



Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m., February 25, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Elsa Kinunen

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Julie Kinunen, Marge Schroeder

Greeters: Cathy Britton, Sheri and Eli Greger

Media: Todd Schroeder

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Scot Werner

PRELUDE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus, *Paul Manz*

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.

OPENING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

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

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HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

ELW 811

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, by the passion of your Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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 Tony

LENTEN VERSE



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 8th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Al Wollschlager, knee replacement
Drene Briski, covid
June, breast cancer

God's Care: For Ruth Dewitz during Al Wollschlager's recovery

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Not Afraid, Craig Courtney

Ascension Choir



Many Ways to Give Electronically

- *QR code*
- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 186

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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HYMNS

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Agincourt Hymn, Charles Callahan



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

Soup Supper & Wednesday Worship: Join us for soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays through March 20. Sign-up on the board in the lobby to help provide soup or bread.

Journey to the Cross: BLAST children will learn about Jesus' journey to the cross today between services.

The Chosen Adult Ed: If you are interested in preparing before the next meeting on Monday, Feb. 26, here are the readings before we are invited to the wedding at Cana. Jeremiah 33:10-16, 1 Kings 19:19-21, Proverbs 30:4, John 2:1-12, and Luke 2:41-52.

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

Easter Lily Donations: If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out the form on the next page and place in the offering plate along with your donation. Lilies are \$15 each.

Bunco: Join the Young at Heart group for some rousing games of bunco this Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1-3 p.m.

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.

Winter Farmers' Market March 10: Farmers' Market is almost here! Tickets are for sale after services on Sundays, Feb. 25 and March 3, at the Welcome Center. A limited number will be available the day of the market. We are also in need of volunteers for a number of ways to make the market a success. Please sign-up to help, <http://tinyurl.com/WinterMarket24>.

Habitat for Humanity: Thanks to all who donated to Habitat for Humanity to replace the stolen tools. Ascension raised \$2000 in one morning for this special need!

Worship Dates & Times: Cards with worship dates and times are available at the Welcome Center if you would like a simple way to invite someone to services. They will be updated for Holy Week services.

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- 2) *Vanco Giving app*
- 3) *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
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CALENDAR <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

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

Mon Mar 4 cont.

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
 11am Spanish HR
 1pm Hansen Group HR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Mar 9

9am Choir S
 12:30pm Handbells S

Sun Mar 10

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

<u>Key</u>	
CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
N	Narthex (Lobby)
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Mon Mar 11

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

Tue Mar 12

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

Wed Mar 13

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

Thu Mar 14

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Mar 16

8am CRASH Hope Center
 9am Jubilate S
 9am Leadership Academy EH
 12:30pm Knit Wits WH

Sun Mar 17

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 4:30p CRASH Shop & Serve
 7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 18

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

Easter Lily Donations

If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. Lilies are \$16 each.



Donor(s)

Donation amount \$ _____

This donation is given (*please check*):

In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of:

Donated in memory of:

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus!

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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