



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Ash Wednesday

12 p.m. & 6:30 p.m., February 14, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

PRELUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude (*Jesus, My Joy*), *J. S. Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

(6:30p) **There Is a Balm in Gilead**

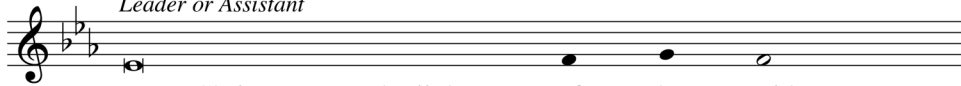
Ascension Choir

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jeff Wächter

SERVICE OF LIGHT

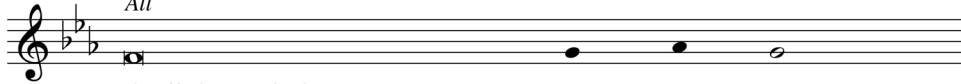
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Leader or Assistant



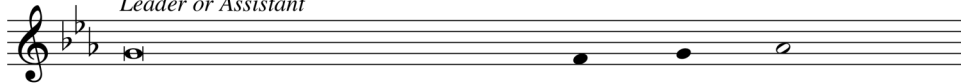
Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world,

All



the light no darkness can o - ver - come.

Leader or Assistant



Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All

Leader or Assistant



and the day is al - most over. Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All



and shine within your peo - ple here.

EVENING HYMN

All

1. Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing
 2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
 3. You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
 blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
 danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
 wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
 jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
 fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
 God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you. God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
 soul, love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
 way, lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

1.-2. | 3.

light our hearts a - new.
 free and make us whole.
 on to end - less day.

EVENING THANKSGIVING

Leader or Assistant *All*

May God be with you all. And al - so with you.

Leader or Assistant *All*

Let us sing our thanks to God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.



PRAYER

P: Let us pray...Holy God, will you meet us in the ashes, will you meet us in the ache and show your face within our sorrow and offer us your word of grace: that you are life within the dying, that you abide within the dust, that you are what survives the burning, that you arise to make us new. And in our aching, you are breathing; and in our weeping, you are here within the hands that bear your blessing, enfolding us within your love.

C: Amen.

PSALM 51:1-12

(Cantor sings odd numbered verses; all sing even numbered verses.)



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
steadfast love; in your great compassion blot
out my offenses.

**²Wash me through and through from my
wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my offenses, and my sin is ev-
er before me.

**⁴Against you only have I sinned and done
what is evil in your sight; so you are
justified when you speak and right in
your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth deep within
me, and would have me know wisdom
deep within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be
clean; wash me, and I shall be pur-
er than
snow.

**⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; that the
body you have broken may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out
all my wickedness.

**¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and
take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your boun-
tiful
Spirit.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(12p) **Walk Along Beside Me, O My Lord**
Don Besig

Pastor Chris

(6:30p) **Evensong**
arr. Derek Hakes

Ascension Ringers

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

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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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HYMN

Come to the Table

ELW 481

ANTHEM (6:30p)

Love, Come Down, *Karen Marrolli*

Ascension Choir

HYMNS

Just As I Am

ELW 592

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, comfort the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake.

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, \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Abide With Me

ELW 629

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

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

POSTLUDE

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word, *Dietrich Buxtehude*



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 if needed.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

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 : 4th grade students and their families are working on First Communion. The last class will take place during BLAST on 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.

E-Giving



- *VancoMobile Giving app*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681*

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/>

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**

**5:15pm Children's Choir
MR**

6pm Soup Supper

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Feb 22

10am Al Anon CR

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

Key

CR	Conference Rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MR	Music RM
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall/Kit
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>



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