



Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:45 a.m., May 18, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: _____ **Altar Guild:** Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Diane and Rick Dowling, Cathy Rapp

Media: Anna Marien **Reader:** Gary Wipperman **Usher:** Mike Rapp

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (***Chorus***)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (***Chorus***)

Today Is the Day

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have
In store for me is good, is good

**Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day**

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good **(Chorus)**

I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
(Chorus)

PRAYER

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.**

SONG

Better Is One Day

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere *(Repeat)***

How lovely is Your dwelling place
Oh Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
Here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I see beneath the shadow of Your wings

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

This I Believe (The Creed)

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*)

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR RONAN WAYNE BONNELL

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: Andrew and Cara, do you present Ronan Wayne for the sacrament of holy baptism?
Sponsors: We do.

P: Brent and Christin, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ronan Wayne baptized into Christ?
Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Ronan Wayne to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Ronan grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: **We do.**

P: Andrew and Cara, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Ronan: to walk alongside him as he grows in his faith and in his relationship with God?
Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Ronan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
C: **We do.**

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I do.**

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Ronan Wayne Bonnell, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sing:



P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Ronan Wayne: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

P: Ronan Wayne, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new brother Ronan into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

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

Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts, than thousands elsewhere

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

God's Care: For everyone going on the Ark Encounter trip

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OFFERING

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains **(Chorus)**

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love **(Chorus)**

Ways to Give



- *Vanco Giving app*
- *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 grape juice are available.

SOLO

Finally Home

SONGS

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your name

Jesus in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name **(Chorus)**

**Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name**

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You

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

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.**

SONG

Old Church Choir

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it
There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**

When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh, You are with me, never leave me
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
(Chorus)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need **(Chorus)**

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

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



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. Forty of 88 keys have already been donated toward our 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

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>

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)

Please place in the offering plate.



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