



## Second Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., April 12, 2026

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolyte:** Ariya Jewett **Altar Guild:** Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

**Communion:** Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews, Mary Ellen Comp, Jackson Piper, Julia Piper

**Media:** **Ushers:** Cynthia and Mike Carlson

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONG

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

**Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave**  
**You free every captive and break every chain**  
**Oh God, You have done great things**  
**We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive**  
**Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high**  
**Oh God, You have done great things**

### Great Things

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"  
You will do great things  
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all  
Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
Hallelujah God, above it all  
Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

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## SONG

### This Is Our God

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame  
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave  
They were like mountains that stood in our way  
But He came and He died and He rose  
Those giants are dead now

**This is our God, this is who He is, He loves us**  
**This is our God, this is what He does, He saves us**  
**He bore the cross, beat the grave**  
**Let heaven and earth proclaim**  
**This is our God, King Jesus**

Remember that fear that took our breath away  
Faith so weak that we could barely pray  
But He heard every word every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness  
Tell the story of His faithfulness  
Never once did He fail and He never will  
*(Chorus)*

Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus  
Who pulled me out of that pit  
He did, He did  
Who paid for all of our sin  
Nobody but Jesus *(Chorus)*

He bore the cross, beat the grave  
Let heaven and earth proclaim  
This is our God, King Jesus

## PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

## SONG

### His Love Endures Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever

## 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 Spir-

it. 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

## SONG

### Stronger

There's love that came for us  
Humbled to a sinner's cross  
You broke my shame and sinfulness  
You rose again victorious

**You are stronger, You are stronger  
Sin is broken, You have saved me  
It is written, Christ has risen  
Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)**

Faithfulness none can deny  
Through the storm and through the fire  
There's truth that sets me free  
Jesus Christ who lives in me

## PRAYERS

*Please say, “Hear our prayer” and sing the above refrain after each petition.*

**Comfort:** For Duane Schoon and the 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 Bachmann, 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

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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*)



## 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.

### 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.

## SOLO

### **O Come to the Altar**

## SONG

### 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

**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**

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*)

## Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

**Christ alone, cornerstone  
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
*(Chorus)*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## SONG

I'll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain  
I'll praise when I'm sure  
Praise when I'm doubting  
I'll praise when outnumbered  
Praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in

**As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul**

I'll praise when I feel it  
And I'll praise when I don't  
I'll praise 'cause I know  
You're still in control  
'Cause my praise is a weapon  
It's more than a sound  
Oh, my praise is the shout  
That brings Jericho down *(Chorus)*

## Praise

I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
So how could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
  
I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
So how could I keep it inside  
I won't be quiet, my God is alive  
So how could I keep it inside  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

## SENDING

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

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



# 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!

**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.

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

**Many Ways to Give**



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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
<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

# 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.

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

### 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 Immi-  
gration 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 Ben-  
efit

### 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

### Key

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>



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