



Third Sunday of Easter
8:30 a.m., April 19, 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, Jakob Wagner **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Lauren Birner, Jennifer Werner

Greeters: Joyce Krueger, Becky Pepper **Media:** Buck Houston

Usher: Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

O Sons and Daughters of the King
Settings by Burkhardt, Dandrieu

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

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: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

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. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

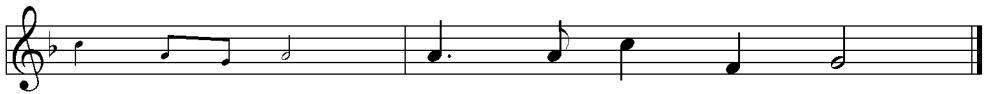
GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:13-25

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite

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APOSTLES' CREED


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

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Mike Tomchek's father, Allan Tomchek, liver and pancreatic cancer
Don Malchow, following heart cath
Janet Niebrugge, heart valve replacement

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)
Tomlin / Giglio, arr. Raney

Ascension Choir

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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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

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HYMNS

Come, Let Us Eat

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Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

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One Bread, One Body

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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

We Know That Christ Is Raised

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SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso, G. F. Handel



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.
- **Healing Hearts presentation**, Hearth Room, 9:45 a.m. Thaiz Soto, the director of Healing Hearts, will share the mission of Healing Hearts and how Ascension is connected to this important community partner.
- **Young at Heart Boat Trip** ticket sales & money collection
- **Jubilate Chorale's *Peace Like a River*** ticket sales
- **CRASH**, offsite fun & games, 5:15 p.m. (*See below. Registration required.*)
- **College Care deadline**

Baptized: We welcome Eleanor Memphis Tagliavia in baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. service. Eleanor's parents are Shannon Collins and Angelo Tagliavia. Eleanor's sponsors are Joseph Armeli and Suzanna Marie Armeli. Big brothers are Charlie and Marcello.

Dells Boat Trip: Tickets are on sale today for a boat tour of the Upper Dells with the Young at Heart group on Thursday, June 18. Lunch (paid by you) will be at Cracker Barrel. The cost of the bus plus the boat is only \$60. See Celeste Defenbaugh in the narthex.

CRASH: CRASH meets today at Ascension at 5:15 p.m. for a trip to Game Show Battle Rooms. Registration is required. Students, let Pastor Edwin know if you are going, text or email.

3rd Grade Stepping Stone: Parents, look for an email from Pastor Tony about the 3rd Grade Stepping Stone. The class will be Sunday, April 26, 9:45 a.m., with the children receiving bibles on Sunday, May 3.

College Care: Help us show our love and support to our hard-working college students with care packages during finals. 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. The deadline to sign up is today. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC> or make a donation.

Partners AFAR Pasta Dinner: Saturday, May 16, is our Partnership Pasta Dinner. We are seeking high-quality items for our raffle, auction or wine and spirit pull. Gift cards for services, restaurants, local experiences, and alcohol products are our most successful items. Contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org, if you have a donation. Due to space constraints, we are only able to accept new items this year.

Caminando Juntos / Walking Together: This group will meet on Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m. Caminando Juntos/Walking Together is a ministry with our Spanish-speaking members. If you are interested in learning more about how you can walk with our Latino brothers and sisters, please contact Teri Quam, tquam61@gmail.com.

Gather-In Group: This group will meet Thursday, April 23, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearth Room.

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.

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 in the narthex or online at jubilatechorale.org.

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.

Food Donations Needed: The bins for the Food Pantry and the Blessing Box are very low. Please remember to pick up a couple of extra non-perishable items when you are shopping. Please put them in the marked bins in the Donation Center.

E-Giving



- [Tinyurl.com/SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
April 26	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Joey Leatherwood, Madeline Paczesny	Ella Pfahler, Kaiana Nichols-Schroeder
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Jim Hahn, Julie Kinunen	Diane and Rick Dowling, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Elaine Kilgore, Garnet Wolff	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Cheryl Werner	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mark Pichler, Pat Tkach

Sun Apr 19

8:30am Worship S

9:30am Healing Hearts presentation HR

10:45am Worship EH S

5:15pm 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 Gather In 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

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
7:30pm 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

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

Thu May 7

9:30am TGIT HR
10am Al Anon CR
10am Cloverleaf EH
1pm Hansen Mtg CR
6pm JOLT EH

Sat May 9

8am Parking lot resurfacing

Sun May 10

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

Mon May 11

12pm Staff Mtg HR
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue May 12

7am AMEN zoom
9:30am Women's Bible CR
6pm GriefShare CR
6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration Task Force Mtg WH
7pm Holloway mtg HR

Wed May 13

7pm AA WH

Thu May 14

10am Al Anon CR
6pm JOLT EH

Fri May 15

AFAR set-up K/WH/EH/N/HR

Sat May 16

12:30pm Knit Wits CR
5:30pm AFAR Dinner K/WH/EH/N/HR

<u>Key</u>	
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: _____

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
- 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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