



Ascension Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 28, 2021

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

PRELUDE

In Your Light (Moore/Riddle)

In Your light, I find my strength
In Your truth, I overcome
In Your praise, I lose myself
For in Your love

**You've turned my tears of sadness
Into such joy and gladness
My heart can't keep it in
I'm shouting, shouting (2x)**

In Your joy, I find my strength
In Your hope, I overcome
In Your grace, I lose myself
For in Your love (*Chorus*)

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 (Sam Batt Owens)

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

and re - new a right spir - it with - in me, O God.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

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



Leader
In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the
Lord.

For your
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

LENTEN VERSE

Return to God

Congregation:
 Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and
Optional Repeat
 mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Sa-

tan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (v. 1, 2)

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1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
2 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
3 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
4 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
5 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

PRAYERS & MUSIC**You Are My All in All (Jernigan)**

Please sing after each petition:

**Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name**

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.

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 SONG**Grace (Heumann/Townend)**

Called and chosen when I was far away
You brought me into your family
Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away
Your loving kindness is life to me

'Cause it's grace, there's nothing I can do
To make You love me more
To make You love me less than You do
And by faith I'm standing on this stone
Of Christ and Christ alone
Your righteousness is all that I need
'Cause it's grace

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

College Care Collection: We want to let our college students know we still care for them despite the distance and isolation. We'll be accepting donations March 7-21. More information and to register a student, please [see our website](#).

Mission Outreach Meeting: Mission Outreach Committee will meet next Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. God keeps opening doors to new ways of doing ministry and we want to be responsive to Him. Our work doesn't end when we can't meet in person. The need is actually growing. Anyone interested in the work of Mission Outreach is invited to be part of the meeting. Contact [Shirley Wehmeier](#) to be included in the Zoom invite.

Mt. Meru Coffee Available for Purchase: Mt. Meru Coffee is available to purchase at church during office hours (9a-3p, Mon-Thurs, 9a-12p Fri). You can also order by email to [Donna Aschenbrenner](#). Orders are available for pick-up the following week.

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](#).

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:

Comfort

For Sheri Greger and family at the death of her Aunt Lynn

God's Care

With Gary Bauer's brother-in-law, Keith Kurber, stage 4 liver cancer, comfort during his last days

Healing

Marvin Goetter, scan for upcoming cardiac valve replacement

For Sheri Greger's Uncle Bill, recovering from covid and struggling with remembering things and falling continually

For Sheri Greger's Uncle Bud, recovering from surgery
For Arlene Davis' sister Lorraine, recently hospitalized for heart problems

For Linda Elder's son, Brian, the bones in his left foot are deteriorating due to charcot foot

Thanksgiving

For good results following chemo for Becky Murray

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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