering will meet at 2 p.m. today to prepare the pupusas.

JOLT will meet Thursday, May 2, at 6 p.m.

Property Day May 4: May the 4th be with you as we get together on Saturday, May 4, starting at 8 a.m. to clean-up our church and property for spring. Bring your tools, gloves and helpful hearts!

GriefShare: We're still looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare for the last session of GriefShare on April 30. Please see the Sign-Up Genius (<http://tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24>) or contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org, if you can help.

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>.

Blessing Box: Donations of non-perishable snacks and items are needed for the Blessing Box. Please consider buying something extra when you're at the grocery store.

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.

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/>.

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

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
 3:30pm 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 AI 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 AI 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

<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>

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

Sunday, May 5

8:30

10:45

Acolyte	Elsa Kinunen	Mira Schaefer
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Jennifer Werner	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Greeters	Sharon Coralline, Susan Koefel	Duane and Kelly Schoon
Media	Buck Houston	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Dennis, DJ and Shelby Leatherwood

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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