



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday of Lent

10:45 a.m., Sunday, March 5, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Hailey Pociask

Altar Guild: Cindy Finn, Kris Wells

Communion: Melody and Paul Maass

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Usher: Mark Pichler

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Great Things

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

SONG

Today Is the Day

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have
In store for me is good, is good

**Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day**

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good **(Chorus)**

I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
(Chorus)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

Everlasting God

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord
Oh God, You reign forever
Our hope, our strong deliverer

**You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint and you won't grow weary
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint and you won't grow weary**

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spir-

it.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (**Chorus**)

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners,
the ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The light of the world (**Chorus**)

PRAYERS

Please say, “Hear our prayer” after each petition.

Comfort: With the Boyers for the family and friends of Richard Sharp at his death

Care: Mark and Peter Passante, mental health and financial issues

Healing: For Sheri Greger's mom, Kathy, recovery following double knee replacement

Thanksgiving: With the Boales family for Emily’s 6th birthday and Jonathan’s 8th birthday

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

I Will Lift My Eyes

God, my God I cry out
Your beloved needs You now
God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt
Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

God, my God, let mercy sing
A melody over me
And God right here, all I bring is all of me
Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in (*Chorus*)

**I will lift my eyes to the maker
Of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the calmer
Of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the healer
Of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You**

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

Goodness of God

SONGS

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble into darkness, I will call your name at night (*Chorus*)

Stronger

There's love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

**You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ has risen
Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)**

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There's truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

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

Everyday

**Every day, it's You I live for
Every day, I'll follow after You
Every day, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Every day, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Every day I can be Your light unto the world

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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/>.

Wednesday Soup Suppers & Worship: Through March 29, we will have soup suppers at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. We will be looking for soup and bread. Please sign-up on the board in the narthex.

Offering Envelopes: For those who use them, offering envelopes are ready for pick-up. If you'd like offering envelopes, please contact the church office, tamie@ascensionelca.org.

Endowment Fund Requests: The Endowment Committee is now accepting requests for distribution of funds to support and enhance the ministries, missions, and physical premises of Ascension apart from the annual budget. Requests must be submitted by March 31 to be considered. Requests can be made by email to a member of the Endowment Committee: Jim Hahn, jwhahn@milwpc.com; Ric Simon, ricsimon@yahoo.com, or Jessica Jahner, jessicajahner@gmail.com, or to Pastor Chris.

Starting Point for Membership: Interested in joining Ascension? We'll hold two sessions for people to get to know more about our church, today and March 19, between services. RSVP online <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers> or talk to Pastor Chris.

BLAST Easter Egg Hunt Donations: BLAST families will be participating in an Easter egg hunt followed by lunch on Sunday, April 2. To help us prepare, we are looking for donations of individually wrapped candies small enough to fit in an Easter egg. Some great ideas would be chocolate miniatures or Kisses, Starbursts, etc. Please place donations in the baskets in the narthex by March 19.

JOLT & CRASH: CRASH will meet tonight at 6 p.m. and JOLT will meet on Thursday, March 16. (No JOLT on March 9.)

Children's Choir: In March, children's choir will meet Thursdays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 5 to 5:40 p.m. On Sunday, March 19, they will sing at 10:45 Spanish & English worship. There is no choir on March 30 for Spring Break.

To Donate

Or use the Vanco app or online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension



Winter Farmers' Market March 12: Please purchase your tickets today for the Farmer's Market Brunch. We need to know how many people to expect. Tickets for the brunch are available from the table in the narthex and cost \$12/adults, \$8/senior, \$5/kid (4-10, under 4 free). \$30 maximum per family. Volunteers are also needed. Please visit the table in the narthex to see how you can help or sign-up online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCwmvol>.

GriefShare: If you or a loved one have suffered loss and would like some help and support, this may be the program for you. 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 or by call to the church office, 262-547-8518.

Tutoring: We are still in need of people to substitute. You will receive guidance and resources to use with the students. Contact Shirley Wehmeier shwehmeier@gmail.com if you can help.

Become a Homeowner With Habitat for Humanity: Habitat Waukesha is looking for families who are interested in becoming a homeowner. Sweat equity becomes the down payment. Applications are available on their website, <https://www.habitatwaukesha.org/>.

Blessing Box & the Food Pantry: Food benefits have been reduced for many families starting in March as the additional benefits given by the government during the pandemic have ended. Our donations can make a difference. Please remember to pick up a few items from the grocery store and put them in the marked bins in the Donation Center.

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$15 each.



Donor(s)

Donation amount \$ _____

This donation is given (*please check*):

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of:

Donated in memory of:

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

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 Mar 5

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10am Starting Point HR

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH

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 HR

7:15pm Choir S

Wed Mar 8

6pm Soup supper EH

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

Sun Mar 12

8am Winter Farmer's

Market N WH HR

8:30am Worship S

10:45am Misa en español EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Private Event 106

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 13

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Mar 14

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

5pm Cloverleaf WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway Group HR

7:30pm Choir S

Wed Mar 15

12pm Young at Heart

WH

6pm Soup supper EH

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 16

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Fri Mar 17

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Mar 18

9am Choir S

9am Tutoring

12pm Handbells S

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

1pm Private event WH

Key

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