



Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m., February 4, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Becky Pepper, Marge Schroeder

Greeters: Julie Kinunen, Maddie Goetter

Media: Todd Schroeder

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, *setting by Paul Manz*

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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

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

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

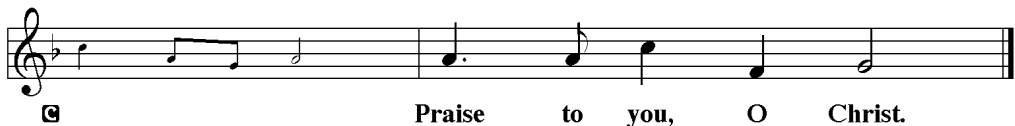
GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Maxine Berdoll, hospitalized

With the Boyers for Roger, heart concerns

God's Care: For Kelly Hoeg's father, Jim, entering hospice

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

How Can I Keep from Singing?
arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Ascension Choir



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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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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HYMNS

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW 610

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

Arise, Your Light has Come!

ELW 314

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Psalm XVIII: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Benedetto Marcello

Ten With Tony

Today at both services, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pastor Tony's ministry at Ascension. In February of 2014, we only knew Pastor Tony as "Tony," the Director of Faith Formation. Ten years later, we now call him "Pastor Tony" and we could not be more excited to celebrate this milestone moment. Please join us in worship for some memories and moments of fun and then celebrate with us at a reception between services.





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!

Love Your Church, Love Your World: Starting today, Ascension celebrates *Love Your Church, Love Your World* month. Each year, we spend time spreading the love of God inside and outside the walls of Ascension. In February, we also invite members and friends to support the ministries of our community by providing donations of items to offset the needs of budgeted ministry or consider volunteering in some new way. Choose a heart from the sanctuary window to show your love.

First Communion Stepping Stones: Preparation for first communion begins for 4th grade students and their families in February. Classes will take place during BLAST on Feb. 4, 11, and 18. Watch for the email/ mailing from Pastor Tony with details.

Ash Wednesday: Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 12 or 6:30 p.m. to begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

Stewardship: 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>.

GriefShare Begins Feb. 6: GriefShare is a 12-week program led by Pastor Tony and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. February 6 through April 30. 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.

Blessing Box: During the very cold winter weather days, please put only packaged/dry goods in the Blessing Box (mac and cheese, rice and beans, granola bars, cereal). Bottles and cans can freeze and then explode in the box.

Mission Gather-In Meeting: Mission's Gather-In Group will meet on Friday, Feb. 9, at 1:15 p.m. Questions to Shirley Wehmeier.

Save the Date for the Winter Farmers' Market! The Food Faith and Farming Network Winter Farmer's Market is at Ascension on March 10.

February Newsletter: Read all about February at Ascension on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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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

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

Sun Feb 4

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST
9:50am 1st Communion
SS WH

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Dia de la Candelaria WH
7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 5

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

Tue Feb 6

7am AMEN zoom
9:30am Women's Bible CR
6pm GriefShare CR

Wed Feb 7

11:30am Staff Meeting
6pm Handbells S
7pm AA WH
7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Feb 8

10am Al Anon CR
5pm Children's Choir MR
6pm JOLT EH

Sat Feb 10

Together in Mission, all rooms

Sun Feb 11

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST
9:50am 1st Communion
SS WH

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 12

10am Adult Ed HR
6pm Adult Ed HR
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
6:30pm Amen CR
7pm Jubilate S

Tue Feb 13

7am AMEN zoom
9:30am Women's Bible CR
6pm GriefShare CR
6pm Handbells S
7pm Holloway group HR
7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Feb 14

Ash Wednesday

12pm Worship
6:30pm Worship S
7pm Misa EH
7pm AA WH

Thu Feb 15

9:30am TGIT HR
10am Al Anon CR
1pm Hansen Group CR



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