



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

The Holy Trinity

8:30 a.m., May 26, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Kathy Johnson, *Service Musician*

Acolyte: Max Stigler

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Communion: Marge and Todd Schroeder

Greeters: Dave and Liz Carleton

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Scot Werner

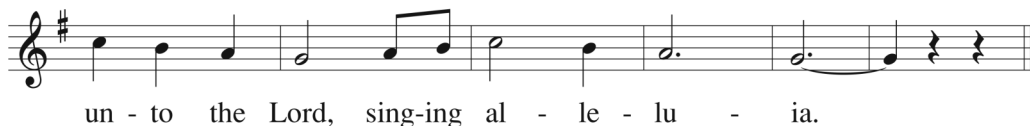
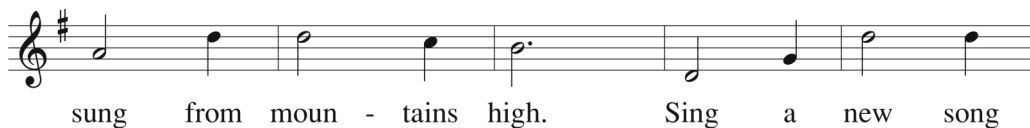
PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Sing a New Song

Refrain



Verses



1. Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -
 2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior
 3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry



fore the Lord. And play for God on
 now has come. & He has turned your
 of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the



glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.
 sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.
 dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

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

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

Thanksgiving: For Linda Druml's successful surgery last week

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Gathered in the Love of Christ

Gath-ered in the love of Christ, we are
 one in the fam- 'ly of God. We are the
 dwell -ing place that love has made. We are
 formed to be good-ness and light in the world.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

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

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:

have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS**Let Us Break Bread Together****ELW 471****Will You Let Me Be Your Servant****ELW 659****Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup****ELW 492****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.

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**Go to the World**

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, June 2	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Simon Williams	Cole Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Linda Elder, Paul Wehmeier	Pat Boyer, Mary Ellen Comp, Gary Wipperman
Greeters	Nancy Cahen, Donna Savin	Paul and Melody Maass
Media	Kurt Werner	Andrew Marien, Jeff Froh
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Jim Hahn	Dennis Leatherwood



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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.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

Summer Worship Schedule Begins! The summer worship schedule begins this weekend, Sunday, May 26, with both of the 10:45 a.m. services (English and Spanish) moving to 10 a.m. The 8:30 a.m. service stays the same. The 10 a.m. English worship this weekend will be held in the Memorial Gardens, weather permitting.

Memorial Day: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial Day. If you haven't already, consider reading Pastor Tony's reflection on Memorial Day, <https://ascensionelca.org/memorial-day/>.

Handbell Concert: The Ringing Badgers Handbell Ensemble will present a concert at Ascension on Saturday, June 1, at 3 p.m. 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!

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, where they are graduating from and their plans following graduation to the office, admin@ascensionelca.org.

Outdoor Worship Schedule: Mark your calendar to join us for worship in the Memorial Gardens on the following Sundays this summer: June 23, July 28, Aug. 11 and Sept. 1.

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

Sing for a Sunday: Singers of all ages are invited to sing in an intergenerational choir on Sunday, June 23. We will meet for one rehearsal on Thursday, June 20, from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by singing in 8:30 worship on Sunday, June 23. The song can be easily learned by listening and all are welcome! Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, and say you'll join us!

Hope Center: Take the opportunity to visit the new Hope Center at 101 W. Broadway at an open house on June 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a dedication at 6 p.m. You will be able to see the newly-renovated space and the programs that have expanded to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community. See the Mission Outreach Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO> for the post with all the details.

Many Ways to Give



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

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

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

Thu May 30

10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Knit Wits HR

Sat Jun 1

1pm Private Event S
 3pm Ringing Badgers Hand-
 bell Choir Concert S

Sun Jun 2

Senior Toweling
8:30am Worship S
 9:30a Vicki Taylor Reception
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 11am CRASH Youth Gather-
 ing Mtg WH
 1pm Private event S, N
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 3

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Jun 4

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 5

11:30am Staff Meeting
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 6

10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group HR

Sun Jun 9

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 10

Adventure Camp
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Jun 11

Adventure Camp
 7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Jun 12

Adventure Camp
 12pm Young at Heart WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 13

Adventure Camp
 10am Al Anon CR

Sat Jun 15

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

Sun Jun 16

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 17

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Jun 18

ELCA House Band S EH/WH
 HR
 7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Church council HR

Wed Jun 19

ELCA House Band S EH/WH
 HR
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 20

ELCA House Band S EH/WH
 HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group CR
 6pm Sing for a Sunday Re-
 hearsal S

Fri Jun 21

ELCA House Band S, EH,
 WH, K, HR

Sat Jun 22

ELCA House Band S EH/WH
 HR

Sun Jun 23

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Outdoor Worship MG
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 24

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>

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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