



Ascension Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 21, 2021

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Michael Burkhardt)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.
Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Create In Me a Clean Heart

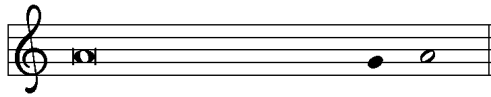
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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...Holy God, in this wilderness I feel lost. Remind me of your promise: that you are present, that you are faithful, that you bring life.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



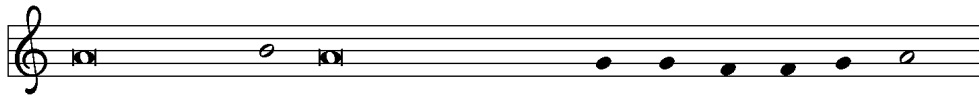
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

LENTEN VERSE

Return to the Lord

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING**Mark 1:9-15**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Tony****MUSICAL OFFERING****Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (v. 1, 2)****ELW 777**

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain

Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.
 OR *The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: all my hope comes from God.*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

SENDING

P: People of God. Be at peace. God is with you. Have courage. You are loved.

C: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN**The King of Love My Shepherd Is (v. 1, 2, 6)****ELW 502**

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

FAITH CONNECTION

Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Lenten Devotions: Ascension is offering video devotions via email, our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) three times a week during Lent. If you're already on our mailing list so don't worry about signing up for them. If you'd like to receive the emails, please contact [Director of Administration Amy Gilgenbach](#).

Love Your Church, Love Your World: We are celebrating Love Your Church/Love Your World month by collecting general products or money for the church and money for our mission partners.

For Ascension

Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, napkin, paper towels, Windex, liquid hand soap, paper plates (sm & lg) Zip-lock bags (gallon & sandwich size), bottled water, paper (8 ½ x 11, 8 ½ x 14, 11 x 17), packaging tape, stamps, envelopes

For Hawthorne Elementary School

Items may dropped off at church and/or financial gifts can be shared by check or through the website by placing your amount in the Memorial Line and listing Hawthorne in the space provided.

Portable hot spots for students to work virtually (\$18 each)
Cleanliness supplies: Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Kleenex Snacks — Non-perishable, nut-free, and individually-wrapped for hungry kids or class rewards

For Our Global Mission Partners

Financial gifts can be shared by check or through the website by placing your amount in the El Salvador or the Tanzania line. January and February is the beginning of a new school year in Tanzania and El Salvador.

Tanzania — money donations for our sister parishes to operate two primary schools

El Salvador

\$25 for two dozen sea turtle eggs
\$20 for a homeschool package of school supplies for a child in San Jorge
\$75 for one meter of retaining wall for San Jorge church (labor and supplies). \$200 for a security door for the new Usulután church
\$25 per window pane for the new church in Usulután
\$40 for flooring for the new church in Usulután

College Care Collection: This has been a difficult year and a sometimes forgotten group of our community is college students who have been isolated from family, friends and their church while working toward their degrees. Please help us let them that know that we still care for them despite the distance. We'll be accepting donations March 7-21. More information and to register a student, please [see our website](#).

Outreach for Hope Devotions: OFH has published 40 days of video and written devotions from their ministry partners and staff. Visit [the Outreach for Hope website](#) to see all the ways you can experience their devotions.

The Food Pantry will close due to inclement weather when the Waukesha School District closes. In addition to that, for the safety of both guests and volunteers, the Food Pantry will also now fully close when the temperature, including wind chill, is below -20°F. When the temperature, including wind chill, is below 0°F, the Food Pantry will have limited service which will allow for online and phone pre-orders. If the pantry closes or limits services, information will be posted online and on local news stations.

Blessing Box: We are so thankful for all the donations to the Blessing Box. It is still getting heavy use in this winter weather. Please be aware that plastic, glass or cans can freeze and break so keep an eye on the weather forecast. Dry products, paper products, and cleaning supplies are best during these cold spells.

PRAYERS

Submit a prayer request [online](#), [by email](#), or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Healing

For Arlene Davis' sister Lorraine, hospitalized
For Linda Elder's son, Brian, the bones in his left foot are deteriorating due to charcot foot

God's Care

For the people in the south affected by the cold, suffering through rolling power outages, and dangerous road and living conditions

On our website, ascensionelca.org

- Read the monthly newsletter.
- Register online for next week's worship.
- Watch or re-watch worship and sermons.
- Read blog postings with updated information about church activities.
- Donate online to continue to help us pay the bills and support our ministries.
- Submit a prayer request <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers>.

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