



Ascension of Our Lord
10:45 a.m., Sunday, May 12, 2024

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Kellen Johnson
Altar Guild: Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion: Mary Ellen Comp, Teri Quam
Communion: Gary Wiperman

Greeters: Acompanado Family
Media: Cheryl Anspach
Ushers: Cynthia and Mike Carlson

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

God Is with Us Now

Everyone who longs for truth
Needing hope and strength renewed
Come and meet the Savior of the world
Everyone who longs inside
Desperate for the words of life
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

God is with us now
His love rains down, His love reigns now
Saved by grace and power
His love rains down, His love reigns now
God is with us now

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord, still I will say

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME / RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Chris

SONG

I Will Lift My Eyes

God, my God I cry out, your beloved needs You now
God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt
Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

I will lift my eyes to the maker, of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the calmer, of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the healer of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me
And God right here, all I bring is all of me
Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day. It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' You are witnesses of all these things. "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven." Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

You are...

Pastor Chris

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SONG

Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (3x)**

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no I won't be shaken
(Chorus)

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (5x)**

PRAYERS

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

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (3x)**

Comfort: For Elizabeth Aguilera and children following the death of Noé
For Kim Bangaoil and family at the death of her mother, Susan

Healing: Rick Dowling, following surgery for a broken hip
Sandie Pfeiffer, following a cardiac stent
Elaine Kilgore, following knee replacement
Dorene Rudd, hospitalized for pneumonia and other illnesses
For Cynthia Carlson's brother-in-law, Steve, following open heart surgery

Thanksgiving: For Vanessa and Benedicto Aparicio at the birth of a daughter, Audrey
For Elizabeth Aguilera and family at the birth of a daughter, Melanie
For Bob and Jan Zastrow, celebrating 55 years of marriage on May 10
With Peter Passante for Jillian and Zoey, recovering from illness
For Cynthia Carlson's brother Gale, receiving a clear CT scan after cancer treatment for the third time

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OFFERING

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again, we believe

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe (*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

Goodness of God

SONGS

Come Just as You Are

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are

Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever

Life everlasting
And strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
(Chorus)

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

God Is on the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know, I know, I know, I know

**God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today**

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets us free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know, I know, I know, I know *(Chorus)*

I see a generation standing on the Truth
In each and every nation God is on the move *(Chorus)*

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We 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!

CRASH: CRASH will meet on Sunday, May 19, at 6 p.m.

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

Senior Toweling: We will 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 Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org.

"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 with questions, tquam61@gmail.com.

Partnership Dinner & Auction: Buy your tickets this weekend for the El Salvador Partnership Dinner & Auction on Saturday, May 18. Sign-up online to donate to the auction or to volunteer, <https://tinyurl.com/tacodinner2024>.

Handbell Concert: The Ringing Badgers Handbell Ensemble will present a concert at Ascension on Saturday, June 1, at 3 p.m. The Ringing Badgers is an auditioned community based handbell choir from the Madison area. Admission is free; a free will offering will be collected. A reception will follow. Please join us for an afternoon of joyful music sure to fill your heart with the warmth and sunshine of the season!

New and Improved Blessing Box and Little Free Library! Thanks to an Eagle Scout, we have new boxes being installed this week that are insulated, waterproof, handicapped-accessible, and twice as large. Please continue to help us keep the boxes full and organized.

Mustard Seed Ministry: Did you find a ministry to get involved with at the Ministry Fair? Did you sign-up for something and have forgotten all about it in the busy spring days? If you don't nurture your mustard seed, it won't grow. If it doesn't grow, you won't see the blessings your mustard seed can be to others and to yourself. Check your Passport Book or the Mustard Seed Ministry page <https://ascensionelca.org/serve/mustard-seed/> about how you can step out in faith.

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

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

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

2pm Aguilera visitation

4pm Aguilera funeral S

5pm Aguilera reception EH/
WH

7pm Holloway group CR

Wed May 15

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7pm Adult Choir S

Thu May 16

Synod Assembly

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

11am Staff Spanish

1pm Hansen Group CR

Sat May 18

Synod Assembly

12pm Private event MG

12:30pm Knit Wits CR

5pm El Salvador Fundraiser

Sun May 19 Pentecost

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Last day of BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship MG

12pm BLAST Celebration MG

6pm CRASH (last)

7pm AA WH

Mon May 20

10am Fire Inspection kit

6pm Amen CR

6:30pm Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue May 21

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed May 22

1pm Bunco WH

3pm Ziegert visitation

5pm Ziegert funeral S

6pm Ziegert reception

7pm AA WH

Thu May 23

10am Al Anon CR

Fri May 24

Cloverleaf Picnic PL/MG

Sun May 26

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Outdoor Worship MG

7pm AA WH

Mon May 27 Memorial Day

Office Closed

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue May 28

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Holloway group HR

Wed May 29

7pm AA WH

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>

WORSHIP SUPPORT <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Sunday, May 19

8:30

10:45 Outdoor

Acolyte	Aidan Miller	Ella Pfahler
Altar Guild	Jimmy and Chris Loos	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Jeff Froh, Becky Hastings
Greeters	Sarah, Jonathan, Emily Boales	Lori Acompañado
Media	Adam Boales	<i>none needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mike Rapp

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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