



Transfiguration of Our Lord
10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 11, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

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Acolyte: Joshua Gunderson

Altar Guild: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Greeters: Pat Boyer, Ileen Marien

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Usher: Mike Rapp

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / FAITH WITNESS by Jeremy Poling

SONGS

Because of Your Love

As we come into Your presence
We remember every blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we've come to give You thanks
For all You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up, with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed, because of your love

House of the Lord

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
He hung upon that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away (*chorus*)

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise (*chorus*)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest**

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

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SONG

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead three in one
The Father, Spirit and Son
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb
(*Chorus*)

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God

PRAYERS

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

Comfort: For friends and family of Betterae Riekkoff following her death
For Kelly Hoeg and family at the death of her father, Jim
With Kathy Bue for her sister, Betty Eckart, and family at the death of
Betty's husband Bob

Healing: Kenny and Maxine Berdoll, hospitalized
Sue Williams, surgery for broken hip

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes, He died for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am (*Chorus*)

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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 grape juice are available.

SOLO

I Speak Jesus

SONGS

Way Maker

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
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)

He Reigns

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground (*Chorus*)

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

You Are Good

I want to scream it out, from every mountain top
Your goodness knows no bounds
Your goodness never stops, your mercy follows me
Your kindness fills my life, your love amazes me

**And I sing because you are good
And I dance because you are good
And I shout because you are good
You are good to me (2x)**

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!

Ash Wednesday Worship: Join us this Wednesday, Feb. 14, for Ash Wednesday worship at 12 and 6:30 p.m. Spanish worship will be at 7 p.m.

Wednesday Nights in Lent Starting Feb. 21: Join us for soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. starting Feb. 21 and ending March 20. Please sign-up to help/contribute.

CRASH Pizza Night Fundraiser: Noah's Pizza is hosting another CRASH night on Thursday, Feb. 15. Call the restaurant (262) 696-8001 from 4 to 7 p.m. and tell them you are an Ascension member. Twenty percent of sales will go to the Youth Gathering fundraiser. Anything on the menu counts!

First Communion Stepping Stones: Preparation for first communion begins for 4th grade students and their families in February. Classes will take place during BLAST today and Feb. 18.

Journey to the Cross Food Pantry Donations: Part of BLAST's Journey to the Cross on Feb. 25 is collecting donations for the Food Pantry. The congregation and BLAST families are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate. Please have your donation here on Feb. 25.

JOLT/CRASH: CRASH meets Sunday, Feb. 18, 6 p.m. JOLT students and families are encouraged to attend Wednesday night soup suppers and worship during Lent instead of the regular JOLT sessions.

Love Your Church, Love Your World: Ascension celebrates *Love Your Church, Love Your World* during February. Choose a heart from the sanctuary window and donate to show your love or consider helping in a new way, either with worship media or serving communion.

Commitment Cards: Don't forget to return your enclosed 2024 commitment card. Commitments may also be filled-out online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>.

GriefShare Support: We're looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare on Tuesday nights. Please see the Sign-Up Genius <http://tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24>. Contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org, with questions.

Healing Hearts Meal: Our next meal for Healing Hearts is Monday, Feb. 19. We will be providing a soup supper. Please see the available slots in the Sign-Up Genius <http://tinyurl.com/HHFeb24> and click on your selection for volunteering or donating. Food should be brought to Ascension by 3 p.m. or right at 4:30 p.m. Servers will be done by 6:15 p.m.

Young at Heart: The Young at Heart group (55+) will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. for food, fun and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass if you're able.

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

Sun Feb 11

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
 9:50am 1st Comm 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
7pm Misa EH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Feb 15

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

Sat Feb 17

12:30pm Knit Wits WH

Sun Feb 18

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
 9:50am 1st Comm WH
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 19

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

Tue Feb 20

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

Wed Feb 21

12pm Young at Heart WH
 6pm Soup Supper
6:45pm Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Thu Feb 22

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

Sat Feb 24

9am Jubilate S

Sun Feb 25

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

Mon Feb 26

10am Adult Ed HR
 1pm Knit Wits WH
 6pm Adult Ed HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Feb 27

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

Key

CR Conference rm
 EH East Hall
 HR Hearth rm
 S Sanctuary
 WH West Hall
Italics Virtual/offsite

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

Feb. 18	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Ethan Sorkness	Marti Mustapich
Altar Guild	Jimmy and Chris Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Jennifer and Scot Werner	Becky Hastings, Mary Ellen Comp
Greeters	Sarah and Emily Boales, Beth Hoffmann	Bob and Karen Schmiechen
Media	Adam Boales	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	<i>Needed</i>

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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