



Ascension of Our Lord

8:30 a.m., May 17, 2026

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolytes: Elsa Romme, Brooklyn Stigler **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Lauren Birner, Steve Spieker
Greeters: Dennis and Joyce Beauchene **Media:** Buck Houston
Ushers: Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

At the Name of Jesus, David N. Johnson

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.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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

For the Beauty of the Earth, *John Rutter*

Ascension Choir

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. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

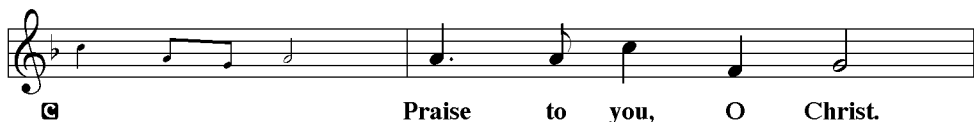
Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is

written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (v. 1-3, 5)

ELW 579

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Ileen Marien and family at the death of Aunt Betty


God's Care: For the Tomchek family

Thanksgiving: Linda Foss, cancer in remission
Chuck Czaplewski's 80th birthday

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Fantasy on “All Creatures of Our God and King” Ascension Ringers
arr. Sandra Eithun

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Blessed are you, O Lord our God,

C: **Maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Voice

Cantor All Cantor

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low'ed be your

6 All Cantor All Cantor

name, hal-low'd be your name. Your king-dom come, your king-dom come, your

11 All Cantor All

will be done, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en, on earth as in heav-en.

17 Cantor All Cantor All

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, For-

22 Cantor All Cantor All

give us our sins as we for-give those, as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us, who

27 Cantor All

sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al, save us from the time of

32 Cantor All Cantor All Cantor

tri-al, and de-live-r us, and de-live-r us from e-vil, from e-vil. For the

37 All

king-dom, the pow-er and the glo-ry are yours, for the king-dom, the pow-er and the

40 Cantor All Cantor

glo-ry are yours, now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er. A -

46 All

men. A - - - men.

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

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

Taste and See

ELW 493

(Soloist sings verses; all sing refrain.)

**Soloists: Jeff Britton,
Liz Jacobson**

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns (*v. 1, 3-5*)

ELW 855

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name, Flor Peeters



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!

Welcome! We welcome Hawthorne Principal Marlene Figueroa today. With Hawthorne Elementary closing, our community partnership will be moving to Lowell Elementary. Mrs. Figueroa will also be moving to Lowell.

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.

CRASH: 8th grade students are invited to the CRASH meeting today at 6 p.m. Please come!

Children's Ministry Celebration: Join us today between services for our Popcorn, Popsicle, and Praise Palooza! There will be face painting, tie-dyeing, snacks, and more!

Synod Art & Fellowship Event at Ascension: This event is now open to everyone. On Sunday, May 31, from 3 to 6 p.m., Ascension is hosting 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. Join us for art, fellowship and pupusas. Please sign-up online, <https://tinyurl.com/ArtSignUp26>. Questions? See Pastor Edwin.

Summer Worship Schedule: Our summer worship schedule begins Memorial Day weekend, Sunday, May 24, when our worship schedule moves to 8:30 and 10 a.m. We will use these worship times through Labor Day weekend. 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 bring your own chairs or blankets!

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 so we can have our plans in place. 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.

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 to come for good fellowship, good food and good music!

Bunco: Join a fun group of people for bunco on Wednesday, May 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Blessing Box Donations Needed: Non-perishable food items, household supplies, or healthy snacks are needed for the blessing box. Please do NOT place items that do not fit in the Blessing Box on the ground. Also know that we cannot take fresh produce, bakery, meat or clothing.

May Mental Health Month: We continue to offer resources for Mental Health Month through the resources shared by Vanessa Giraldez, NAMI Program Coordinator.

- **QPR-Question, Persuade, Refer:** NAMI training program that helps educate community members about suicide and how to support someone who may be at-risk. The next virtual session will be held on May 22 at noon, <https://namisoutheastwi.org/community-education/qpr/>.
- **Children's Wisconsin Triple P (Positive Parenting Program):** Free evidence-based workshops for parents, <https://childrenswi.org/family-resources/parenting-resources/family-resource-centers/triple-p>. These 30-minute virtual sessions cover topics for parenting.
- **Triple P Positive Parenting** is offered locally through the Parent's Place with discussion and seminars available, <https://www.parentsplacewi.org/triple-p>.

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

CALENDAR <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

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
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

Sun May 24 Pentecost

8:30am Worship S
10am Outdoor worship MG
10am Worship EH
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

Tue May 26 cont.

10:30am Boyer group HR
7pm Holloway Mtg HR

Wed May 27

1pm Bunco WH
7pm AA WH

Thu May 28

10am Al Anon CR

Fri/Sat May 29-30

Synod Assembly

Sun May 31

8:30am Worship S
10am Worship S EH
3pm Synod Art Event S WH
7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 1

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jun 2

7am AMEN zoom
9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 3

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 4

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jun 7 Senior Toweling

8:30am Worship S
10am Worship EH S
12:30pm Private event S N
2pm Wild Church MG WH
7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 8

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

Tue Jun 9

7am AMEN zoom
9:30am Women's Bible CR
10:30am Boyer group HR
6:30pm Church council HR
6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration
Task Force Mtg WH

Key

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: _____

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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