



Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m., January 21, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Zach Jahner

Altar Guild: Jimmy and Chris Loos

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Carol and Steve Spieker

Greeters: Ev and Kay Stone

Media: Kurt Werner

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Scot Werner

PRELUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright, *Dietrich Buxtehude*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN **O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!** (*v. 1, 4, 5*) **ELW 308**

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 **p. 138**

HYMN OF PRAISE **This Is the Feast** **p. 140**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FAITH WITNESS **Al Maechtle**

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Edwin**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

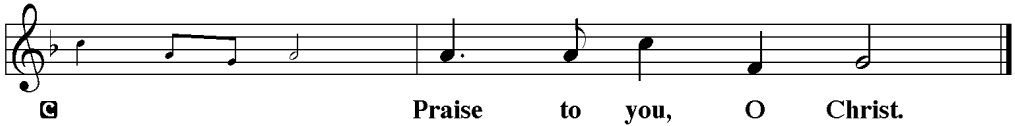
GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Edwin

HYMN

Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: For Zoey, Renata, Mary Rapp, Mark Passante, flu
With Peter Passante for Renata, cataract surgery

God's Care: For Ric Simon and fellow team members during their mission trip to Chile

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING **There's A Wideness in God's Mercy, Karen Marrolli** **Ascension Choir**



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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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

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HYMN

In This Feast of Love



Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä

1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the

it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

HYMNS

Come to the Table

ELW 481

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

ELW 815

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

March, G. F. Handel



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. You might make a new friend!

CRASH Cook-Off: Buy your tickets or register your team **TODAY** for the CRASH Soup & Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Jan. 27, 5 p.m. Help CRASH students raise funds to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer!

El Salvador Trip Meeting: Join us today after the late service to learn about our trip to El Salvador scheduled for this summer.

Stewardship: Watch for the stewardship mailing and read about all that we've done at Ascension in 2023. Don't forget to return your commitment card to help us plan in 2024. You may also submit your commitment online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>.

Bunco: Join us for bunco Wednesday, Jan. 24, from 1-3 p.m.

Adult Ed --The Chosen Video Series: Join us in watching this compelling video series beginning Monday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., led by Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony. Each week we will begin with a brief introduction, watch the video, and make connections to the Biblical story along with discussing some reflection questions. Sign-up at the Welcome Center over the next couple of weeks.

No Regrets 2024: Ascension men are invited to the men's No Regrets conference livestreamed at Ascension on Feb. 3. More information and registration online, tinyurl.com/NoRegretsAMEN. Join us for this event sponsored by Ascension's men's group, Amen.

GriefShare Begins Feb. 6: GriefShare is a 12-week program led by Pastor Tony and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. beginning February 6 and concluding April 30. Through the use of video teaching and small group conversation, we seek to provide a safe and supportive space to provide care and encouragement that can be crucial to a person in grief. Sign-up online tinyurl.com/GriefAscension or by call to the church office.

GriefShare Support: We're looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare on Tuesday nights beginning Feb. 6. Maybe you can help? Please see the Sign-Up Genius tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24 for dates and suggestions. Contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org, with questions.

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

Sun Jan 21

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 22

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 7pm Jubilate S

Tue Jan 23

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Church Council HR
 7pm Holloway group CR

Wed Jan 24

1pm Bunco WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Jan 25

10am AI Anon CR
 11am Spanish class HR
 5pm Children's Choir MR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Jan 27

5pm CRASH Fundraiser

Sun Jan 28

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 29

10am Adult Ed HR
 6pm Adult Ed HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jan 30

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jan 31

6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Feb 1

10am AI Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group HR
 5pm Children's Choir MR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Feb 3

9am Amen No Regrets

Key	
CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MR	Music rm
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual/offsite</i>

Sun Feb 4

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
 9:50am Stepping Stone 1st
 Communion WH
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 12pm Dia de la Candelaria WH

Worship Support Schedule <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Jan. 28	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Linnea Kinunen	Bly Dringenburg
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Julie Kinunen	Pat Boyer, Lynn Cleppe
Greeters	Susan Koeferl, Sharon Coralline	Lynn and Jerry Kleppe
Media	Adam Boales	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

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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