



## Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m., February 8, 2026

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolytes:** Elsa Romme **Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Darlene DiBrito, Jennifer Werner

**Greeters:** Dick and Sharon Boward **Media:** Buck Houston

**Ushers:** Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

**PRELUDE** Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation - Fanfare and Trumpet Tune  
*arr. David Lasky*

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Rise, Shine, You People!**

**ELW 665**

**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**

**Refrain**

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

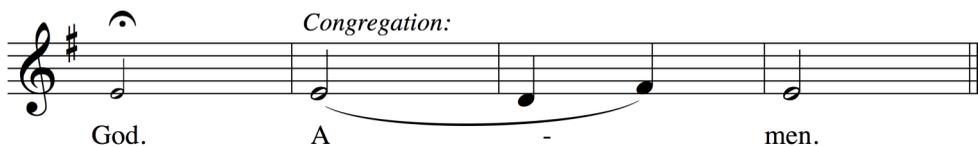
*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Now the Feast**

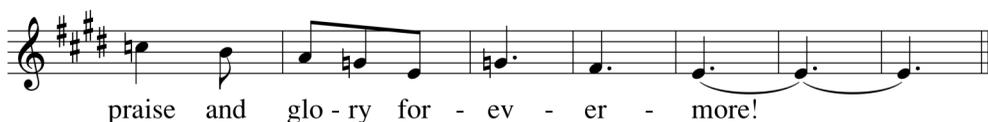
Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;

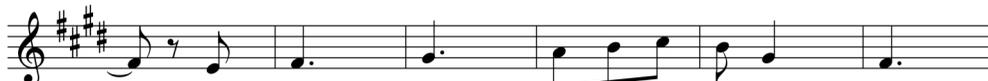


praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,



whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us



to be one great peo - ple of God.

**D.C.**

Verse 2



2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

D.C.

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us

peo - ple of God; to make all things new.

D.C.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**Walk in the Light**, *Traditional*  
arr. André Thomas

**Ascension Choir**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Tony**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

*Optional Repeat*

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Tony**

## HYMN

**Gather Us In**

**ELW 532**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Comfort:** For Chris Holloway and family at the death of her father, Bill Rudd

**God’s Care:** For John Tomchek as he deals with life issues  
For Brett Kohnke's father, Rick, vascular dementia

**Healing:** For Sharon Coralline, surgery  
For Janet Niebrugge, heart valve replacement  
For Cara Boyer, gallbladder surgery

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

*Ascend! Sandra Eithun*

**Ascension Ringers**

	<p><b>Many Ways to Give Electronically</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QR code</li><li>• VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone</li><li>• Online at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC">tinyurl.com/SupportALC</a></li><li>• Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</li></ul>
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## 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

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music for 'GREAT THANKSGIVING'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The first four measures are labeled 'Presider:' and the remaining four measures are labeled 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.' The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of music. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The first four measures are labeled 'Presider:' and the remaining four measures are labeled 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

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right to give God thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the fourth line of music. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'right to give God thanks and praise.' The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

## PROPER PREFACE

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of music for 'HOLY, HOLY, HOLY'. It features a treble clef, a key signature of three sharps, and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and'. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

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glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

## 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

1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:

have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

<b>HYMNS</b>	<b>As the Grains of Wheat</b>	<b>ELW 465</b>
	<b>We Come to the Hungry Feast</b>	<b>ELW 479</b>
	<b>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</b>	<b>ELW 712</b>

**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.**

<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	<b>To Be Your Presence</b>	<b>ELW 546</b>
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**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

<b>POSTLUDE</b>	<b>This Little Light of Mine, <i>Mark Hayes</i></b>	<b>Piano Duet</b>
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<b>Worship Support</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</a>		
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aubrey Olson, Madeline Paczesny	Marti Mustapich, Callum Reinfeldt
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Sue Mathews
<b>Communion</b>	Carol and Steve Spieker	Pat Boyer, Diane and Rick Dowling
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Elder, Jan Zastrow	<i>Always appreciated</i>
<b>Media</b>	Cheryl Werner	Jeff Froh
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder, Scot Werner	Mike Rapp, Brian Smith



# 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!

## Today!

- **Worship** at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- **Hope Center presentation**, 9:45 a.m., Hearth Room. The new director of Hope Center will update us on all the changes.
- **Love Your Church, Love Your World**
- **Caminando Juntos/Walking Together** info table
- **CRASH paczki sale**
- **Children's Ministry Food Pantry collection**
- **No JAM, BLAST, or JUMP**

**Love Your Church, Love Your World:** Choose a heart from the sanctuary window to show your love for Ascension and the work we do in the wider world. Return the heart with your donation.

**CRASH Paczki Sale:** Please consider purchasing paczkis from CRASH students. Paczki pick-up will be on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 17. Students should sign up to help, <https://tinyurl.com/PaczkiSale>.

**Caminando Juntos/ Walking Together:** Visit the Caminando Juntos educational table in the narthex. Pick-up information on the ELCA's position on immigration. Learn about the different categories of immigration and some facts vs. fiction. Bookmarks and more!

**Hope Center Guest:** Tonya Lyons, the new Director of the Hope Center, is our guest today between services in the Hearth Room. She will update us on all the changes with the new building and the hopes and plans for the future. Join us to find out about what's in the works for Hope Center. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

**Children's Ministry Food Pantry Collection:** Join the Children's Ministry as we collect food and baby items for the Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County! We are gathering specific items to be used during our Journey to the Cross event: peanut butter, cereal, pasta, canned fruit/veg, and baby items (diapers, wipes, formula). Please donate by Friday, Feb. 20.

## E-Giving



- [Tinyurl.com/SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

**SOPHIA's Immigration Task Force:** This group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Ascension. Anyone interested in learning more facts about immigration and how you can help our immigrant brothers and sisters is welcome to attend.

**Lent Begins:** Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb. 18, with Ash Wednesday worship at 12 and 6:30 p.m., both with Imposition of Ashes. The only difference between the services is the addition of our music ensembles in the evening. Wednesdays in Lent, starting Feb. 25, we meet for soup supper at 6 p.m. Please see the sign-up in the narthex/lobby to bring a soup or loaf of bread. We average between 125 and 150 for soup each week. Worship begins at 6:45 p.m. and ends at 7:15 p.m. to get littles home and off to bed.

**Blessing Bags:** We will continue collecting Blessing Bags for the homeless throughout February. The bags will be given to the Hope Center, and some will be put in our Blessing Box. See the newsletter for more information or the signs in front of the Blessing Bag bin in the Donation Center. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, [shwehmeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehmeier@gmail.com).

**Healing Hearts Meal:** Our next Healing Hearts meal is Monday, Feb. 23. We're looking for people to donate food, to cook food and to serve food. Please sign-up to help, <https://tinyurl.com/HHSpring26>.

**February Young at Heart:** Join the Young at Heart group (for people over 55) on Wednesday, Feb. 25, (4th Wednesday due to Lent) for a potluck lunch and games. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. There will be no bunco in February.

**Sing for a Season:** Sing for a Season is back! Join the Ascension Choir and sing for the Lenten season and/or Holy Week. Rehearse with us on Tuesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m., Feb. 24 through March 24; sing for Palm Sunday, March 29, Maundy Thursday, April 2, Good Friday, April 3, and Easter Sunday, April 5. Interested singers are invited and welcome to join in for 4-5 rehearsals and sing with us on whatever dates work best. Email [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org) with questions and to sign-up.

**Children's Choir:** The Ascension Children's Choir returns for our spring session on Wednesdays from 5:15-6 p.m. beginning Feb. 25 through March 25, culminating with the children singing on Palm Sunday. Please note the change to Wednesdays; rehearsals will take place immediately prior to Lenten Soup Suppers and worship services. All children in grades K-5 are welcome to join us! Email [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org) with questions and to sign up.

**February Newsletter:** Read all about this month at Ascension, including pastoral perspectives, events and ministries, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

**Reflections Blog:** Too busy to read the entire newsletter? Browse our Reflections Blog for individual articles that might interest you! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer requests may be made using the yellow prayer card in the pew, online <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers/>, by email to [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org), or phone message to the church office, 262-547-8518.

**Get Connected:** Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. We send out e-alerts weekly on Wednesday and occasionally for special notices. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

**Sun Feb 8**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:30am CRASH Paczki Sales  
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9:45am Hope Center presentation HR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

7pm AA WH

**Mon Feb 9**

10am/6pm Chosen HR

12pm Staff Mtg HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Feb 10**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer group

6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration  
Task Force Mtg WH

7pm Holloway mtg HR

**Wed Feb 11**

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Feb 12**

10am Al Anon CR

**Sat Feb 14**

8am Meru Synod Mtg HR

**Sun Feb 15**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST WH

9:45am JUMP CR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

7pm AA WH

**Mon Feb 16**

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Feb 17**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9am Paczki pick-up K

**Tue Feb 17 cont.**

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Church council HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Wed Feb 18 Ash Wednesday**

**12pm / 6:30pm Worship S**

7pm AA WH

**Thu Feb 19**

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

10:30am Book Study HR

**11:30am Worship S**

1pm Hansen Mtg CR

**Sat Feb 21**

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

**Sun Feb 22**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Journey to the Cross N

**10:45am Worship EH S**

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

**Mon Feb 23**

10am/6pm Chosen HR

*4:30pm Healing Hearts Meal*

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

**Tue Feb 24**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer group

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Wed Feb 25**

12pm Young at Heart

5:15pm Children's Choir MR

6pm Soup Supper EH

**6:45pm Worship S**

7pm AA WH

**Thu Feb 26**

10am Al Anon CR

10:30am Book Study HR

**11:30am Worship S**

**Sun Mar 1**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am 1st Communion Stepping Stone WH

**10:45am Worship EH S**

**2pm Wild Church MG WH**

*4pm JOLT / CRASH Shop & Serve*

7pm AA WH

**Mon Mar 2**

10am/6pm Chosen HR

12pm Staff Mtg HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

**Tue Mar 3**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm Handbells S

7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Wed Mar 4**

5:15pm Children's Choir MR

6pm Soup Supper EH

**6:45pm Worship S**

7pm AA WH

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

## Are You Visiting?

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

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

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

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

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
- JAM, BLAST, JUMP (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)

**Please place in the offering plate.**



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