



# Ascension Lutheran Church

4th Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 14, 2021

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**Es ist das Heil (Salvation Unto Us Has Come)** (*J. S. Bach*)

### OPENING WORDS

P: God of all creation

A: We enter your presence

**C: Humbled to remember that all we have is a gift from you.**

P: We come, desiring to worship.

**C: Be our inspiration.**

A: We come, hungry to learn together.

**C: Be our teacher.**

P: We come as eager children, seeking your touch.

**C: Be our loving parent.**

A: Open our eyes.

**C: That we may see as you see.**

P: Open our hearts.

**C: That we may love as you love.**

A: Holy God, we praise your name.

**C: Now and forever. Amen.**

### MUSICAL OFFERING

**His Love Endures Forever** (*Chris Tomlin*)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good, He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever

By the grace of God, we will carry on

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

**Forever God is faithful**

**Forever God is strong**

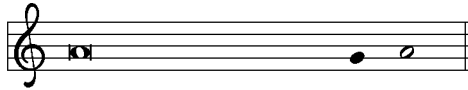
**Forever God is with us, forever, forever**

### PRAYER

P: Let us pray...God of grace,

**C: You have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and truly worship you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.



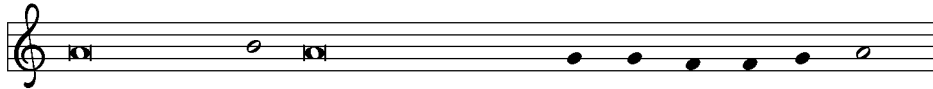
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me / Just a Closer Walk  
*(African-American Spiritual/Unknown)*

Linda Elder, solo

**READING****Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON****Our Way of Life**

**Pastor Chris**

**MUSICAL OFFERING****Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 1, 2, 5)**

**ELW 779**

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS & MUSIC****Mighty to Save (Fielding/Morgan)**

*Please sing after each petition:*

**Savior, he can move the mountains  
Our God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever, author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave**

**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****DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

**MUSICAL MEDITATION****Jesus Messiah (Chris Tomlin)**

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

His body the bread, his blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing (*Chorus*)

**Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

**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.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Beneath the Cross of Jesus (v. 1, 2)

ELW 338

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;  
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see  
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.  
 the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

I Love to Be in Your Presence (Kerr/Baloche)

I love to be in Your presence  
 With Your people singing praises  
 I love to stand and rejoice  
 Lift my hands and raise my voice  
 Lift my hands and raise my voice

You set my feet to dancing  
 You fill my heart with song  
 You give me reason to rejoice  
 Rejoice!

## 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](http://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](#). The deadline to register a student is March 14.

**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](mailto:Donna.Aschenbrenner). Orders are available for pick-up the following week.

**The Endowment Committee** is now accepting requests for distribution of funds to support and enhance the ministries, missions, and physical premises of Ascension apart from the annual budget. Requests can be made by email to a member of the Endowment Committee (Jim Hahn [jwhahn@milwpc.com](mailto:jwhahn@milwpc.com), Ric Simon [ricsimon@yahoo.com](mailto:ricsimon@yahoo.com), or Jessica Jahner [jessicajahner@gmail.com](mailto:jessicajahner@gmail.com)), or to Pastor Chris. Requests must be submitted by 03/31/2021 to be considered.

**Hope Center Meal Program:** Hope Center needs individual size servings of drinks (milk cartons, juice bottles or boxes, cans of vegetable juices or water bottles) for their meal program. They also need fruit cups or individually wrapped snacks. No granola bars please. Individual bags of chips and desserts are also welcome. Ascension has a \$250 grant from Thrivent to purchase to-go boxes and we are asking members to donate the food items over the next few weeks. Place donations in the Hope Center Bin in the Donation Center. If you have questions, contact Donna Savin or Shirley Wehmeier.

**Implicit Bias Training:** Have you heard of the phrase "implicit bias" but don't know what that means? Do you want to learn how implicit bias plays a role in our daily interactions? SOPHIA, along with the WISDOM Implicit Bias Training Team, will be hosting an Implicit Bias Training on Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. via Zoom. Please register in advance for this event by filling out this online form, <http://bit.ly/SOPHIAImplicitBias>.

**Ongoing Mission Collections** include donations to the Cross Food Pantry, the Waukesha Food Pantry and Ascension's Blessing Box. Each ministry has a marked bin in the Donation Center.

### Prayers

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

### Comfort

For Arlene Kelsey at the death of her sister Patricia less than a week after the death of her sister Nancy

### Healing

With Susan Otto for Jim, testing for a heart transplant



## Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary this Easter season, please fill-out this form and place in the offering box along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$12 each.



Donor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is given (*please check*):

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!*