



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m., February 18, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Kathy Johnson, *Service Musician*

Acolyte: Ethan Sorkness

Altar Guild: Chris and Jimmy Loos

Communion: Jennifer and Scot Werner

Greeters: Sarah and Emily Boales

Greeter: Beth Hoffmann

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,

Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

I Love You, Lord, Klein, arr. Hayes

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

C: your Spirit moved over the waters

P: and by your Word

C: you created the world,

P: calling forth life

C: in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood

C: you delivered Noah and his family.

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel

C: from slavery into freedom.

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John

C: and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

P: By water and your Word

C: you claim us as daughters and sons,

P: making us heirs of your promise

C: and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water

C: that sustains life,

P: and above all we praise you
C: **for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**
P: Shower us with your Spirit,
C: **and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**
P: To you be given honor and praise
C: **through Jesus Christ our Lord**
P: in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free

ELW 453

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

ELW 157

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME


Pastor Chris

LENTEN VERSE

Congregation:



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the Source of grace and



Optional Repeat

mer-cy; Come, seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Barb Kreft's son, John

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Lamb of God

Tyra Dennis



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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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479

One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

ELW 325

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

Go My Children, With My Blessing

ELW 543

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

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

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water, *Spiritual, arr. Carter*

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, Feb. 25	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Elsa Kinunen	Ava Steinke
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Marge Schroeder	Melody and Paul Maass
Greeters	Cathy Britton - Sheri and Eli Greger	Jackie Bosanac, Natalie Mustapich
Media	Todd Schroeder	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Kathy and Mike Tomchek



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 pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

Wednesday Nights in Lent: 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.

First Communion: The last First Communion class will take place during BLAST today.

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 today 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 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 tomorrow 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.

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.

Save the Date! The Food Faith and Farming Network Winter Farmer's Market is at Ascension on March 10. There will be a lot of opportunities to participate. This is a great event to invite friends to join you at Ascension.

CALENDAR

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

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

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

Wed Feb 28

1pm Bunco WH
5:15pm Children's Choir MR
6pm Soup Supper
6:45pm Worship S
7pm AA WH

Thu Feb 29

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

Sun Mar 3

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

Mon Mar 4

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

Tue Mar 5

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

Wed Mar 6

11:30am Staff Meeting
5:15pm Children's Choir MR
6pm Soup Supper
6:45pm Worship S
7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 7

9:30am TGIT HR
10am Al Anon CR
1pm Hansen Group HR
6pm JOLT EH

Sat Mar 9

9am Choir S
12:30pm Handbells S

Key

CR Conference rm
EH East Hall
HR Hearth rm
N Narthex (Lobby)
S Sanctuary
WH West Hall
Italics Virtual or offsite

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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