



*Lutheran Church*

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 4, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*  
Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*  
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolyte:** Lexi Lytle

**Altar Guild:** Cindy Finn, Kris Wells

**Communion:** Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp

**Greeters:** Bob and Karen Schmiechen

**Media:** Andrew Marien

**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.**

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## SONGS

### That's What We Came Here For

We come into Your presence with singing  
We come into Your presence with praise  
Enter Your gates with thankful hearts  
We are going to celebrate  
All of Heaven's waiting  
Power is on its way  
So we shout "Hallelujah"  
Lift it to You in a mighty roar of praise

**You deserve the highest praise  
And we can give you more  
Lord, we give you our praise  
That's what we came here for**

You deserve the highest praise (4x)  
*(Chorus)*

### Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out  
I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in  
Lord, still I will say

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Chris**

## SONG

### I Will Follow

**Where You go, I'll go  
Where You stay, I'll stay  
When You move, I'll move  
I will follow You  
Who You love, I'll love  
How You serve, I'll serve  
If this life I lose, I will follow You  
I will follow You**

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight, high above my life  
I will trust in You alone *(Chorus)*  
Light unto the world, light unto my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the one I seek knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone *(Chorus)*

## 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**

## SONG

### Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your name

Jesus in Your name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your name (**Chorus**)

**Your name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your name is a shelter like no other  
Your name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your name**

## PRAYERS

*Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the above refrain after each petition.*

**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

### Glorious Day

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises  
One day when sin was as black as could be  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin  
Dwelt among men, my example is He  
Word became flesh and the light shined among us  
His Glory revealed

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain  
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected  
Bearing our sins, my redeemer is He  
Hands that healed nations  
Stretched out on a tree  
He took the nails for me (**Chorus**)

**Living, He loved me, dying He saved me  
Buried, He carried my sins far away  
Rising, He justified freely forever  
One day He's coming, Oh glorious day,  
Oh glorious day**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer  
One day the stone rolled away from the door  
Then He arose, over death He had conquered  
Now He's ascended, my Lord ever more  
Death could not hold Him  
The grave could not keep Him  
From rising again (**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.

### SOLO

### Gratitude

### SONGS

### Build My Life

Worthy of every song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, we live for You

**Jesus, the name above every other name  
Jesus, the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You, We live for You**

**Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and  
Show me who you are and fill me with Your heart  
and lead me in Your love to those around me (*Repeat*)**

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation  
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken  
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## 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*)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## SONG

## Old Church Choir

There's revival and it's spreading  
Like a wildfire in my heart  
A Sunday morning hallelujah  
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?  
It's the rhythm of a gospel song  
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it  
There ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul**  
**I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful**  
**I've got a heart overflowing**  
**'Cause I've been restored**  
**There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**  
**No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**

When the valleys that I wander  
Turn to mountains that I can't climb  
Oh, You are with me, never leave me  
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy (*Chorus*)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need  
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Singing in my soul  
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And it's beautiful  
I've got a heart overflowing  
'Cause I've been restored  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



**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](https://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](https://tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24) for dates and suggestions. Contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto: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/>.

### Many Ways to Give

- 1) QR code
- 2) Vanco Giving app
- 3) Online at [tinyurl.com/SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)
- 4) Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount



# 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.



## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### ***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 <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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