



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Second Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 25, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Ava Steinke

Altar Guild: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

Communion: Melody and Paul Maass

Greeters: Jackie Bosanac, Natalie Mustapich

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Ushers: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

P: In this Lenten season Holy God,

C: We come before you, asking for courage to open our eyes.

P: We want to see ourselves as you see us:

C: The empty and barren places,

P: The halfhearted struggles,

C: The faint stirrings of new life.

P: We come:

C: Trusting your grace,

P: Waiting for your Word,

C: Longing for your healing touch.

P: Do not let us be blind to your presence.

C: Shine on us, Holy God, and make our paths clear.

P: Be our strength in these wilderness days.

C: Be our hope in this season of wandering.

P: Be our life that calls us to turn our faces back to you.

C: Forgive us: for our denial, our refusal, our betrayal, our pretending.

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.

SONGS

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (*Chorus*)

Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for you

When we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to you
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new (*Chorus*)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

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SONG

You Shine

Why should I feel lost
When You made the heavens
Why should I feel afraid
When you put the stars in place
Why should I lose heart
When I know how great You are
Why should I give up
When Your plans are full of love

**You shine
Brighter than the brightest star
Your love
Purer than the purest heart
You shine
Filling us with courage and strength
To follow You**

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

SONG

Not For a Moment (After All)

You were reaching through the storm
Walking on the water
Even when I could not see
In the middle of it all
When I thought You were a thousand miles away
Not for a moment did You forsake me
Not for a moment did You forsake me

**After all You are constant
After all You are only good
After all You are sovereign
Not for a moment will You forsake me
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

You were singing in the dark
Whispering Your promise
Even when I could not hear
I was held in Your arms
Carried for a thousand miles to show
Not for a moment did You forsake me
Not for a moment did You forsake me
(Chorus)

PRAYERS

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

**After all You are constant
After all You are only good
After all You are sovereign
Not for a moment will You forsake me
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

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

Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me, when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me, it's amazing

**I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend**

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

Lord, I Need You

SONGS

Everything Glorious

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter than its hue
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

My eyes are small but they have seen
The beauty of enormous things
Which leads me to believe
There's light enough to see (*Chorus*)

**You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours**

I Love You, Lord

I love You Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, Oh my soul rejoice
Take joy my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

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

Everyday

**Everyday, it's You I live for
Everyday, I'll follow after You
Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Everyday, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world

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!

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.

Many Ways to Give

- 1) *QR code*
- 2) *Vanco Giving app*
- 3) *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*



CALENDAR

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

Key

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

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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