



Ascension of Our Lord
10:45 a.m., May 17, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

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Communion: Kristy Olson-Schubert, Maelyn Olson, Sherry Olson
Media: Jeff Froh **Ushers:** Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Praise

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
Oh, my praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down (*Chorus*)

I won't be quiet, my God is alive
So how could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and
Defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody
Greater than You

Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
So how could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet, my God is alive
So how could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord, oh my soul
Praise the Lord, oh my soul

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us
Let it rise, Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

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PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME / PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

Pastor Tony

SONG

Today Is the Day

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have
In store for me is good, is good

**Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day**

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good *(Chorus)*

I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
(Chorus)

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil *(Chorus)*

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the refrain from the previous song after each petition.

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

Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who you are and fill me with Your heart
and lead me in Your love to those around me (Repeat)

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken
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Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
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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.

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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

Reckless Love

SONGS

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols (*Chorus*)

**So give us clean hands
Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another (2x)**

**And God let us be
A generation that seeks
That seeks Your face
Oh God of Jacob (2x)**

He Reigns

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from
The towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
(*Chorus*)

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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BENEDICTION

SONG

Old Church Choir

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it
There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh, You are with me, never leave me
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy (*Chorus*)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need
Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
All you'll ever need

I've got an old church choir
Singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation
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I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing
Gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing
Gonna steal my joy
Oh, there ain't nothing
Gonna steal my joy

SENDING

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
May 24	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Eli Escobedo, Jakob Wagner	Lexi Lytle
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Marge Schroeder, Jennifer Werner	Mike Tomchek, Gary Wipperman
Greeters	Nada Draeger, Bev Waltz	Kristy Schubert-Olson, Maelyn Olson
Media	Adam Boales	<i>None needed</i>
Reader	Jennifer Werner	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Ushers	Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr	Mark Pichler, Pat Tkach



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 Charvarria. 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.

E-Giving



[tinyurl.com/
SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)

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. We also know that we cannot take fresh produce, bakery, meats or clothing items.

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.

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

<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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