



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Transfiguration of Our Lord

10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 19, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Mira Schaefer, *acolyte*

Jay and Robin Gallo, *Altar Guild*

Becky Hastings, Kathy Riutta, *communion*

Andrew Marien, *media*

Mike Rapp, *usher*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH WITNESS

Marjorie Schroeder

SONGS

My Life Is in You Lord

My life is in you Lord

My strength is in you Lord

My hope is in you Lord

In you, it's in you

My life is in You Lord

My strength is in You Lord

My hope is in you Lord

In you, it's in you

I will praise you with all of my life

I will praise you with all of my strength

With all of my life

With all of my strength

All of my hope is in you

His Love Endures Forever

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

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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
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest**

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 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: **Praise to you O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all**

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the previous song's refrain after each petition.

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

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again
We believe**

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe (*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

Living Hope

Ben Janzow

SONGS

Glorious Day

One day when Heaven
Was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He
Word became flesh and the light shined
Among us, His Glory revealed

**Living, He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried, He carried my sins far away
Rising, He justified freely forever
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day,
Oh glorious day**

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He
Hands that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
He took the nails for me (*Chorus*)

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose, over death He had conquered
Now He's ascended, my Lord ever more
Death could not hold Him, the grave could not
keep Him from rising again (*Chorus*)

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me

**And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You**

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me (*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.

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BENEDICTION

SONG

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul (2x)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (2x)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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) 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>.

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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, 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.

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

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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

Calendar <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

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>