



## Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., April 12, 2026

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Howie Leatherwood   **Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder

**Communion:** Pam Larsen, Marge and Todd Schroeder

**Greeters:** Nancy Cahen, Susan Koeferl   **Media:** Adam Boales

**Pianist:** Kathy Johnson   **Ushers:** Jeff Rohrer, Scot Werner

### PRELUDE

**Hallelujah** (*from Messiah*), G. F. Handel

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

**Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

**ELW 367**

### 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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

**This Is the Feast**

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Chris**

## 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.

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

**John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Chris

## HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

ELW 377

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Comfort:** For Duane Schoon and family and friends of Kelly Schoon following her death

**Healing:** For Jane Kaufman, following surgery for lung cancer  
For Dorene Rudd, hospitalized  
For Paul Eggers, hospitalized

**Thanksgiving:** For Ted Baehmann, celebrating his 96th birthday on 4/14  
For Vernon Formo, celebrating his 93rd birthday on 4/17

**God's Care:** For Alec Boyer, moving to Colorado

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

**I Know that My Redeemer Liveth** (*from Messiah*)  
*G. F. Handel*

**Annemarie  
Wucker**

### 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.

### E-Giving



- VancoMobile Giving app
- [tinyurl.com/SupportALC](http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)

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**PROPER PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** p. 144

**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.

**PRAYER STATION**

If you desire private prayers of healing for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

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**HYMNS** **Now We Join in Celebration** ELW 462

**Day of Arising** ELW 374

**We Walk by Faith** ELW 635

**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** **Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!** ELW 380

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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



**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!

**Today!**

- **Worship**, 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- **Children's Ministry Breakfast**, 9:45 a.m.
- **Young at Heart Boat Trip ticket sales**, 9:45 a.m.

**Children's Ministry Breakfast & Conversations:** Today between services, Children's Ministry families will meet for a potluck breakfast and table conversations.

**Young at Heart Dells Boat Trip:** Tickets are on sale in the narthex today for a boat tour of the Upper Dells with the Young at Heart group on Thursday, June 18. The group will leave church at 9 a.m. and get back at 6 p.m. Lunch (paid by you) will be at Cracker Barrel. The cost of the bus plus the boat is only \$60!

**Young at Heart** will meet Wednesday, April 15, at noon for the monthly potluck lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass if able.

**JOLT Resumes:** JOLT will meet Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, 6-7:30 p.m.

**College Care:** Help us show our love and support to our hard-working college students with care packages during finals. We typically only send care packages 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. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, April 19. Please sign-up your student online <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC> or make a donation to support this effort. Contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org), with questions.

**SOPHIA Immigration Task Force:** SOPHIA's Immigration Task Force will meet on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Ascension. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to attend.

**Healing Hearts Presentation:** Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Hearth Room to hear a presentation from Thaiz Soto, the director of Healing Hearts next Sunday, April 19, between services. This vital ministry in our community is one of our community partners.

**Healing Hearts April Meal:** Our next (and last until fall) meal for Healing Hearts is April 27. Visit the Sign-Up Genius, <https://tinyurl.com/HHSpring26>, to see how you can help support this community partner.

**Partners AFAR Pasta Dinner:** Saturday, May 16, is 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.

**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 have a donation.

**Spring Property Day:** Join us on Saturday, May 2, as we clean and spruce up the church property after a long winter. Bring your tools and gloves to help.

**Jubilate Chorale:** The Jubilate Chorale will present Peace Like a River here at Ascension at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, and 3 p.m., Sunday, May 3, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in New Berlin. Tickets are available online at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org) or from Director of Music Ministries Vicki Taylor.

**E-Giving**



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- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

<b>Worship Support</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</a>		
<b>April 19</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Benji Earnest, Jakob Wagner	Camden Johnson, Marti Mustapich
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
<b>Communion</b>	Lauren Birner, Jennifer Werner	Becky Hastings, Melody and Paul Maass
<b>Greeters</b>	Joyce Krueger, Becky Pepper	<i>Always appreciated</i>
<b>Media</b>	Buck Houston	Cheryl Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Paul Wehmeier, <i>volunteer needed</i>	Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

**Sun Apr 12**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am CM Breakfast WH Kit

**10:45am Worship EH S**

7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 13**

10am/6pm Chosen

*12pm Staff Mtg HR*

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

**Tue Apr 14**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer group HR

6pm GriefShare CR

6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration

Task Force Mtg WH

7pm Holloway mtg HR

**Wed Apr 15**

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Apr 16**

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Mtg CR

6pm JOLT EH

**Sat Apr 18**

*8:30am SOPHIA Prayer*

*Breakfast*

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

*5pm Healing Hearts Benefit*

**Sun Apr 19**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:30am Healing Hearts presentation HR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 20**

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Apr 21**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6:30pm Church council HR

**Wed Apr 22**

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Apr 23**

9:30am Wehmeier mtg HR

10am Al Anon CR

6pm JOLT EH

**Sun Apr 26**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am 3rd grade Stepping

Stone WH

9:45am BLAST S JUMP CR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

7pm AA WH

**Mon Apr 27**

*4:30pm Healing Hearts Meal*

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Apr 28**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer group HR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

**Wed Apr 29**

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Apr 30**

10am Al Anon CR

6pm JOLT EH

**Sat May 2**

8:30am Property Day

9am Jubilate rehearsal

6pm Jubilate Concert S

**Sun May 3**

3rd Grade Bibles

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST WH JUMP CR

9:45am NAMI presentation HR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

**2pm Wild Church MG WH**

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

**Mon May 4**

12pm Staff Mtg HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue May 5**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer group HR

6pm GriefShare CR

**Wed May 6**

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

<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>

## Are You Visiting?

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

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

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

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

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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
- JAM, BLAST, JUMP (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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