



First Sunday of Lent
10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Tyra Dennis, *Service Musician*

Acolyte: Marti Mustapich

Altar Guild: Jay and Robin Gallo

Communion: Becky Hastings, Mary Ellen Comp

Greeters: Bob and Karen Schmiechen

Media: Andrew I Marien

Usher:

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Trading My Sorrows

**I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord
I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down
For the joy of the Lord**

I am pressed but not crushed
I am hurt but not defeated
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed with His love
And His promise will endure
His joy is going to be my strength (*chorus*)

**We say Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes yes Lord
Yes Lord, yes Lord, Yes yes Lord, Amen**

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare, You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen
of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free
and my shame is undone
By Your presence, Lord (*Chorus*)

**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord**

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Promise Keeper

Promise Keeper, You will never fail
Your love is true
Promise Keeper, You deliver
On Your word
And I will trust You

You never sleep, You never sleep
You keep Your hand and Your eye on me
You always will, You always will
You're faithful now, You were faithful then

You never lie, You never lie
You see my need, You hear my cry
You never fail, You never fail
You never have, You never will (*Chorus*)

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

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SONG

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

There in the ground, His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, No fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

I give my life, I give my all
I sing my song to Christ alone
The King of kings, the Lord I love
All heaven sings to Christ alone
To Christ alone, To Christ alone

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" after each petition.

Healing: For John, Barb Kreft's son

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offering

Tyra Dennis

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



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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

Lamb of God

Tyra Dennis

SONGS

Jesus

There is a truth, older than the ages
There is a promise, of things yet to come
There is One, born for our salvation, Jesus

There is a light, that overwhelms the darkness
There is a kingdom, that forever reigns
There is freedom, from the chains that bind us
Jesus, Jesus

Who walks on the waters

Who speaks to the sea

Who stands in the fire beside me

He roars like a lion, He bled as the lamb

He carries my healing in His hands, Jesus

There is a name, I call in times of trouble
There is a song, that comforts in the night
There is a voice, that calms the storm that rages
He is Jesus, Jesus (*Chorus*)

Messiah, my Savior
There is power in Your name
You're my rock and, my redeemer
There is power in Your name, in Your name

You walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands

God, you walk on the waters
You speak to the sea
You stand in the fire beside me
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb
You carry my healing in Your hands

Jesus, there is no one like You
Jesus, there is no one like You

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

The blood that Jesus shed for me
Way back on Calvary
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its power

It reaches to the highest mountain
It flows to the lowest valley
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its power

It soothes my doubts and calms my fears
And it dries all my tears
The blood that gives me strength
From day to day
It will never lose its power (*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

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
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

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
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.



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!

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.

Farmers' Market: The Food Faith and Farming Network Winter Farmer's Market is at Ascension on March 10. Please consider helping us put on this event. Sign-up here to help <http://tinyurl.com/WinterMarket24>. Tickets will be on sale next week.

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.

CALENDAR <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 AI Anon CR

Sat Feb 24

9am Jubilate S

Sun Feb 25

8:30am Worship S
 9:30am Journey to the Cross
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 AI Anon CR

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

| <u>Key</u> | |
|----------------|------------------------|
| CR | Conference rm |
| EH | East Hall |
| HR | Hearth rm |
| S | Sanctuary |
| WH | West Hall |
| <i>Italics</i> | <i>Virtual/offsite</i> |

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

| Feb. 25 | 8:30a | 10:45a |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 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 |

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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