



## Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m., May 3, 2026

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolytes:** Eli Escobedo, Ruby Olson **Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Carol and Steve Spieker

**Greeters:** Donna Savin, Karen Simington

**Media:** Adam Boales **Ushers:** Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner

### PRELUDE

**Two Hymns of Praise**, *setting by Michael Burkhardt*

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**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.**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This Is the Feast**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME / PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES**

**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. John, the 14th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 14:1-7**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going.



## **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**

**Around You, O Lord Jesus**

**ELW 468**

**You Are the Way**

**ELW 758**

**Will You Come and Follow Me**

**ELW 798**

## **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**

**Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

**ELW 389**

## **SENDING**

**P:** Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Rondeau, *Jean-Joseph Mouret***



**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.
- 3rd Grade Bibles in worship
- BLAST & JUMP, 9:45 a.m.
- NAMI Presentation HR, 9:45 a.m.
- AFAR Auction & Dinner ticket sales
- \* Caminando Juntos information table
- MKE Wild Church MG/WH, 2 p.m.
- CRASH, 6 p.m.

**3rd Grade Bibles** -- The following children are receiving bibles in worship today as part of Ascension's 3rd Grade Stepping Stone: Ivy Adsit, Emily Boales, Bella Buettner, Emma Koenig, Charlie Payne, Isabella Pociask, Jade Romme, Amaya Schroeder, and Sienna Vandermause.

**MKE Wild Church** meets at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Gardens (or West Hall, weather dependent). Everyone is welcome. Please invite friends and neighbors to the unique worship experience.

**NAMI Speaker:** Please join us between services today to hear Vanessa Giraldez, NAMI Program Coordinator, present NAMI 101. She will give us an overview of mental health information and help us identify what is typical behavior and what is something that needs help.

**CRASH:** On Sundays, May 3 and 17, we will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. On the 17th, we will celebrate and bless the seniors for their achievements and their preparation as they are getting ready for their next journey. Seniors, we hope to see you!

**JOLT schedule:** JOLT will meet Thursdays, May 7 and 14, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, is the last JOLT for the season and parent/guardian and students are invited for games, faith moments, and other shenanigans.

**Partners AFAR Auction & Dinner — Buy Tickets & Sign-Up to Help:** Our annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 16, to raise funds in support of our partnerships in El Salvador and Tanzania is shaping up to be another memorable evening. Buy your tickets today and sign-up to help, <https://tinyurl.com/AFARPasta>. The evening begins with the social hour at 5 p.m. with appetizers while you browse the auction and raffle. At 6 p.m., the dinner menu features lasagna and chicken alfredo, with buttered noodles and gluten-free options available as well. Following dinner, we'll see which pastors will get pied in the face and enjoy trivia games. Childcare will be available.

**Young at Heart:** On May 20, Young at Heart meets for their potluck luncheon and Roger Boll will play his accordion after lunch. We invite all 55+ members and their friends and neighbors to come for good fellowship, good food and good music!

**Summer Worship Schedule:** Our summer worship schedule begins on Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, May 24, when our worship schedule moves to 8:30 and 10 a.m. Outdoor worship also begins that day when we will celebrate our first outdoor worship service of the season at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Gardens. Enjoy the beautiful weather and gardens and bring your own chairs or blankets!

**Synod Youth Event at Ascension:** On Sunday, May 31, from 3 to 6 p.m., the Greater Milwaukee Synod is excited to offer an event with renowned Salvadoran artist, Pastor Christian Chavarria. Pastor Christian will teach participants how to create their own cross in the iconic Salvadoran folk art style. A pupusa dinner will be provided. This event is primarily for CRASH students, but JOLT students and young adults are welcome to attend also. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ArtSignUp26>. Please contact Pastor Edwin with questions.

**Senior Toweling:** We are preparing for Senior Toweling on Sunday, June 7, at all three services. Please let us know if you're attending toweling and which service you will be attending. You are also invited to share a picture of your graduating senior along with after-graduation plans emailed to the church office, [Tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:Tamie@ascensionelca.org). Questions? Please contact one of the pastors.

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

<b>Worship Support</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a>		
<b>May 10</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ruby Olson, Simon Williams	Kai Acompanado, Hadley Marien
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
<b>Communion</b>	<i>Volunteer needed</i> , Becky Pepper, Marge Schroeder	<i>Volunteer needed</i> , Jeff Froh, Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike Dian, Linda Foss	<i>Always appreciated</i>
<b>Media</b>	Cheryl Werner	Cheryl Ades Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder	Cynthia and Mike Carlson

**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

**Mon May 18**

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
 6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue May 19**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 10:30am Boyer group HR  
 6pm GriefShare CR  
 6:30pm Church council HR

**Wed May 20**

12pm Young at Heart WH  
 7pm AA WH

**Thu May 21**

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

**Sun May 24**

**8:30am Worship S**  
**10am Spanish worship EH**  
**10am Outdoor worship MG**  
 7pm AA WH

**Mon May 25**

Office Closed  
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

**Tue May 26**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 7pm Holloway Mtg HR

**Wed May 27**

1pm Bunco WH  
 7pm AA WH

**Thu May 28**

10am Al Anon CR

**Sun May 31**

**8:30am Worship S**  
**10am Worship S EH**  
 1pm Synod Youth Event S,  
     WH, K  
 7pm AA WH

<u>Key</u>	
CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MG	Memorial Garden
MR	Meeting Room
MUS	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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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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