



Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:45 a.m., Sunday, May 5, 2024

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Mira Schaefer

Altar Guild: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Greeters: Duane and Kelly Schoon

Media: Andrew Marien

Ushers: Dennis, DJ, Shelby Leatherwood

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.

SONGS

All Things Are Possible

Your praise is always on my lips
Your word is living in my heart
And I will praise You with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord
You fill my life with greater joy
Yes I delight myself in You
And I will praise You with a new song
My soul will bless You Lord

When I am weak, You make me strong
When I'm poor, I know I'm rich
In the power of Your name

All things are possible (4x)

Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

For His returning, we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King
(Chorus)

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

Everything Glorious

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter than its hue
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

My eyes are small but they have seen
The beauty of enormous things
Which leads me to believe
There's light enough to see *(Chorus)*

You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours

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: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

**I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

Please say, “Hear our prayer” and sing the above refrain after each petition.

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

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OFFERING

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a savior
The hope of nations

Savior, he can move the mountains
Our God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Many Ways to Give



- 1) *QR code*
- 2) *Vanco Giving app*
- 3) *Online at ti-nyurl.com/SupportALC*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

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

Gratitude

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SONGS

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You**

**Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who you are and fill me with Your heart
and lead me in Your love to those around me (*Repeat*)**

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken
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Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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 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

SONG

Grace

Called and chosen when I was far away
You brought me into your family
Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away
Your loving kindness is life to me

‘Cause it’s grace, there’s nothing I can do
To make You love me more
To make You love me less than You do
And by faith I’m standing on this stone
Of Christ and Christ alone
Your righteousness is all that I need
‘Cause it’s grace

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

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

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

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>



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, and/or Amy Gilgenbach, 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 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.

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.

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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