



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

10:45 a.m., April 26, 2026

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolytes:** Ella Pfahler, Kaiana Nichols-Schroeder

**Altar Guild:** Kathy and Mike Tomchek

**Communion:** Diane and Rick Dowling, Cathy Rapp

**Media:** Anna Marien **Ushers:** Mark Pichler, Patrick Tkach

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SONGS

#### Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness oh God  
You wrestle with a sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters and to mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

**So remember Your people**  
**Remember Your children**  
**Remember Your promise, oh God**

**Your grace is enough**  
**Your grace is enough**  
**Your grace is enough for me (Repeat)**

Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along (**Chorus**)

#### Hallelujah

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**  
**Your love makes me sing**  
**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**  
**Your love makes me sing**

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging  
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet  
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me  
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me (**Chorus**)

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising  
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me  
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through  
and I can feel this God song rising up in me (**Chorus**)

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

## SONG

### Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a savior  
The hope of nations

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

**Savior, he can move the mountains**  
**Our God is mighty to save**  
**He is mighty to save**  
**Forever, author of salvation**  
**He rose and conquered the grave**  
**Jesus conquered the grave**

## 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

## SONG

### This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

**I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high (*Chorus*)

## PRAYERS

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

**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

### Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own  
When brokenness and pain is all I know  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

**My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love (3x)**

Shame no longer has a place to hide  
I am not a captive to the lies  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind  
Oh, I won't be shaken, no I won't be shaken  
(*Chorus*)

There's power that can break off every chain  
There's power that can empty out a grave  
There's resurrection power that can save  
There's power in Your name power in Your name

**My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love (5x)**



## 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

### Gratitude

### SONG

### Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Christ is my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaking  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now?  
He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I build my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season  
So why would He fail now?

**He won't, He won't**  
**He won't fail, He won't fail (*Repeat*)**

Rain came and wind blew  
But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You  
I'm gonna make it through

Christ is my firm foundation  
The Rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaking  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now? (***Chorus***)

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## **God of Wonders**

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy  
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble into darkness, I will call your name at night (*Chorus*)

## **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 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**

### **SONG**

#### **Everyday**

**Everyday, it's You I live for  
Everyday, I'll follow after You  
Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Everyday, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word  
And I pray that I might come to know You more  
You will guide me in every single step I take  
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world



**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.

**Gather-In Group:** This meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, April 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearth Room.

**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](mailto: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](http://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** <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

**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**

9:30am Gather-In HR

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

**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>

**Worship Support** <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

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

## 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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