



Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent
8:30 a.m., March 3, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Max Stigler
Altar Guild: Gary Bauer
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson
Communion: Mike and Sherry Hoelzl

Greeters: Mike and Sherry Hoelzl
Media: Kurt Werner
Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

PRELUDE **Es ist das Heil uns kommen her (Salvation Unto Us has Come)**
J. S. Bach

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation** **ELW 645**

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.**

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HYMN **On My Heart Imprint Your Image** **ELW 811**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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**

FIRST READING

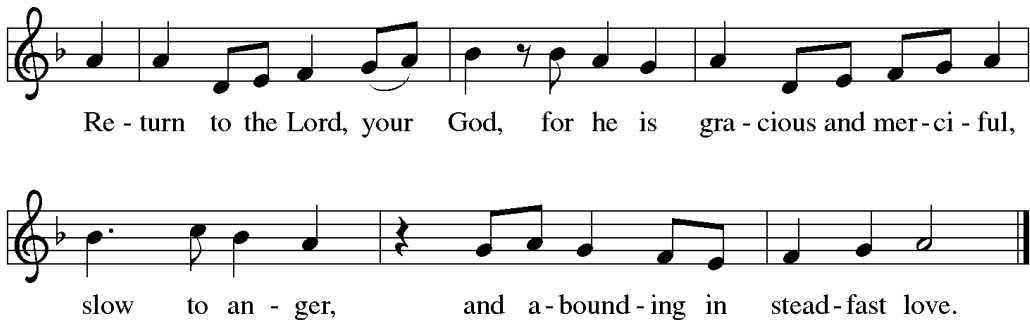
Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. John, the 2nd chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-

place!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR JETT CURTIS TIMOTHY KAISER

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God’s most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God’s promise. Here, in the presence of water and God’s Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: Jacob and Krista, do you present Jett Curtis Timothy for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We do.

P: Jay and Kelsey, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Jett Curtis Timothy baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Jett Curtis Timothy to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God’s faithful people; bring him to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach him the Lord’s prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Jett grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: **We do.**

P: Jacob and Krista, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God’s Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Jett: to walk alongside him as he grows in his faith and in his relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Jett and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I do.**

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **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.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jett Curtis Timothy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sing:



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Jett Curtis Timothy: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

P: Jett Curtis Timothy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new brother James into the family of God.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Becky Murray, Mike Scheffler
Becky Pepper for brother Tom, heart attack
Deb Izu's sister Lynn, surgery
Peter Passante for Jillian, Aunt Barb, Uncle Roger

God's Care: Peter Passante for Kathryn

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision, arr. Heather Sorenson

Ascension Choir



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- *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

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

Amazing Grace, arr. Sandra Eithun

Ascension Ringers

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

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.**

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 Holy 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

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

SENDING

P: Let us go forth in peace.

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

POSTLUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory, setting by Paul Manz

Announcements

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.

Farmers' Market March 10: Purchase tickets today at the Welcome Center. The market is free but there is a charge for the farm-to-table brunch. Adults \$10, seniors \$8, kids 4-10 \$5 (under 4 free). Maximum of \$30 per family. A limited number of tickets will be available on the day of the market. We need to order the food from the farmers today so we have enough.

HELP! We also need volunteers to make the market a success. Sign-up online, <http://tinyurl.com/WinterMarket24> or forms are available.

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

The Chosen Adult Ed: If you are interested in preparing before the next meeting on Monday, March 4, here are the readings before we begin to see Jesus' public ministry unfold. Matthew 6:1-18, Matthew 8:1-4, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 12:36-48, and Luke 18:1-14.

SOPHIA Basket: Ascension is putting together a Wisconsin Basket for SOPHIA's 20th Community Brunch silent auction. If you have something to donate, contact Joan Mikecz, joanmikecz@sbcglobal.net. We would love to have a full basket of fun, tasty, team loyalty, adventure seeking, etc. things to auction off to raise money for this wonderful cause. Items must be to Joan by March 30. Save the date April 20 to attend the brunch celebration.

Community Outreach Meeting: The Community Outreach/Community Partners Committee will meet Thursday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. to plan the Ministry Fair.

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.

CALENDAR <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

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 AI 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

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 11

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Mar 12

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

6pm Cloverleaf 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 AI Anon CR

Key

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>



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