



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## **Palm Sunday**

8:30 a.m., March 29, 2026

### **Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolytes:** Benji Earnest **Altar Guild:** Joan Birner

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Darlene DiBrito

**Communion:** Becky Pepper **Greeters:** Kristy Olson Schubert, Maelyn Olson

**Instrumentalist:** Andrew Szymanek, *trumpet* **Media:** Cheryl Werner

**Reader:** Maggie Mulroy **Ushers:** Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder

**PRELUDE** Partita on “All Glory, Laud and Honor,” *Michael Burkhardt*  
1. Maestoso 2. Toccata

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** **Hosanna! Sing a Loud Hosanna!** **Ascension Choir**  
*Mark Hayes*

## **OPENING WORDS**

P: Hosanna in the highest!

**C: Hosanna to the Son of David!**

P: I rejoice with those who said to me “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**C: Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem.**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**C: Hosanna in the highest!**

**OPENING HYMN** **Rise, Shine, You People!** **ELW 665**

## **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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**ANTHEM****Blessed Is He, *Hare/Houts*****Children's Choir****CHILDREN'S TIME / RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS****Pastor Chris****FIRST READING****Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Prepare the Royal Highway (*v. 1, 2*)****ELW 264****GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

P: The good news according to St. Matthew.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

**GOSPEL READING****Matthew 21:1-11**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

P: This is the good news of our God!

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** For Jackie Bosanac, hip surgery  
For Nancy Haker, foot surgery  
For Pat Boyer

**Thanksgiving:** For Shirley Novotny celebrating her 93rd birthday on 4/3  
For Linda Druml, clear scans

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna  
*arr. Sandra Eithun*

Ascension Ringers



Many Ways to Give Electronically

- *QR code*
- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at [tinyurl.com/SupportALC](http://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. 154

HYMNS

Eat This Bread (3x)

ELW 472

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

## HYMN

### My Song Is Love Unknown (v. 1-4, 7)



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;  
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they  
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.  
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## 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

**Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

**ELW 338**

## SENDING

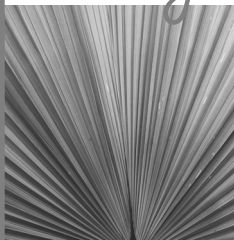
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

**Chaconne, Louis Couperin**

# Holy Week ~ Semana Santa



**March 29**  
**Palm Sunday**  
**Domingo de Ramos**

8:30 & 10:45 English  
10:45a en español



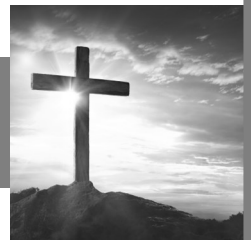
**April 2**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**Jueves Santo**

6:30p English  
6:30p en español



**April 3**  
**Good Friday**  
**Viernes Santo**

12p & 6:30p English  
5:30p Procesional y  
misa (en español)



**April 5**  
**Easter**  
**Domingo de Resurrección**

8:30 & 10:45a  
English  
10:45a en español



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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 if needed.

**Pew Pads:** Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.

**Alfombras:** After worship today, you will have the opportunity to help create the alfombras (sawdust carpets) we will walk over in the Spanish procession on Good Friday.

**New Members:** We welcome the following people into membership today — Jane Kaufman; Dave & Pam Larsen; Nelson Amaya Lopez & Brenda Morales (Logan); Valeria Martinez & Francisco Morales (Camila, Fabio); Becky Perdue; Adriana & Marcelino Promotor (Marcelino Jr., Orlando, Karina); Danielle Weber (Delaney, Natalie) .

**Lily Donations** We are lagging behind in donations of lilies to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Please fill-out the form in the back of the bulletin and place in the offering plate along with your donation TODAY (the last day to donate). Lilies are \$16 each.

**Calling All Acolytes!** We are looking for volunteers on Maundy Thursday, April 2, at 6:30 p.m., and Good Friday, April 3, at 12 and 6:30 p.m. Two for each service would be great! Please let the church office know by emailing Tamie Greenwood, [Tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:Tamie@ascensionelca.org).

**Children's Ministry Breakfast & Conversations:** Sunday, April 12, Children's Ministry families will meet between services for a potluck breakfast and table conversations. Please sign-up online [https://tinyurl.com/Breakfast-chat!](https://tinyurl.com/Breakfast-chat)

**JOLT in April:** Of course, you are invited, and dare we say expected, to be at Holy Week services. How else do we learn the story of Holy Week and all that Jesus has done? JOLT meets on:

- \* Thursday, April 2, Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (in worship)
- \* Friday, April 3, Good Friday, 6:30 p.m. (in worship)
- \* Sunday, April 5, Easter, 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. (in worship)
- \* Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, 6-7:30 p.m. NO JOLT Thursday, April 9

**Prayers for Our Latino Members:** Thank you all for the love shown to Alejandra and Alisson. Unfortunately, their latest immigration step was denied, and they are now facing a deportation order. To help them prepare for their departure, we are collecting suitcases for them. If you can donate any large luggage (not carry on), please contact Pastor Edwin, [edwin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:edwin@ascensionelca.org). Your support means the world during this heartbreaking time.

**College Care:** We are organizing care packages for college students who are in their final stretch of spring semester. Due to the cost of these packages and shipping, we typically only send them to Ascension college students; however, for \$30/student, we would be happy to include non-member students in this care initiative. Additionally, we welcome any donations to help offset the overall costs. Care packages will be mailed the last week of April and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 19. Please sign up your student at <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC> or make a donation. Please contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org), with questions.

**Partners AFAR Pasta Dinner:** Save Saturday, May 16, for our annual Partnership Pasta Dinner. For this year's event, we're focusing our efforts on our partners in Tanzania ahead of our July delegation. Come enjoy a fun night of fellowship, knowing that every contribution directly impacts the shared educational, ministry, and economic development initiatives that make our partnership so meaningful.



**How You Can Help**

**Thrivent Members:** You can make a significant impact by applying for a Thrivent Action Team grant to help cover our operational costs.

**Donate Auction Items:** We are seeking high-quality items for our raffle, auction or wine and spirit pull. Experience-based gifts—such as gift cards for services, restaurants, and local experiences—as well as alcohol products, are traditionally our most successful items. Due to space constraints, we are only able to accept new items this year.

Contact Sarah Aparicio, [sarah@ascensionelca.org](mailto:sarah@ascensionelca.org), if you can help.

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

**Sun Mar 29 Palm Sunday**

**8:30am Worship S**  
9:45am Alfombras  
**10:45am Worship EH S**  
7pm AA WH

**Mon Mar 30**

10am / 6pm Chosen HR  
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Mar 31**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
9:30am Women's Bible CR  
10:30am Boyer group HR

**Wed Apr 1**

6pm Handbells S  
7pm AA WH  
7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Apr 2**

**Maundy Thursday**

9:30am TGIT HR  
10am Al Anon CR  
1pm Hansen Mtg CR  
**6:30pm Worship S**

**Fri Apr 3 Good Friday**

**12pm Worship S**  
**5:30pm Procession MG**  
**6:30pm Worship S EH**

**Sun Apr 5 Easter**

**8:30am Worship S**  
9:30am Latino Ministry  
Breakfast WH  
**10:45am Worship EH S**  
**2pm Wild Church MG WH**  
7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 6 Easter Monday**

*Church office closed*  
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Apr 7**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
9a Sanctuary move-out  
9:30am Women's Bible CR  
10:30am Boyer group HR  
6pm GriefShare CR

**Wed Apr 8**

7pm AA WH

**Thu Apr 9**

10am Al Anon CR

**Sat Apr 11**

9am Jubilate rehearsal S  
1pm Sanctuary move in

**Sun Apr 12**

**8:30am Worship S**  
9:45am CM Breakfast WH  
**10:45am Worship EH S**  
7pm AA WH

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

## Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$16 each.



### Donor(s)

\_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is given (*please check*):

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Donated in memory of:  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!*



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## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### *How did God invite you here?*

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### *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.**