



*Lutheran Church*

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m., May 5, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Elsa Kinunen

**Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer

**Communion:** Sharon Coralline, Jennifer Werner

**Greeters:** Sharon Coralline, Susan Koefel

**Media:** Buck Houston

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

**Usher:** Paul Wehmeier

**PRELUDE**

*Hymn to Joy, Beethoven, setting by Paul Manz*

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

## 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.

## KYRIE

p. 138

## HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

p. 140

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## 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 15th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

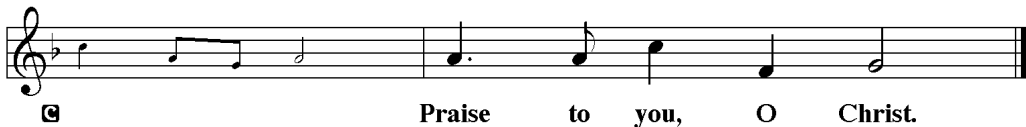
## GOSPEL READING

**John 15:9-17**

[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



## SERMON

**Pastor Tony**

## HYMN

**Great God, Your Love Has Called Us**

**ELW 358**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

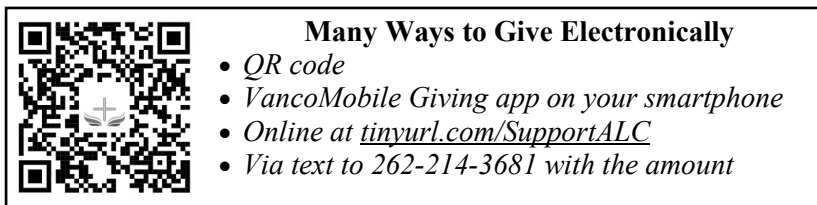
**Healing:** For Jeremy Poling’s father, Ken, recovering from triple bypass surgery  
For Elaine Kilgore, upcoming knee replacement  
For Elizabeth Aguilar and newborn baby girl

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

**Beautiful Savior**

**ELW 838**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

# LORD'S PRAYER

Voice

Cantor All Cantor

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low'ed be your

6 All Cantor All Cantor

name, hal-low'd be your name. Your king-dom come, your king-dom come, your

11 All Cantor All

will be done, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en, on earth as in heav-en.

17 Cantor All Cantor All

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, For-

22 Cantor All Cantor All

give us our sins as we for-give those, as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us, who

27 Cantor All

sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al, save us from the time of

32 Cantor All Cantor All Cantor

tri-al, and de-live-er us, and de-liv-er us from e-vil, from e-vil. For the

37 All

king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, for the king-dom, the pow-er and the

40 Cantor All Cantor  
glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er. A -

46 All  
men. A - - - - men.

### 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

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

ELW 380

### COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Holy Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

### 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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

## 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

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds, *Thomas Gieschen***

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

### Sun May 5

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

12pm Dia de la Cruz WH

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

### Mon May 6

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Comm. Outreach HR

### Tue May 7

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

12pm Metrosound S

### 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

### Mon May 13

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

### Tue May 14

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Holloway group HR

### Wed May 15

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

### Wed May 15 cont.

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### Thu May 16

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

11am Staff Spanish

1pm Hansen Group CR

### Sat May 18

12pm Private event MG

12:30pm Knit Wits CR

5pm El Salvador Fundraiser

### Key

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>



# 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!

**Senior Toweling:** We will once again celebrate our graduating seniors on Sunday, June 2, at both services with their senior toweling. Please send a picture of your graduating senior and their plans following graduation to Tamie Greenwood, [tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tamie@ascensionelca.org), and/or Amy Gilgenbach, [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org).

**CRASH:** CRASH will meet today at 6 p.m. and, for the last time for the schoolyear, on Sunday, May 19, at 6 p.m.

**JOLT:** JOLT will meet on Thursday, May 9, to wrap up the year and celebrate with pizza. Don't eat dinner!

**BLAST Celebration:** Join us on Sunday, May 19, in the Memorial Gardens after second services to celebrate the last gathering of BLAST. The inflatables are returning for the celebration!

**Out of Sorts Book Study:** Want to gather with other Ascension adults to read, learn, question and share? Join Teri Quam and others Mondays at 6:30 p.m. starting May 13. The book is *Out of Sorts: Making Peace with an Evolving Faith* by Sarah Bessey. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/SpringBook24> or contact Teri Quam [tquam61@gmail.com](mailto:tquam61@gmail.com) with questions.

**Young at Heart:** Young at Heart will meet Wednesday, May 15, for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass if you're able.

**Young at Heart:** Young at Heart will meet the second Wednesday of June (June 12) at noon for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Please note the date change as we normally meet on the third Wednesday.

**Partnership Dinner & Auction:** Buy your tickets today for the El Salvador Partnership Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 18. Sign-up to donate to the auction or to volunteer, [tinyurl.com/tacodinner2024](https://tinyurl.com/tacodinner2024).

**Blessing Box:** Donations of non-perishables are needed for the Blessing Box. Please consider buying something extra when you're next at the grocery store.

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

**Jubilate "One Voice":** The Jubilate Chorale will present "One Voice" on Sunday, May 5, 3 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, New Berlin. Tickets are available from Ascension members Scott Greger and Vicki Taylor, or online at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org).

# 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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