



Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., May 18, 2025

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Simon Williams **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Darlene DiBrito, Becky Pepper

Greeters: Sharon Coralline, Cathy Dugdale **Media:** Buck Houston

Reader: Darlene DiBrito **Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE **O Sons and Daughters of the King**, *settings by Burkhardt, Dandrieu*

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**With High Delight Let Us Unite****ELW 368****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****p. 140****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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**Easter Bells, *Michael Ryan*****Ascension Ringers****CHILDREN'S TIME****Pastor Chris****FIRST READING****Revelation 21:1-6**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff contains the melody for "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 13th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a common time signature 'C' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is for "Glo - ry to you, O Lord.".

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a common time signature 'C' and ends with a double bar line. The melody is for "Praise to you, O Christ.".

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us (v. 1, 3, 4, 5)

ELW 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Healing for:** Linda Hansen’s nephew, Tom, surgery for thyroid cancer
Sheri Greger’s cousin, Tony, in ICU on a ventilator after developing blood clots
Sarah Paczesny’s cousin Dan and his wife Becky, injured in a car accident
- Comfort for:** Sarah Paczesny’s cousin Dan and wife Becky at the death of Becky’s mom, Lettie
- God’s Care:** For everyone going on the Ark Encounter trip

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

All Things New, *Elaine Hagenberg*

Ascension Choir



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- *QR code*
- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *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 white grape juice are available.

LAMB OF GOD

p. 146

HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW 543

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen 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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! *Healey Willan*

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
May 25	8:30a	10a Outdoor
Acolytes	<i>Needed</i>	Hadley Marien
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Marge Schroeder, Jennifer Werner	Mary Ellen Comp, Mike Tomchek, Gary Wipperman
Greeters	Bob and Jan Zastrow	
Media	Adam Boales	<i>None needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler, <i>One needed</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 if needed. There are also Busy Bags available in the lobby.

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

Baptized: We welcome Ronan Wayne Bonnell in baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. service. Ronan's parents are Brent and Christin Bonnell. Ronan's sponsors are Andrew Bonnell and Cara Bonnell. Ronan's sister is Iris.

BLAST Celebration: Come celebrate with us today for our last BLAST. There will be a light breakfast and fun activities between services! We are excited to see you all there!

\$88 for 88: Help us raise money for a gently-used baby grand piano! Donate today! Forty of 88 keys have already been donated toward our total goal of \$7800!

Summer Worship: We start our summer worship on Memorial Day, May 25. Join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and 10 a.m. in the Memorial Gardens, weather permitting. Bring a chair!

Senior Toweling: We're celebrating our high school seniors on Sunday, June 8, at both services with senior toweling. Please send a picture of your graduating senior, where they're graduating from and their plans following graduation to Tamie Greenwood, tamie@ascensionelca.org.

Wild at Heart Men's Book Study: Beginning tomorrow Monday, May 19, from 6:30-8 p.m., Pastor Chris is leading a book study for the guys at Ascension. The book is *Wild at Heart* by John Eldredge. Buy the book ahead of time or let PC know if you need him to pick one. The book explores the attitudes and myths about being a man of faith in the world and in the church.

Kitchen Care: We're recruiting volunteers to clean the kitchen as a group every other month. Help us keep our new kitchen looking nice! If you can help, please contact Arlene Davis, 262-542-9119 or by email, ahdavis98@gmail.com.

Young at Heart: The Young at Heart group invites you to the monthly potluck and fellowship lunch Wednesday, May 21, at noon. Come and bring a friend (and a dish to pass if able) for an enjoyable afternoon! Just a reminder, if you signed up for the trip to Lambeau Field, it's Thursday, June 5. Meet at church. The bus leaves at 8 a.m.

Scam Prevention Program: Learn how to protect yourself from scams on Tuesday, May, 20, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 424 Hyde Park Ave., Waukesha, as part of St. Mark's senior group potluck gathering. Potluck at noon followed by scam protection program at 1 p.m.

Lost & Found: Please check the Lost & Found areas in the Donation Center this week! There are some nice casserole pans, Tupperware, stainless steel mugs and more that will go to Goodwill next week if not claimed.

E-Giving



• Tinyurl.com/SupportALC

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

Sun May 18

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST WH

10:45am Worship EH S

12:45pm Private recital S

7pm AA WH

Mon May 19

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm PC AMEN Study CR

Tue May 20

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed May 21

12pm Young at Heart WH

7pm AA WH

Thu May 22

9am Action Fire K

10am Al Anon CR

Fri May 23

Cloverleaf Picnic

Sun May 25

8:30am Worship S

10am Outdoor Worship MG

10am Worship EH

7pm AA WH

Mon May 26 Memorial Day

Office closed

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MG	Memorial Garden
N	Narthex (Lobby)
PR	Prayer Room
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall (Kit)
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Tue May 27

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer Group

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

Wed May 28

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu May 29

10am Al Anon CR

Fri May 30

GMS Assembly

Sat May 31

GMS Assembly

Sun Jun 1

8:30am Worship S

10am Worship EH

10am Outdoor Worship S

5pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 2

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm PC AMEN Study CR

Tue Jun 3

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm Prayer Vigil EH

Wed Jun 4

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 5

8am YAH Lambeau bus trip

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

Sun Jun 8 Senior Toweling

8:30am Worship S

10am Worship EH S

11:15am CRASH KY Mtg WH

7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 9

12pm Staff Mtg HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm PC AMEN Study CR

Tue Jun 10

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer Group

6:30pm SOPHIA Mtg WH

7pm Church council HR

Wed Jun 11

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 12

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jun 15

8:30am Worship S

10am Outdoor Worship MG

10am Worship EH

7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 16

JOLT Adventure Camp begins

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jun 17

JOLT Adventure Camp

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 18

JOLT Adventure Camp

12pm Young at Heart WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 19

JOLT Adventure Camp returns

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

Sat Jun 21

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

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?

- ☐ E-Alert
- ☐ 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 (membership)



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