



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:45 a.m., February 8, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

Acolytes: Ella Pfahler, Henry Schultz **Altar Guild:** Jay and Robin Gallo

Communion: Maelyn Olson, Kristy Olson-Schubert, Brad Piper

Media: Cheryl Anspach **Ushers:** Cynthia and Mike Carlson

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Because of Your Love

As we come into Your presence
We remember every blessing
That You've poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises
For compassion so amazing
Lord we've come to give You thanks for all
You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
We lift You up, with songs of freedom
Forever we're changed, because of your love

Great Things

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

PRAYER

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SONG

Everything Glorious

The day is brighter here with You
 The night is lighter than its hue
 Would lead me to believe
 Which leads me to believe

My eyes are small but they have seen
 The beauty of enormous things
 Which leads me to believe
 There's light enough to see (*Chorus*)

**You make everything glorious
 You make everything glorious
 You make everything glorious
 And I am Yours**

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

SONG

The Saving One

When mercy was revealed what selflessness and peace
 My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me
 His pardon for my sin; His bounty for my need
 From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

**And Heaven can't contain the glory of the Son
 Jesus is the Christ, the saving One
 His love has made a way the grave is overcome
 Jesus is the Christ, the saving One**

No fear can hold me down, nor darkness steal my joy
 For blood has been poured out; the enemy destroyed
 Death could not hold Him down; the cross was not enough
 To steal away His throne, for He is God (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

- 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

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (*Chorus*)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The light of the world (*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.

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SOLO

Goodness of God

SONGS

God You Reign

You paint the night, You count the stars
And You call them by name
The skies proclaim, God, You reign
Your glory shines, You teach the sun
When to bring a new day
Creation sings, God, You reign

God, You reign, God, You reign
Forever and ever, God, You reign

You part the seas, You move the mountains
With the words that You say
My song remains, God, You reign
(Chorus)

Hallelujah, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Hallelu
Hallelujah, Hallelu, Hallelujah, Hallelu

I Love You Lord

I love You Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, Oh my soul rejoice
Take joy my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

The Happy Song

I could sing unending songs
Of how You saved my soul
I could dance a thousand miles
Because of Your great love

My heart is bursting Lord
To tell of all You've done
Of how you changed my life
And wiped away the past
I want to shout it out
From every roof top sing
For now I know that God
Is for me not against me

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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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.

Many Ways to Give



Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC
Via text to 262-214-3681
with the amount

More next page.

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 little 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.

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 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 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, 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.

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

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

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

Key

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>

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

Feb. 15	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Aubrey Olson, Madeline Paczesny	Marti Mustapich, Callum Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Sue Mathews
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Pat Boyer, Diane and Rick Dowling
Greeters	Linda Elder, Jan Zastrow	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Cheryl Werner	Jeff Froh
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder, Scot Werner	Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

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?

- 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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