



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m., February 26, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Linnea Kinunen

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Julie Kinunen, Paul Wehmeier

Media: Kurt Werner

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,
Brian Novotny

PRELUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude (Jesus, My Joy), J. S. Bach

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Me, Dan Forrest

Annemarie Wucker

CONFESSION

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606

Mercy, Craig Courtney

Ascension Choir

Psalm 51

Cantors

Just As I Am, arr. Howard Helvey

Ascension Choir

PRAYER

P: Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, 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

Beth Hoffmann

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

LENTEN VERSE

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the tem-

ple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Kathy Johnson at the death of her father, Frank

Healing: Dorene Rudd, recovering from covid and double pneumonia
Jacque, Steve Boyer's sister, broken hip

With the Boyers for Richard, hospitalized, and for Leonard, tests and surgery

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

O Love Divine

Irish folk tune, arr. John Hudson

Ascension Choir

OFFERTORY

Where Charity and Love Prevail (v. 2)

ELW 359

With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

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.

HYMNS	All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly	ELW 461
	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word	ELW 517
	When Peace Like a River	ELW 785

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	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	ELW 618
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SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE	Chaconne, <i>Louis Couperin</i>
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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.

March Newsletter: The March newsletter is now available on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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.

Offering Envelopes: They're finally here! If you use them, check in the narthex for yours.

CRASH: CRASH meets tonight at 6 p.m.

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.

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.

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? The market is free but there is a charge for the brunch. Tickets are available after services or online at <https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>. Tickets for the brunch are \$12/adults, \$8/senior, \$5/kid (4-10, 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>.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS *cont.*

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.

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

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 Lenten Devotions “God Sightings: Seeing God’s Movement in Our Day”
For the 40 days of Lent (Mondays through Saturdays), there 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, March 5	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Maggie Miller	Hailey Pociask
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Elaine Kilgore, Jennifer Werner	Melody and Paul Maass
Media	Adam Boales	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler

CALENDAR

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

Sun Feb 26
8:30am Worship S
 9:50am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 6pm CRASH CR
 7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 27
 6:30pm AA Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR
 7pm Jubilate S

Tue Feb 28
7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible
 CR
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm Holloway Group HR
 7:15pm Choir S

Wed Mar 1
 11:30am Staff meeting
 HR
 6pm Soup supper EH
6:45pm Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 2
 9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 5pm Children's Choir
 6pm JOLT

Fri Mar 3
 1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Mar 4
 8:30am Leadership event
 9am Tutoring

Sun Mar 5
8:30am Worship S
 9:50am BLAST

Sun Mar 5 cont.
 10am Starting Point HR
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 12pm Private Event WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 6
 6:30pm AA Sm Group
 WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Mar 7
 9:30am Women's Bible
 CR
 6pm Handbells S
 6:30pm Mission Out-
 reach HR
 7:15pm Choir S

Wed Mar 8
 6pm Soup supper EH &
 Kit
6:45pm Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 9
 10am Al Anon CR
 5pm Children's Choir

Sat Mar 11
 9am Jubilate Rehearsal S
 9am Tutoring
 1pm Market setup WH N
 HR

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

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.



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