



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

5th Sunday of Lent
8:30 a.m., March 26, 2023

Worship Leadership

Bishop Paul Erickson, *Greater Milwaukee Synod*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Acolyte: Grace Paczesny

Media: Adam Boales

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Service Musician: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Marge Schroeder, Al Wollschlager

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Brian Novotny

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World, *arr. Hayes*,
Siciliana from Sonata V, Handel

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

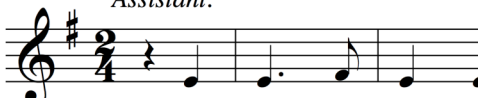

ELW 876

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

Assistant:  *Congregation:* 

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

 *to Verses*

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the
unity of all ... (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the
strength to live your Word ... (to Refrain)

(Continued)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME AND NEW MEMBER WELCOME

Pastor Chris

LENTEN VERSE

are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.” When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Bishop Erickson

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For the Steinmetz and Middleton families at the death of Kay’s mom, Cheech Middleton

Healing: For Carol Kipfer, broken shoulder

Care: For Joyce Hanson’s sister-in-law, Sandy, muscular dystrophy and stroke

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Giga from Sonata V, *Handel*

Suzanne Geoffrey, oboe

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



HYMNS

I Am the Bread of Life	ELW 485
We Come to the Hungry Feast	ELW 479
As the Grains of Wheat	ELW 465

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

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

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross, *arr. Carter*



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.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor.

Soup Suppers & Worship: Join us for our last soup supper at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. Please sign-up to bring something if you can.

BLAST on Palm Sunday: Between services on Sunday, April 2, BLAST families will share in the creation of the alfombras (sand carpets) for Holy Week. After 10:45 worship, there will be an Easter egg hunt and lunch for BLAST families.

New Member Welcome: We welcome the following new members ...

Noe and Elizabeth Aguilera, Francisco, Britani,
Alison, Gabriela, Dylan, Guadalupe, Bryan
Jessica Andino
Denis and Lauren Birgenheir, Paul
Alejandra Castro, Alisson
Julia Cruft, Claire
Meredy and Michael Hase
Peter Passante
Teri Quam
Duane and Kelly Schoon

Lisa Wunder
Bernardo Cuesta and Maria Garcia, Ariam,
Aura, Alexander
Limbert Hernandez and Teresa Sierra, Joel,
Lucy
Kelsey and Jay Kaiser, Mabel
Mary Kolberg
Jimmy Loos
Rebecca Meyer and Daniel Ruiz, Haziel

Endowment Fund Requests: The Endowment Committee is accepting requests for distribution of funds to support and enhance the ministries, missions, and physical premises of Ascension. Requests must be submitted by March 31 and 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, pc@ascensionelca.org.

GriefShare: This program for people who have suffered loss and would like some support begins Tuesday, March 28. Please sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or by calling the church office, 262-547-8518.

Worship Invitation: Holy Week remains important in the hearts of people even if they don't attend church regularly. We're providing a laminated card including service times so you can easily invite people. Please share the card with someone you know and invite them to our special services.

Blessing Box and Food Pantry: The Food Share increase that was given by the government during the pandemic has ended. This greatly impacts 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.

Holy Week Schedule

April 2, Palm Sunday, 8:30a & 10:45a
(English), 10:45a (en español)

April 6, Maundy Thursday Dinner, 5:30p,
reservation only. To reserve your spot, call the church office, 262-547-8518, or email Tamie Greenwood, Tamie@ascensionelca.org.

April 6, Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30p
(English), 6:30p (en español)

April 7, Good Friday, 12p & 6:30p (English),
6:30p (en español)

April 9, Easter Sunday, 8:30a & 10:45a
(English), 10:45a (en español)

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

Sun Mar 26

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Listening Session

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 27

1pm Knit Wits WH

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Mar 28

7am AMEN Zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

6pm GriefShare CR

6pm Handbells S

7:00pm Holloway Group

7:15pm Choir S

Wed Mar 29

11:30am Staff Mtg HR

6pm Soup supper EH

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thurs Mar 30

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Apr 1

9am Jubilate Rehearsal S

9am Tutoring

Sun Apr 2 Holy Week

Palm Sunday

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

11:45am BLAST Easter

Egg Hunt & Lunch

7pm AA WH

Mon Apr 3 Holy Week

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Apr 4 Holy Week

7am AMEN Z

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

6pm GriefShare CR

6:30pm Mission Outreach

HR

Wed Apr 5 Holy Week

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Apr 6 Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5:30pm Maundy Thurs

Dinner

6:30pm Worship S

6:30pm Misa EH

Fri Apr 7 Holy Week

Good Friday

12pm Worship S

1pm Hansen Group HR

6:30pm Worship S

6:30pm Misa EH

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>