



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## **3rd Sunday of Lent**

10:45 a.m., Sunday, March 12, 2023

### **Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Marilyn Miller, *Equipping the Saints General Campaign Chair  
and Moderator for Trinity Good Shepherd Church*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolyte:** Cole Reinfeldt

**Altar Guild:** Jane Collins, Sue Mathews

**Communion:** Jane Collins, Sue Mathews

**Media:** Andrew Marien

**Usher:** Mark Pichler

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SONG

### **For All You've Done**

My Savior, Redeemer  
Lifted me from the miry clay  
Almighty, forever  
I will never be the same  
You came here from the everlasting  
To the world we live  
The Father's only Son  
  
You lived, you died  
You rose again on high  
You opened the way  
For the world to live again  
Hallelujah, for all You've done

## SONG

### Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us  
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us  
Let the praises of the King, rise among us  
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us  
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us  
Let the joy of the King, rise among us  
Let it rise

Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

## 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 4:5-42

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your

husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Marilyn Miller

SONG

**One Thing Remains**

Higher than the mountains that I face  
 Stronger than the power of the grave  
 Constant through the trial and the change  
 One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up  
 Never runs out on me (3x)  
 Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes  
 It overwhelms and satisfies my soul  
 And I never, ever, have to be afraid  
 One thing remains, one thing remains  
 (*Chorus*)

In death, in life, I’m confident and  
 Covered by the power of Your great love  
 My debt is paid, there’s nothing that can separate  
 My heart from Your great love  
 (*Chorus*)

## **SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR TUCKER JOSEPH MEIER**

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: Chayna and Johnny, do you present Tucker Joseph Meier for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We/I do.

P: JoJo and Kaitlyn, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Tucker Joseph baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Tucker Joseph to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Tucker grow in the Christian faith and life?

**C: We do.**

P: Chayna and Johnny, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Tucker: to walk alongside him as he grows in his faith and in his relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Tucker and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I do.**

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Tucker Joseph Meier, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Tucker Joseph: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

P: Tucker Joseph, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new brother Tucker into the family of God.

## PRAYERS

*Please say, "Hear our prayer" after each petition.*

**Comfort:** For Pat Boyer at the death of her mother, Marguerite

**Healing:** For Maxine Berdoll, hospitalized  
For Janet's friend and grandson, both had surgery this week  
For Cynthia and Mike Carlson's daughter, Becky, hospitalized for testing and pain management

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You

**You are Way Maker, miracle worker,  
promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are  
You are Way Maker, miracle worker,  
promise keeper, light in the darkness  
My God, that is who You are**



## Way Maker

You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, turning lives around  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord  
*(Chorus)*

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
And even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
*(Chorus)*

## 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.

## DUET

### The Commission

## SONGS

### Forever Reign

You are good, You are good when there's nothing good in me  
You are love, You are love on display for all to see  
You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in  
You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

**Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms**  
**The riches of Your love will always be enough**  
**Nothing compares to Your embrace**  
**Light of the world forever reign**

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling  
You are true, You are true even in my wandering  
You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing  
You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting (*Chorus*)

### King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from; oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song

**You are good, good, oh (4x)**

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves; oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins  
And the echo of my days; oh He is my song (*Chorus*)

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down (4x)

## 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

#### Grace

Called and chosen when I was far away  
You brought me into your family  
Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away  
Your loving kindness is life to me

‘Cause it’s grace, there’s nothing I can do  
To make You love me more  
To make You love me less than You do  
And by faith I’m standing on this stone  
Of Christ and Christ alone  
Your righteousness is all that I need  
‘Cause it’s grace

### 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.

**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/>.

**Lily Donations:** Sign-up on the form on the back page to donate a lily for the sanctuary on Easter.

**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.

**Baptized:** We welcome Tucker Joseph Meier in baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. service. Tucker's parents are JoJo and Kaitlyn Meier. Sponsors are Chayna Regalia and Johnny Meier.

**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, [tamic@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tamic@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](mailto:jwhahn@milwpc.com); Ric Simon, [ricsimon@yahoo.com](mailto:ricsimon@yahoo.com), or Jessica Jahner, [jessicajahner@gmail.com](mailto:jessicajahner@gmail.com), or to Pastor Chris.

**Starting Point for Membership:** Interested in joining Ascension? We'll hold a session for people to get to know more about our church on Sunday, 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.

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**JOLT & CRASH:** JOLT will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 6 p.m. and CRASH will meet on Sunday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

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

**Young at Heart:** Join us Wednesday, March 15 at 12 p.m. for a pot-luck lunch and games. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.

**Winter Farmers' Market:** TODAY from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.. The market is free and open to guests and will feature Rustic Breads & Pastries Sweet Breads, eggs, salsa, mushrooms, preserves, honey, apples, syrups, cider, oats, granola, soaps, wool products, and our own Meru coffee. A limited number of Brunch tickets are still available.

**GriefShare:** If you or a loved one have suffered loss and would like some help and support, this may be the program for you. 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 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](mailto: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:** The Food Share increase that was given by the government during the pandemic is ending as of March 1. This will greatly impact many families as they see a reduction in their food benefit and rising prices at the stores. 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.

**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.

**SOPHIA** is hosting "A Call to End Homelessness" on March 18 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church on Wisconsin Ave. Guest speaker is author Kevin Nye. Register at: <https://sophiawaukesha.org>.

**Free Concert!** The Jubilate Chorale will join the Purdue University Choir in a collaborative performance TODAY at 4:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Waukesha. The Purdue Choir is under the direction of Waukesha native Jeff Vallier.

**To Donate**

*Or use the Vanco app or online at [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)*



**Outreach for Hope:** 2023 Lenten Devotions titled “God Sightings: Seeing God’s Movement in Our Day” are available throughout the 40 days of Lent (Mondays through Saturdays). The video devotions by the Ministry Partners, Ministry supporters and staff will include some Ascension celebrities. 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 <https://outreachforhope.org/lenten-devotions/> for details on the varied ways you can access the devotions: email, You Tube, Social Media, print format. We will also share on the Ascension Mission Outreach page.

**Calendar on the back page.**

## 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)**

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**Donation amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is given (*please check*):

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of:

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Donated in memory of:

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***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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**



## CALENDAR

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

### **Sun Mar 12**

9:30am Winter Farmers'  
Market N WH HR

### **8:30am Worship S**

**10:45am Misa 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**

*7am AMEN Zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible

5pm Cloverleaf WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway Group HR

7:15pm Choir S

### **Wed Mar 15**

12pm Young at Heart

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

### **Sun Mar 19**

### **8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

10:00am Starting Point

### **10:45am Misa EH**

### **10:45am Worship S**

12pm Spanish Listening  
Session EH

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

### **Mon Mar 20**

6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal

### **Tue Mar 21**

*7am AMEN Zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible

6pm Handbells S

7pm Church Council HR

7:15pm Choir S

### **Wed Mar 22**

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Soup supper EH

### **6:45pm Worship S**

7pm AA 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>