



Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., April 26, 2026

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolytes: Joey Leatherwood, Madeline Paczesny **Altar Guild:** Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Jim Hahn, Julie Kinunen

Greeters: Elaine Kilgore, Garnet Wolff **Media:** Cheryl Werner

Ushers: Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer

PRELUDE **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,** *Michael Burkhardt*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!** **ELW 369**

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** **p. 140**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Shepherd Me, O God, *Marty Haugen*

(Choir sings verses; all sing refrain.)

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -
yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 10:1-10

[Jesus said:] “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

ELW 376

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.

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APOSTLES' CREED *(continued)*

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

Thanksgiving: For Don Steinke celebrating his 90th birthday on 4/28
For safety for Sheri Greger's nephew and family in the tornado in Illinois

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING **Lord of the Dance, *Carter, arr. Krug*** **Ascension Ringers**



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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 **p. 146**

HYMNS	Let Us Break Bread Together	ELW 471
	Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup	ELW 492
	My Shepherd, You Supply My Need	ELW 782

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Holy Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW 807

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

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness, *Flor Peeters*

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
May 3	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Eli Escobedo, Aubrey Olson	Claire Cruft, Bly Dringenburg
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Christine, Jackson and Julia Piper
Greeters	Donna Savin, Karen Simington	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Adam Boales	Anna Marien
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Scott Werner	Pat Boyer, Dennis Leatherwood



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!

- Third Grade Stepping Stone, 9:45 a.m., West Hall
- JAM, BLAST & JUMP, 9:45 a.m.
- Young at Heart Boat Trip ticket sales & money collection
- Jubilate Chorale's "Peace Like a River" ticket sales

Third Grade Stepping Stone: The Third Grade Stepping Stone class will be today at 9:45 a.m. in West Hall with Pastor Chris. The children will receive their bibles on Sunday, May 3.

Partners AFAR Pasta Dinner: Saturday, May 16, is our annual Partnership Pasta Dinner. Come enjoy a fun night of fellowship, knowing that every contribution directly supports our brothers and sisters in Tanzania. We are seeking high-quality items for our raffle, auction or wine and spirit pull. Due to space constraints, we are only able to accept new items this year. Contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org, if you have a donation.

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.

Calendar next page.

Sun Apr 26

8:30am Worship S

9:45am 3rd grade Stepping
Stone WH

9:45am JAM, BLAST JUMP

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

Sat May 16

12:30pm Knit Wits CR

5:30pm AFAR Dinner

Sun May 17

8:30am Worship S

9:45am JAM, BLAST JUMP

10:45am Worship EH S

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

Key

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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