



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## **Transfiguration of Our Lord**

8:30 a.m., Sunday, February 19, 2023

### **Worship Leadership Today**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Shelby Leatherwood, *acolyte*

Joan Birner, *Altar Guild*

Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager, *communion*

Brian Novotny, *media*

Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, *ushers*

Jeff Rohrer, *usher*

## **PRELUDE**

### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*settings by J. G. Walther, Paul Manz*

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **OPENING HYMN**

### **Lord of Light**

**ELW 688**

## **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. 138**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **This Is the Feast**

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **FAITH WITNESS**

**Marjorie Schroeder**

**FIRST READING**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 17th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**GOSPEL READING**

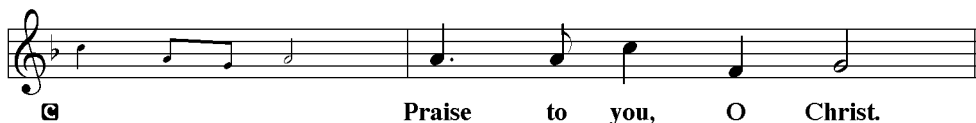
**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up

and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** For Sheri Greger's mom, Kathy, double knee replacement  
For Becky Murray

**God's Care:** With Patti Mueller for Teri, following diagnosis of terminal brain tumor  
With Patti Mueller for Rhonda & Tony following Tony's brain aneurysm

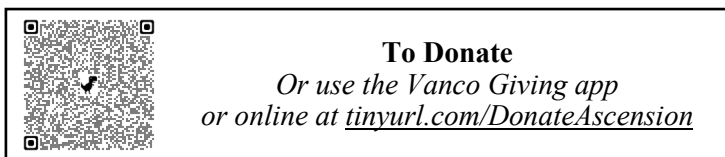
**Comfort:** For Michelle Shulfer's friend whose grandmother died

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Sonata in E minor - Adagio, *B. Marcello*

Anabelle Rook,  
bassoon



OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 white grape juice are available.

## **LAMB OF GOD**

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## **HYMNS**

**Beautiful Savior**

**ELW 838**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**ELW 815**

## **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**

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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

**ELW 318**

## **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Alleluia, Song of Gladness, *setting by Michael Burkhardt***



# ASCENSION

**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.

**Ash Wednesday Worship:** Begin your Lenten journey next week Wednesday, Feb. 22, with Ash Wednesday worship at 12 or 6:30 p.m.

**Offering Envelopes & Donating:** 2023 Offering Envelopes are delayed. 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 this QR code.

**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](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org)) to let us know you're interested.

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

**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 begin on Tuesday, March 28, from 6-8p. Youth Room. Please fill-out the sign-up information online <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or by call to the church office, 262-547-8518.

**Winter Farmer's Market:** The Winter Farmer's Market on March 12 is a great opportunity to invite a friend to Ascension. Who can you invite to share in the market and experience Ascension's welcoming atmosphere? Tickets for the brunch are adults/\$12, seniors/\$8, Kids (4-10)/\$5, Under 4 free. \$30 maximum per family. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles. Go to the Sign-Up Genius to see how you can help, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCwmvol>.

**To Donate**  
*Or use the Vanco Giving app or online at [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)*



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS *cont.*

**Tutoring:** We are in urgent need of someone to work with one of our middle school boys. We are also looking for people willing to sub as needed. We will give you guidance and support in how best to work with the students. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, [shwehmeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehmeier@gmail.com), if you are able to help.

**Love Your Church, Love Your World:** We're celebrating *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/>.

**ELCA Lutheran Disaster Relief:** Donate online at <https://www.elca.org/> to help the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes.

**Dry or Packaged Items Only for the Blessing Box:** Due to ongoing problems with cans and bottles exploding in the cold weather, we are limiting the donations for the Blessing Box to dried or packaged products. Please do not put cans or bottles in until further notice.

**Outreach for Hope 2023 Lenten Devotions:** *“God Sightings: Seeing God’s Movement in Our Day”* begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. The 40 days of Lent (Mondays through Saturdays) will be video devotions by the ministry partners, ministry supporters and staff. It is hoped that this series will inspire you to reflect on the gifts of partnership and accompaniment and how they may impact our faith walk at Ascension. See their website <https://outreachforhope.org/> for details on the varied ways you can access the devotions.

<b>Upcoming Worship Support Schedule</b>		
<i>See the complete schedule online <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a></i>		
<b>Sunday, Feb. 26</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Linnea Kinunen	Aidan Poling
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
<b>Communion</b>	Julie Kinunen, Paul Wehmeier	Sue Mathews, Cathy Rapp
<b>Media</b>	Kurt Werner	Joe Morgenroth
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

# CALENDAR

Calendar online <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

## 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

6:30p AMEN CR

6:30pm Book Study HR

6:30pm AA 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

## Sat Feb 25

9am Tutoring

## Sun Feb 26

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

## Mon Feb 27

6:30pm AA Group WH

6:30p AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate S

## Tue Feb 28

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway Group  
HR

7:30pm Choir S

## Wed Mar 1

11:30am Staff meeting  
HR

6pm Soup supper WH

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

## Thu Mar 2

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

10am Fire inspection

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

## Fri Mar 3

1pm Hansen Group HR

## Sat Mar 4

9am Tutoring

<u>Key</u>	
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>

## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***How did God invite you here?***

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### ***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.**



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