



Fifth Sunday in Lent
10:45 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Grace Paczesny

Altar Guild: Jay and Robin Gallo

Communion: Mary Ellen Comp

Communion: Becky Hastings

Media: Andrew Marien

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

Today Is the Day

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have
In store for me is good, is good

**Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day**

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good

(Chorus)

I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
(Chorus)

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Come, Lord Jesus, come (4x)

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GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

**Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

Healing: Maddie Goetter, covid
With Paul Eggers for Joe, kidney disease
With Linda Elder for her son-in-law, Mike, brain cancer and major infection and for her daughter, Pam, who is the caregiver

Healing: With Peter Passante for Lisa, now needs to use a wheelchair

God's Care: With Peter Passante for Jillian's son and his dad, car accident
With Peter Passante for Jillian, childcare decisions

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts
We bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

**So give us clean hands
Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another
(2x)**

**And God let us be
A generation that seeks
That seeks Your face
Oh God of Jacob (2x)**

We bow our hearts
We bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols
(Chorus)

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.

FIRST COMMUNION: Today in worship, we celebrate the first communion of the following students:

Kai Alexander Acompanado	Joseph Patrick Leatherwood
Limbert Joel Hernandez Sierra	Madeline Jane Paczesny
Wesley Robert Jahner	Elsa Jean Romme
Caralin Lewis Johnson	Henry Lee Schultz
Collin Bousquet Johnson	Brooklyn Elizabeth Stigler
Howie Dale Leatherwood	

SOLO

Goodness of God

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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*)

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Every fear, has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise
Your great name**

All the weak, find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls, receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name
(*Chorus*)

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

God Is on the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know, I know, I know, I know

God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets us free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know, I know, I know, I know (*Chorus*)

I see a generation standing on the Truth
In each and every nation God is on the move (*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!

Baptized: We welcome Michael Lee Payne in baptism today at the 8:30 a.m. service. Mike is married to Amanda Payne. They have three sons, George, Charlie and Michael.

Last Wednesday Night in Lent: Join us for the last soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20. Please sign-up to help/contribute.

Easter Lily Donation: If you would like to donate an Easter lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out the form in the back of the bulletin or online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCEasterLilies>. Lilies are \$16 each.

New Member Class: Interested in learning more about Ascension or considering joining? Attend one of our new member classes on April 21 or 28 between services and get the scoop. Sign-up online: <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>

The Chosen Adult Ed: We are moving to week 7 tomorrow. Readings to prepare for the session include: Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 2:11-12, Matthew 9:9-13, John 3:1-21.

JOLT / CRASH Shop and Serve: JOLT and CRASH students will meet at Ascension today at 4:30 p.m. Students and volunteers will then travel to Meijer for the annual Shop and Serve event. Students should bring a \$10 donation.

Healing Hearts Meal March 18: Do you have a favorite casserole? Ascension will be providing a casserole dinner for Healing Hearts this month. We need your favorite casserole, rolls, veggies, fruit and cookies to make the meal complete. Please see the Sign-Up Genius to help <https://tinyurl.com/HHMarch18>. Please bring your item(s) to Ascension before 3 p.m. on Monday, March 18, OR right at 4:30 p.m. when the servers arrive. If you make a casserole ahead of time and drop it off early at Ascension, we can heat it at Ascension before we leave.

Young at Heart Potluck & Trip Sign-Up: Join the Young at Heart group Wednesday, March 20, for potluck and games. You'll also find out about their June 27th trip to Lake Geneva to ride the mailboat.

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.

SOPHIA Basket: Ascension is putting together a Wisconsin Basket for SOPHIA's 20th Community Brunch silent auction. If you have something "Wisconsin" that you are willing 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.

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 17

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

4:30p *CRASH/JOLT*

Shop & Serve

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 18

10am Adult Ed HR

4:30pm *Healing Hearts*

6pm Adult Ed HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Mar 19

7am *AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible

6pm GriefShare CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Church Council HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 20

12pm Young at Heart

5:15pm Children's Choir

6pm Soup Supper

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 21

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

Sun Mar 24

Palm Sunday

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST -

Alfombras

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Latino Lunch

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 25

10am Adult Ed

1pm Knit Wits WH

6am Adult Ed

6:30pm AA Sm Group

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Mar 26

7am *AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible

6pm GriefShare CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway group

HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 27

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 28

Maundy Thursday

10am Al Anon CR

6:30pm Worship S

6:45pm Misa EH

Key

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

