



Ascension Lutheran Church

5th Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m., Sunday, March 21, 2021

Worship Leadership Today

The Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

The Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Spanish-Language Minister*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries* Steve & Carol Spieker, *greeters*

Hannah Sorkness, *acolyte*

Karen Simington, *greeter*

Dennis Mohr, Elaine Kilgore, *ushers*

Please help us worship as safely as possible by honoring these expectations:

- Sanitize at check-in. Wear a mask throughout the entire worship experience.
- Maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others as best you can, and please do not shake hands or hug others.
- Restrooms are to be used one person at a time (exception for use by families).
- You are invited to share in the spoken responses, but we ask you to not sing.
- Offering plates will not be passed; offerings may be dropped off at the check-in station before worship or on your way to communion or you may text your offering to 262-214-3681.
- Instructions will be given for communion. Please be patient as we commune in new ways. When it is your turn to receive communion, we ask that you take everything with you as you are dismissed by row to receive communion as the reception of communion will be the final act of worship.
- In the event we are informed of a positive covid-19 test result for someone attending this worship service, you will be notified by email.

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PRELUDE

Triptych for Organ, *Piet Post*

- I. Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow
- II. Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word
- III. Now Thank We All Our God

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Amazing Grace
Setting by Douglas Wagner

Steve & Carol Spieker

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. In the name of Jesus Christ + and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Create in Me a Clean Heart, *Sam Batt Owens*

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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...Holy God,

C: Your Son came to save us from our sins. We have come this day to worship, to ask for your forgiveness, and to hear the promise of your love and grace in our lives. In your name we pray. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

God Himself Is Present, *setting by Michael Burkhardt*

READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of

the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Forgive & Forget

Pastor Tony

TIME FOR REFLECTION

Wondrous Love, *setting by Zach Unke*

PRAYERS

Please respond to each petition with, “Hear our prayer.”

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION OF WORSHIP LEADERS & ASSISTANTS

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We are here because Jesus has called us — strangers and friends, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. So come to the table, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this sacrament often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here. And here you will receive God's blessing.

DISMISSAL OF ROWS AND DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

MUSICAL OFFERING

Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

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: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

FAITH CONNECTIONS

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

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

The Endowment Committee is 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, Ric Simon ric-simon@yahoo.com, Jessica Jahner jessicajahner@gmail.com), or to Pastor Chris. Requests must be submitted by March 31.

Standing With Our Neighbors, Conversation on Immigration: We are invited to join our neighbors in South Central Synod of Wisconsin to learn about experiences from the border, discuss federal and state immigration policy, and answer your most pressing questions. Join this virtual discussion with Erin Barbat Tuesday, March 23, 7 p.m. Contact Shirley Wehmeier to register.

CRASH Service Project: CRASH meets today at Ascension from 3-5pm. A service project and pizza will be waiting for you.

Hope Center Meal Program: Hope Center needs individual size servings of drinks for their meal program. They also need fruit cups or individually wrapped snacks. Individual bags of chips and desserts are also welcome. Place donations in the Hope Center Bin in the Donation Center.

Lily Donations

Help us beautify the sanctuary as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sign-up to donate an Easter Lily using the form on the next page or online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALClilies>.

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:

Healing

- Marvin Goetter, hospitalized
- Betterae Riekkoff, broken hand
- Becky Murray, hospitalized, suffering seizures from a possible virus complication

God's Care

Lorraine Malchow as she looks to the end of her life and the family determines next steps

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.