



**Second Sunday in Lent**  
8:30 a.m., March 16, 2025

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Paul Erickson, *Bishop*                      Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*  
Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*        Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Shelby Leatherwood    **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson    **Communion:** Carol and Steve Spieker  
**Greeters:** Sharon Coralline, Joyce Krueger    **Media:** Adam Boales  
**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager

**PRELUDE**

**Now Thank We All Our God, *Piet Post***

**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**

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

**ELW 834**

**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 OF PRAISE**

**Glory to God**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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**

**Return to the Lord**



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. Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 13:31-35**

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out de-

mons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**The Rev. Paul Erickson,  
Greater Milwaukee Synod**

## HYMN

**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

**ELW 597**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Thanksgiving:** With Drene Briski for the birth of a great-grandson, Hunter Alexander

**Healing:** With Sarah Paczesny for Seth, 16, stem cell transplant / Hodgkin's Lymphoma  
For Doug Paczesny's cousin, Maria, beginning treatment for pancreatic cancer

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

**Down to the River to Pray /  
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**  
*Traditional/Medema, arr. McDonald*

**Ascension Choir**



### Many Ways to Give Electronically

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

## OFFERTORY

**Change My Heart, O God**

**ELW 801**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## 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**

**Around You, O Lord Jesus**

**ELW 468**

**Thy Holy Wings**

**ELW 613**

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

**ELW 781**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**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**

**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

**ELW 769**

**SENDING**

**P:** Let us go forth in peace.

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

**POSTLUDE**

**Finale from Concerto No. 5, *Handel***



# 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 if needed. There are also Busy Bags available in the lobby.

**Pew Pads:** Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

**Lenten Soup Supper & Worship:** Join us Wednesdays in Lent at 6 p.m. for soup supper followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. Please sign-up to bring a soup or some bread.

**Easter Lily Donations:** Help us decorate the sanctuary for Easter by donating an Easter lily. See the form at the back of the bulletin.

**Photo Directory:** We're putting together a photo directory for the church. To get your picture taken, please see Adam Boales in the Conference Room on Sundays through March 30 between services or immediately following 10:45 worship. You may also submit your own photo to Amy Gilgenbach, [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org).

**Ascension Wear Sale:** Are you looking for an Ascension polo, sweatshirt or pullover? Check out this link <https://tinyurl.com/ALCshirtsale> to see what's available and order by April 6.

**First Communion Stepping Stone Today:** The First Communion Stepping Stone, geared towards 4th graders but open to all ages, takes place over three Sundays during BLAST starting today and culminates with the celebration of First Communion on Sunday, April 6. Contact Pastor Tony with questions.

**Thinking About Joining Ascension?** New member conversations will be held on March 16 and 23 from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Hearth Room. If you are ready to join this community of faith or are interested in learning more about what it means to be a Lutheran Christian and the ministry of Ascension, please consider coming to one of the meetings. RSVP to the church office with this form, <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>, or just show up!

**JOLT & CRASH Shop 'n' Serve:** JOLT and CRASH Students will gather at 4 p.m. today for their annual Shop 'n' Serve event followed by dinner. We still need a few more drivers. Please let Pastor Chris know if you can drive or help set-up dinner.

**Help Needed With Alfombras:** Pastor Edwin is looking for helpers to draw pictures on the plywood for alfombras. If you have the artistic skills to help draw the artwork on the plywood, please contact Pastor Edwin. Please note that drawing will involve bending over large pieces of plywood for an extended amount of time.

**SOPHIA Immigration Meeting:** Ascension will host a meeting of the SOPHIA Immigration Task Force in the Conference Room on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

## Many Ways to Give



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.**

**Young at Heart Lambeau Tour Sign-Up:** This Sunday between services, you will have the opportunity to sign-up for the Young at Heart trip to Lambeau Field in June. See Celeste Defenbaugh at the Welcome Desk on Sunday for more information.

**Young at Heart (55+) Potluck:** The Young at Heart group will meet on Wednesday, March 19, at noon for their monthly potluck and fellowship lunch. Come and bring a dish to pass if able.

**College Care Packages:** If you have a student in college, please let us know so we can send them a care package. We are also seeking monetary donations from the congregation to help cover the costs. Please note that due to the cost of these care packages, we are only able to send care packages to Ascension college students. Please sign-up your student online at, <https://tinyurl.com/CollegeCareALC>, or make a donation, online at <https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC> or by check or envelope marked college care. Please contact Pastor Tony with questions.

**Soul Sisters Cookie Class:** The next Soul Sisters event will be a cookie decorating class which will be held on Friday, April 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. in West Hall. The cost of the class will be \$30. Participants will learn various decorating techniques and will leave with a dozen cookies. This Soul Sisters event is open to women in their 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's. Should the event not fill by March 24, registration will open up to all other women of the church. This event is limited to the first 16 paid participants. You can reserve your spot online, <https://tinyurl.com/CookiesALC>.

**Men's Bible Study:** A men's group bible study is forming on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. (bi-weekly) at Ascension beginning April 1st. Please contact Steve Boyer with your interest in attending at 262-366-4078 (text msg best) or email, [sboyer@healthmarkets.com](mailto:sboyer@healthmarkets.com).

**Thursday Morning Worship:** Join us on Thursday mornings in Lent for a half-hour worship service at 11:30 a.m. There will be music, congregational singing, Scripture readings, a brief message, a time for prayer, and communion each week.

**Lenten Book Study:** Join Pastor Chris at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings in Lent to discuss the book *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. You can pick up a book from PC for \$12 or download it to your device.

**Sing for a Season:** Join the Ascension Choir and sing for Holy Week. Rehearse with us on Tuesdays from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. March 11 through April 8. Sing for Palm Sunday April 13, Maundy Thursday April 17, Good Friday April 18, and Easter Sunday April 20. Email Vicki Taylor, [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org), with questions or to join.

**Children's Choir Resumed!** The Children's Choir rehearses Thursdays, through April 10, from 5:15 to 6 p.m. All children in grades K-5 are invited to join us. Questions to Vicki Taylor.

**Read about March at Ascension!** Read about how you can experience Lent in new ways with Ascension. <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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

## Sun Mar 16

### **8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Blast  
9:45am 1st Communion WH  
9:45am New members HR  
9:45am Photo directory CR

### **10:45am Misa EH**

### **10:45am Worship S**

4pm CRASH/JOLT Shop 'n'  
Serve  
7pm AA WH

## Mon Mar 17

11:30am Staff Mtg HR  
6pm AMEN CR  
6pm Synod El Salvador Com-  
mittee WH  
6:30pm AA Sm Group EH

## Tue Mar 18

7am AMEN zoom  
9:30am Women's Bible CR  
6pm Handbells S  
6:30pm SOPHIA Mtg WH, EH  
7pm Church council HR  
7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Wed Mar 19

12pm Young at Heart WH  
6pm Soup Supper WH

## Wed Mar 19 cont.

### **6:45pm Lenten Worship S**

7pm AA WH

## Thu Mar 20

9:30am TGIT HR  
10am Al Anon CR  
10:30am The Walk WH  
**11:30am Worship S**  
1pm Hansen Group CR  
5:15pm Children's Choir MR

## Sat March 22

8:30am Leadership Academy

## Sun Mar 23

### **8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Blast  
9:45am 1st Communion WH  
9:45am New members HR  
9:45am Photo directory CR

### **10:45am Misa EH**

### **10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

## Mon Mar 24

1pm Knit Wits HR  
6pm AMEN CR  
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

## Tue Mar 25

7am AMEN zoom

## Tues Mar 25 cont.

9:30am Women's Bible CR  
6pm Handbells S  
7pm Holloway Mtg HR  
7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Wed Mar 26

1pm Bunco WH  
6pm Soup Supper WH  
**6:45pm Lenten Worship S**  
7pm AA WH

## Thu Mar 27

10am Al Anon CR  
10:30am The Walk WH  
**11:30am Worship S**  
5:15pm Children's Choir MR

### Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MG	Memorial Garden
N	Narthex (Lobby)
PR	Prayer Room
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall (Kit)
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

## Worship Support <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

March 23	8:30a	10:45a
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grant Probst	Ryan Rees
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
<b>Communion</b>	Lauren Birner, Sharon Coralline, Marge Schroeder	Melody & Paul Maass, Mike Tomchek
<b>Greeters</b>	Mike Dian, Nancy Inzeo	
<b>Media</b>	Cheryl Werner	Cheryl Anspach
<b>Readers</b>	Scott / Sheri Greger	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mark Pichler

## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***How did God invite you here?***

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### ***How can we share the life of Ascension with you?***

- E-Alert
- 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 (membership)

## 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:

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Donated in memory of:

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



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