



Third Sunday in Lent
10:45 a.m., March 8, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Henry Schultz **Altar Guild:** Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion: Mary Ellen Comp, Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews **Media:** Jeff Froh
Reader: Brad Piper **Ushers:** Cynthia and Mike Carlson

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (*Chorus*)

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

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice! "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert. There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works. Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.' Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'"

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

I Will Follow

**Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
I will follow You**

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone (*Chorus*)
Light unto the world, light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-18, 25-29

Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?" Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water." "But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?" Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life." "Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't

have to come here to get water.” “Go and get your husband,” Jesus told her. “I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied. Jesus said, “You’re right! You don’t have a husband—for you have had five husbands, and you aren’t even married to the man you’re living with now. You certainly spoke the truth!” The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming—the one who is called Christ. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus told her, “I am the Messiah!” Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked to find him talking to a woman, but none of them had the nerve to ask, “What do you want with her?” or “Why are you talking to her?” The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

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**

PRAYERS

Please say, “Hear our prayer” and sing the following refrain after each petition.

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

Healing: For Maddie Goetter, breast cancer surgery on March 10
For Carol Ziarniak, hospitalized
For Peter Passante’s friend, Shawna, chip fracture

Thanksgiving: For Sheri Greger’s cousin, Thomas, ventilator removed - continued prayers
for healing

God’s Care: For Don Steinke’s sister, Susan Gering, entering hospice

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OFFERING

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus


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.

	<p>E-Giving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• VancoMobile Giving app• Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC• <i>Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</i>
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SOLO

Walk Me Home Lord

SONGS

Come Just as You Are

Come just as you are	Life everlasting
Hear the spirit call	And strength for today
Come just as you are	Taste the living water
	And never thirst again
Come and see	
Come receive	
Come and live forever	

For All That You Have Done

Your grace will never be forgot	In all our failures and regrets
Your mercy all my life	You've always led us home
Will be my soul's forever song	Redemption's arm has raised us up
My story and my light	Our triumph in the storm (<i>Chorus</i>)
From mountaintop to valley low	In unity we'll stand as one
Through laughter and through tears	As family we'll go
Surely the goodness of my God	Shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand
Will follow all the years	Into the great unknown (<i>Chorus</i>)
For all that You have done, for us	
For every battle won	
We'll raise a song to bless Your heart	
For all that You have done	

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.

SONG

Make a Difference

Leader:

*You gave Your life to make a difference
You gave Your life to make a change
You welcomed all to Your table
You're telling us to do the same*

**I want my life to make a difference
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change**

Working side by side, no out or inside
Together we can make that change
With a few or many, with a lot or not any
Together we can make that change
(Chorus)

Crossing the great divide
Joy and peace will abide
Together we can make that change
Jesus is our peace all fighting will cease
Together we can make that change
(Chorus)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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.
- **First Communion Stepping Stone**, 9:45 a.m., West Hall
- **BLAST, JUMP**, 9:45 a.m., no JAM
- **CRASH** meets from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- **SOPHIA table**, 9:45 to 11:45 a.m.

First Communion: First communion stepping stone classes will be March 1, 8, and 15, between worship services. The Rite of First Communion will be held on March 22 during worship. Watch for more information to come.

Healing Hearts Monthly Meal: Our next meal is March 23. Please see the Sign-Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/HHSpring26> if you can help serve or provide food.

Family Movie Night: Children’s Ministry invites you on Friday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. for a Family Movie Night featuring free pizza, popcorn and juice. Come and enjoy a movie that will delight young and old. Bring comfy blankets and pillows too! Please RSVP online at <https://tinyurl.com/FamilyMovieNight3-26> and be entered to win a special seat the night of the movie!

New Member Classes: Interested in joining Ascension? We'll have new member conversations between worship on March 15 and March 22. Fill-out this online form, <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>, to RSVP or let us know if you'd like to learn more about Ascension. A copy is also available in the office.

GriefShare: Are you or someone you know struggling with grief after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend? We invite you to consider Ascension’s grief support ministry, GriefShare, which meets Tuesdays, through May 19, at 6 – 8 p.m. This impactful group started last Tuesday and participants are encouraged to attend all 10 sessions, however you are also welcome to begin our GriefShare group at any point. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office to sign up. Questions? Please contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

SOPHIA Community Breakfast & Auction: See the table in the narthex today to learn about SOPHIA's annual breakfast fundraiser. Purchase tickets or donate to help us fill our Wisconsin or Waukesha themed baskets for the silent auction. Contact Joan Mikecz, jdmikecz@gmail.com, with questions.

SOPHIA Presentation: On March 15, we will host a special guest from SOPHIA between services to give a presentation on Ascension as a founding member of SOPHIA, current community activities and how Ascension can become more involved in SOPHIA’s future. This guest is well known to Ascension. He is now the vice president of SOPHIA but we know him as Pastor Jim Bickel, a former long-time pastor of Ascension.

March Newsletter: The March newsletter is available on our website at <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>. Read the pastors’ reflections and find out about all that is happening this month at Ascension.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
March 15	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Ruby Olson, Madeline Paczesny	Zach Jahner, Callum Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Jennifer and Scot Werner	<i>One volunteer needed</i> , Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Sarah Boales, Jonathan and Emily	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Adam Boales	Anna Marien
Readers	Jennifer Werner	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer, Al Wollschlager	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.

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

Sun Mar 8

Daylight Savings begins

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST HR

9:45am 1st Communion
SS WH, MR

9:45am JUMP CR

10:45am Worship EH S

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 9

10am/6pm Chosen HR

12pm Staff Mtg HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Mar 10

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

5pm Private event EH

6pm GriefShare CR

6pm Handbells S

6:30pm SOPHIA Immi-
gration Task Force Mtg
WH

7pm Holloway mtg HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 11

5:15pm Children's Choir
MR

6pm Soup Supper EH

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 12

10am Al Anon CR

10:30am Boyer Group
MR

10:30am Book Study HR

11:30am Worship S

Fri Mar 13

5:30p BLAST Movie
Night

Sat Mar 14

9am Adult Choir S

12pm Handbells S

Sun Mar 15

8:30am Worship S

9:45am 1st Communion
SS WH, MR

9:45am New members
conversation HR

9:45am SOPHIA EH

10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 16

Alfombra reservation MR

10am Chosen HR

6pm Chosen HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Mar 17

Alfombra reservation MR

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

6pm GriefShare CR

6pm Handbells S

6:30pm Church council
HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S



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