



Sixth Sunday After Epiphany
10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 12, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Praise Band Leader: Ben Janzow

Communion: Jane Collins, Sue Mathews

Acolyte: Ava Steinke

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Altar Guild: Jane Collins, Sue Mathews

Usher: *Needed*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

God Who Saves

The light of the world shining in love
Taking the fall upon Your shoulders
You shattered the dark as You rose to life again

You are the way, the truth and the life
Your mercy has overcome our failings
The battle is won Jesus in love You reign

You're the God who saves, You're the hope of all
Reaching out Your hand, As your people call (2x)

Our savior has come, let Your will be done
Your kingdom on earth as in the heavens
Our freedom is found, Lord, in no other name (*Chorus*)

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
(*Chorus*)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(*Chorus*)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest (*Repeat*)

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:21-37

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

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SONG

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead three in one, the Father, Spirit and Son
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the above refrain after each petition.

Healing: Nancy Link, heart cath

God's Care: For the people impacted by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Great Are You, Lord


You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord (*Chorus*)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (*Chorus*)

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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.

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

Ben Janzow

SONGS

Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

**I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!**

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!
(Chorus)

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder heaven comes to fight for me
(Chorus)

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

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The Saving One

When mercy was revealed what selflessness and peace
My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me
His pardon for my sin; His bounty for my need
From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

**And Heaven can't contain the glory of the Son
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One
His love has made a way the grave is overcome
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One**

No fear can hold me down, nor darkness steal my joy
For blood has been poured out; the enemy destroyed
Death could not hold Him down; the cross was not enough
To steal away His throne, for He is God (*Chorus*)

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG

Make a Difference

Leader:

*You gave Your life to make a difference
You gave Your life to make a change
You welcomed all to Your table
You're telling us to do the same*

Working side by side, no out or inside
Together we can make that change
With a few or many, with a lot or not any
Together we can make that change (*Chorus*)

**I want my life to make a difference
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change**

Crossing the great divide, joy and peace will abide
Together we can make that change
Jesus is our peace all fighting will cease
Together we can make that change (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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. A changing table is in the women's bathroom in the lobby.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

Love Your Church, Love Your World: In the month of February, Ascension celebrates *Love Your Church/Love Your World*. We invite you to choose a heart from the windows of the narthex/lobby to purchase items or defray the cost of items already purchased. See the complete request list online, <https://ascensionelca.org/love-your-church-love-your-world/>.

Starting Point for Membership: Interested in joining Ascension? We'll hold two informal sessions for people to get to know more about our church, on March 5 and March 19, between services. RSVP online <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>, or by phone or email (262-547-8518, admin@ascensionelca.org), to let us know you're interested.

JOLT & CRASH: JOLT meets on Thursdays, Feb. 9 & 23, at 6 p.m., and on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m. for dinner preceding worship at 6:30 p.m. CRASH next meets on Feb. 26 at 6 p.m.

Young at Heart (55+): Join us Wednesday, Feb. 15, for potluck lunch, games and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass if you're able.

Bunco! A group is forming to play Bunco at Ascension. Play begins Wednesday, March 22, at 1 p.m. Please contact Arlene Davis, 262-542-9119, or Beth Hoffmann, 262-542-7447, if interested.

GriefShare: If you or a loved one have suffered loss and would like some help and support, this may be the program for you. This group will provide help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. Led by Pastor Tony, the program will be held on Tuesdays beginning on Tuesday, March 28, from 6-8 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or by call to the church office, 262-547-8518.

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief: Following the devastating earthquakes that impacted Turkey and Syria, the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response is committed to supporting partner organizations that are responding to the needs of survivors. Support the response today by donating to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief online at <https://www.elca.org/>.

Tutoring: If you have been interested in our English/tutoring program but cannot commit to weekly attendance, we could use you as a substitute when a tutor needs a day off. We will give you guidance and support in how best to work with the students. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, if you are able to help.

Winter Farmers' Market: Save March 12 for the Winter Farmers' Market. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to Ascension. Who can you invite to the market and experience our welcoming atmosphere? Tickets for the brunch, featuring great new recipes, will be available starting next week. See Ascension's Mission Outreach Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO>, for details of ticket prices.

Blessing Box: Please watch the weather when making donations to the Blessing Box. If the weather is too cold, cans may explode and other products may freeze. There is a decrease in use during extreme weather so we cut back on what we put in the box. As the weather warms up, we see an increase in use and welcome new donations.

Offering Envelopes & Pledging: 2023 Offering Envelopes are delayed due to printer problems. In the meantime, if you give cash, use an envelope from the pew and put your name on it. If you donate by check, we'll pull the donor information from the check. You can also donate online at <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension> or with the QR code.

Worship Help: We're always looking for volunteers to help during worship. If you want to get more involved at Ascension, please contact the church office. See the schedule online, <https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport>.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</i>		
Sunday, Feb. 19	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Shelby Leatherwood	Mira Schaefer
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager	Becky Hastings, Kathy Riutta
Media	Brian Novotny	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mike Rapp

Calendar next page.

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?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?
- BLAST (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 class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.

CALENDAR

See full calendar <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

Sun Feb 12

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración

EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 13

10am Book Study HR

1pm Knit Wits HR

6:30pm Book Study

HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

Tue Feb 14

7am AMEN Zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Holloway Group

HR

Wed Feb 15

12pm Young at Heart WH

5pm Children's Choir

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Feb 16

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Feb 17

1pm Hansen Group

HR

Sat Feb 18

9am Tutoring

12:15pm Knit Fest

HR

Sun Feb 19

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración

EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 20

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm Book Study

HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

Tue Feb 21

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Church council

HR

7:30pm Choir S

Wed Feb 22

Ash Wednesday

12pm Worship S

6pm JOLT dinner WH

6:30pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Feb 23

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>