



Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent

10:45 a.m., Sunday, March 3, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

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Altar Guild: Cindy Finn, Kris Wells

Communion: Lynn Cleppe, Cathy Rapp

Media: Andrew Marien

Usher: Mark Pichler

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

The New Song We Sing

You are the God who reconciles
The wayward heart through Christ
The old has gone, the new has come
We are reconciled by love
We are reconciled by love

**And this is the new song we sing
To the King of Heaven
This is the new song we bring
After all You've given
We stand before You redeemed
As your children
This is the new song we sing**

His Love Endures Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise
From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
By the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, forever, forever

ANTHEM

Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light)
South African

Children's Choir

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PRAYER

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.**

SONG

Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (*Chorus*)

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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 marketplace!" 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

SONG

Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (3x)**

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no I won't be shaken
(Chorus)

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (5x)**

PRAYERS

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

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

God's Care: Peter Passante for Kathryn

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from; oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song

You are good, good, oh (4x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves; oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins
And the echo of my days; oh He is my song (**Chorus**)

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down (4x)

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

Good, Good Father

SONGS

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours, and You are mine**

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
(**Chorus**)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior (**Chorus**)

Many Ways to Give



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- 2) *Vanco Giving app*
- 3) *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
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Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord
Lord of all**

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

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength
You are faithful You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer everything

**Raise your hands, all you nations shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high**

Where You send us God, we will go
You're the answer we want the world to know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way (*Chorus*)

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!

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.

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

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. 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. If you have something to donate, contact Joan Mikecz, joanmikecz@sbcglobal.net. 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.

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>.

March Newsletter: Read all about March at Ascension on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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CALENDAR

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

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 Al Anon CR

Sat Mar 16

*8am CRASH Hope Cen-
 ter*
 9am Jubilate S
 9am Leadership Acade-
 my EH

<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>

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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.



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Donation amount \$ _____

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- In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus
- To the glory of God
- Donated in honor of:

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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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