



ASCENSION

Maundy Thursday
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 2, 2026



Worship Leadership

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
The Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Ariya Jewett **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Diane and Rick Dowling, Jennifer Werner

Media: **Ushers:** Jim Hahn, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act
Setting by Michael Burkhardt

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Evensong, arr. Derek Hakes

Ascension Ringers

EVENING HYMN

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

ELW 561

CONFESSION

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.**

LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANTHEM

Can It Be? Faye López

Ascension Choir

HYMNS

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

ELW 358

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...On this night holy God, we hear words of forgiveness and feel the weight of hands placed on our heads to be reminded that you only need to reach out to touch our brokenness and make us whole once again. Tonight, we stand and watch, and find ourselves overcome as we remember your arrest, beating, and the stripping of your garments. Tonight, we begin to prepare for what will come tomorrow. Give us strength to watch these events and not turn away. This night we remember your gift of love to us and your willingness to offer yourself for us. Tonight, we are reminded, and we remember.

C: **Amen.**

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 13:1-17

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one

another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

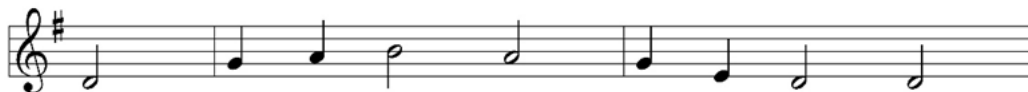
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Love Consecrates the Humblest Act



1 Love con - se - crates the hum - blest act and
2 When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ
3 Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what



ha - loes mer - cy's deeds; it sheds a ben - e -
knelt and washed the feet of his dis - ci - ples,
Christ in love so true has free - ly done for



dic - tion sweet and hal - lows hu - man needs.
he gave us a sign of love com - plete.
one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OFFERING

I Lay My Sins on Jesus



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;



he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.
his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.



I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;



clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.
like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Holy God, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your love for all humanity. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to break bread with the outcast and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

C: Amen.

P: On the night before Jesus died, he gathered with his friends to have supper. Over the meal they shared stories of lament and longing. They told stories of regret for a world of injustice and powerlessness that before they met Jesus they hadn't even noticed. Sorrow for the empires of the age that were bent on their own continued existence, but no longer had any reason to exist. Pain over the people who were silenced. Sadness over the people who were blind to the possibility that the world could be anything other than what it was. They told stories of longing that the new world they'd glimpsed might become the dominant reality; longing that the voiceless would be given a voice; longing that the powerful would be freed

from their addiction; longing for the imagination to escape the numbing quality of the empires that tell you that this world is all there is. The meal moved towards its conclusion, and Jesus called for bread and wine.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE 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

Jesus the Lamb, Jeff Britton
(Soloist sings once; all sing on repeat.)

Je-sus the Lamb Je-sus Lamb of God you take all a -
10 way all a - way the_ sins of all peo-ple Je-sus the Lamb Je-sus Lamb of
18 God you take all a - way all a - way the_ sins of all peo-ple Je-sus the Lamb
27 Je-sus Lamb of God Pour your sweet mer-cy on us Je-sus the Lamb

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Je-sus Lamb of God you take all a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us

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all _____ Grant _____ us all _____ your peace _____

HYMNS	Come to the Table	ELW 481
	Let Us Break Bread Together	ELW 471
	What Feast of Love	ELW 487

COMMUNION BLESSING

READING

John 18:1-12a

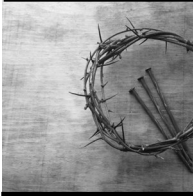
[Jesus] went out with his disciples across the Kidron valley to a place where there was a garden, which he and his disciples entered. Now Judas, who betrayed him, also knew the place, because Jesus often met there with his disciples. So Judas brought a detachment of soldiers together with police from the chief priests and the Pharisees, and they came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. Then Jesus, knowing all that was to happen to him, came forward and asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” They answered, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus replied, “I am he.” Judas, who betrayed him, was standing with them. When Jesus said to them, “I am he,” they stepped back and fell to the ground. Again he asked them, “Whom are you looking for?” And they said, “Jesus of Nazareth.” Jesus answered, “I told you that I am he. So if you are looking for me, let these men go.” This was to fulfill the word that he had spoken, “I did not lose a single one of those whom you gave me.” Then Simon Peter, who had a sword, drew it, struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear. The slave’s name was Malchus. Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword back into its sheath. Am I not to drink the cup that the Father has given me?” So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR	Psalm 22 / Of the Father’s Love Begotten	Jeff Britton, Scott Greger
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Please leave in silence.



April 3, Good Friday
Viernes Santo

12p & 6:30p (*English*)
5:30p Procession & wor-
ship (*Español*)



April 5, Easter Sunday
Domingo de Resurrección

8:30a & 10:45a (*English*)
10:45a (*Español*)

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

Good Friday Procession & Worship: You're invited to the Latino Ministries' Good Friday procession at 5:30 p.m. where we will walk over the alfombras. Worship will follow in Spanish in the Latino Sanctuary. English worship will be at 6:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. (English), 10:45 a.m. (Español).

Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: Ascension families are invited to a potluck breakfast between services on Easter Sunday, April 5. The Easter Bunny will be present for photos. Please bring a dish to share.

Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6, in recognition of Good Friday and Easter.

Tell Me Something New! We have new lighting for the main sanctuary ready to be installed! We need your help. On Tuesday, April 7, at 9 a.m. we are moving out the chairs from the sanctuary to make it easier for the lighting company to install the new lighting. Once everything is installed, we will need help moving back in on Saturday, April 11, at 1 p.m. If you can help with either or both, please contact the church office as soon as possible, 262-547-8518 or email to admin@ascensionelca.org. A little assistance in letting us know that you can help would be greatly appreciated.

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>!

JOLT in April: JOLT families are invited to Holy Week services. How else do we learn the story of Holy Week and all that Jesus has done? In addition to Holy Week worship, JOLT meets on Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, 6-7:30 p.m. There is **NO** JOLT Thursday, April 9.

College Care: Help us show our love and support to our hard-working college students with care packages leading up to finals. 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, with questions.

April Newsletter: Read all about April at Ascension, including pastoral perspectives, events and ministries, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.



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