



Lutheran Church

Ascension of Our Lord

8:30 a.m., Sunday, May 12, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Mikael Wagner

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Julie Kinunen, Jennifer Werner

Greeter: Diane Pavletich

Greeters: Boales Family - Adam, Sarah,
Jonathan and Emily

Media: Kurt Werner

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
setting by J. G. Walther, Paul Manz

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392

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: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

When Morning Gilds the Skies, arr. Molly Ijames

Ascension Choir

CHILDREN'S TIME / RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Chris

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.**

HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (v. 5)

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SERMON

You Are...

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579

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

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

Thanksgiving: With Vanessa and Benedicto Aparicio at the birth of a daughter, Audrey
With Elizabeth Aguilera and family at the birth of a daughter, Melanie

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(Prayers continued)

Thanksgiving: 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

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Praise His Holy Name, *Keith Hampton*

Ascension Choir



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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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

ELW 494

O Christ, Our Hope

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Jesus Shall Reign

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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 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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name, *Flor Peeters*



ASCENSION

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, tquam61@gmail.com, with questions.

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 AI 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 AI 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
MG	Memorial Gardens
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 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 Acompanado
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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