



Third Sunday of Easter
10:45 a.m., April 19, 2026

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolytes: Camden Johnson, Marti Mustapich **Altar Guild:** Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion: Becky Hastings, Melody and Paul Maass
Media: Cheryl Anspach **Ushers:** Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

God Is With Us Now

Everyone who longs for truth
Needing hope and strength renewed
Come and meet the Savior of the world
Everyone who longs inside
Desperate for the words of life
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

God is with us now
His love rains down, His love reigns now
Saved by grace and power
His love rains down, His love reigns now
God is with us now

What an Awesome God

God is great, give Him all the praise
Hallelujah, name above all names
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins
Everywhere, His glory on display
Take a look at those stars, He can name them all
Before His throne, every knee falls
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise
Even the wind and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love
Our God is an awesome God (Repeat)

And even when I ran, He didn't run away
He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame
Sunday morning, rose up from that grave

Take a look at those scars
On His hands and feet
He saved our souls for eternity
Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King
Let all the saints and the angels sing
(Chorus)

Eyes on the sky there will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away
No more fear, no more pain
No more sorrow, sin, or shame

The King is coming back again
A reign of love that will never end
For everything You've done
And everything You do
And everything You are, I'll sing to You
(Chorus)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

You Shine

Why should I feel lost
When You made the heavens
Why should I feel afraid
When you put the stars in place
Why should I lose heart
When I know how great You are
Why should I give up
When Your plans are full of love

**You shine
Brighter than the brightest star
Your love
Purer than the purest heart
You shine
Filling us with courage and strength
To follow You**

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

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SONG

Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

**I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder
You're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!**

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!
(Chorus)

Sing a little louder
In the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder
Louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder
My weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder
Heaven comes to fight for me *(Chorus)*
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR ELEANOR MEMPHIS TAGLIAVIA

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Joseph and Suzanna Marie, do you present Eleanor Memphis for the sacrament of holy baptism?
Sponsors: We do.

P: Angelo and Shannon, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Eleanor Memphis baptized into Christ?
Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Eleanor Memphis to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people; bring her to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Eleanor grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Joseph and Suzanna Marie, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Eleanor: to walk alongside her as she grows in her faith and in her relationship with God?
Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Eleanor and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: We do.

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I do.

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Eleanor Memphis Tagliavia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**All please sing: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Eleanor Memphis: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

- P: Eleanor Memphis, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.
- P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sister Eleanor into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the following refrain after each petition.

**Living, He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day, Oh glorious day**

OFFERING

Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His Glory revealed

**Living, He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day,
Oh glorious day**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
He took the nails for me (*Chorus*)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord ever more
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him
From rising again (*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.

SOLO

Goodness of God

SONGS

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by thy help I've come
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, o take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me, when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me, it's amazing

**I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend**

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul (2x)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (2x)

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.



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** at 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 lobby.

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.

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.

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

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 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.

Many Ways to Give



Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC
Via text to 262-214-3681
with the amount

Calendar next page.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
	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

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
MS	Music 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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