



Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:30 a.m., March 15, 2026

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolytes: Ruby Olson, Madeline Paczesny **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Jennifer and Scot Werner
Greeters: Linda Blodgett, Sarah, Jonathan and Emily Boales **Media:** Adam Boales
Reader: Jennifer Werner **Ushers:** Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

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.**

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.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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. John, the 9th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

John 9:1-12

As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR DAISEY RAE STROBL

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Jake and Michelle, do you present Daisey Rae for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We do.

P: Alex and Meghan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Daisey Rae baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Daisey Rae to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people; bring her to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach her the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Daisey grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Jake and Michelle, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Daisey: to walk alongside her as she grows in her faith and in her relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Daisey and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I do.**

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Daisey Rae Strobl, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All please sing: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Daisey Rae: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

P: Daisey Rae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sister Daisey into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: For Sharon Coralline’s brother-in-law, Jay, cancer
For Marty Grunfelder, post-heart surgery and added procedures
For Peter Passante’s friend, Athena, hospitalized with respiratory virus
For Linda Druml

God’s Care: For Don Steinke’s sister, Susan Gering, hospice
For Brett Kohnke’s father, hospice

OFFERING

Give Me Jesus, African American Spiritual
arr. Mark Patterson

Ascension Choir
Tyler Earnest, clarinet



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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

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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

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
arr. Cathy Moglebust

Ascension Ringers

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

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

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW 324

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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
- SOPHIA presentation, 9:45 a.m., Latino sanctuary
- New member conversation, 9:45 a.m., Hearth Room

Baptized: We welcome Daisey Rae Strobl in baptism today at the 8:30 a.m. service. Daisey's parents are Alex and Meghan Strobl. Daisey's sponsors are Jake Strobl and Michelle Leitingner. Daisey's siblings are Evelyn and Casey. At 10:45 a.m. we welcome Juliette Ava Popp in baptism. Juliette's parents are Amber and Joseph Popp. Juliette's sponsors are Hailey Pfahler and Matthew Vincent. Juliette's big sister is Aubrey.

First Communion: Today is the last first communion stepping stone class. The Rite of First Communion will be held on March 22 during worship.

Lilies: If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for our sanctuary, please fill-out the form in the back of the bulletin 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. The form is also available at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCEasterLilies>.

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.

SOPHIA Presentation: Join us today between services to hear Pastor Jim Bickel, a long-time Ascension pastor who is now the vice president of SOPHIA. He will give a presentation on Ascension's role as a founding member of SOPHIA, the current community activities and how Ascension can become more involved in SOPHIA's future.

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


Young at Heart: The 55+ group meets next Wednesday, March 18, for a potluck lunch at noon followed by fellowship activities. Bring a dish to pass if you are able.

More next page.

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 group already started, however you are welcome to begin our GriefShare group at any point. Please contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascnesionelca.org, with questions.

Monthly Healing Hearts Meal: Check out the Sign-Up Genius, tinyurl.com/HHSpring26 for what is still needed for the March 23 supper for Healing Hearts.

Knit Wits Featured in Outreach for Hope Lenten Devotions: Check out the Lenten devotion from Outreach for Hope on March 11 featuring Ascension's Knit Wits, youtube.com/@OutreachForHope.



Your Lenten Journey with Ascension

- **Soup supper and Wednesday Night Worship:** Through March 25, join us Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. for soup supper and stay for worship at 6:45 p.m. Worship will end by 7:15 p.m.
- **Lenten Book Study:** There's still time to join us for PC's book study of “The Message of Jesus” by Adam Hamilton Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Purchase a book from PC for \$13 or buy one on your own.
- **Thursday morning worship:** 11:30 a.m., through March 26.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
March 22	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Eli Escobedo, Hadley Marien	Bly Dringenburg, Lexi Lytle
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Jim Hahn, Julie Kinunen	Maelyn Olson, Sherry Olson, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Dave and Liz Carleton	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Buck Houston	Cheryl Anspach
Readers	Darlene DiBrito	Sue Mathews
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Mark Pichler, Patrick Tkach

Sun Mar 15

8:30am Worship S

9:45am 1st Comm SS WH
 9:45am New members HR
 9:45am SOPHIA EH

10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 16

Alfombras MR through Apr 2

10am/6pm Chosen HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Mar 17

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

Wed Mar 18

12pm Young at Heart WH
 5:15pm Children's Choir MR
 6pm Soup Supper EH

6:45pm Worship S

7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 19

9:30am TGIT WH
 10am Al Anon CR
 10:30am Book Study HR

11:30am Worship S

1pm Hansen Mtg CR

Sat Mar 21

9am Drawing of Alfombras
 WH, K
 12:30pm Knit Fest HR

Sun Mar 22

First Communion

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST WH, JAM EH,
 JUMP CR

9:45am New members HR

10:45am Worship EH S

12pm Private event WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 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 Mar 24

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 10:30am Boyer group HR
 6pm GriefShare CR
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm Holloway Mtg HR
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Mar 25

1pm Bunco WH
 5:15pm Children's Choir MR
 6pm Soup Supper EH
6:45pm Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Thu Mar 26

10am Al Anon CR
 10:30am Book Study HR
11:30am Worship S

Sun Mar 29 Palm Sunday

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST, JUMP

10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Mon Mar 30

10am /6pm Chosen HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Mar 31

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 6pm Handbells S
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Apr 1

7pm AA WH

Thu Apr 2

Maundy Thursday

9:30am TGIT WH
 10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Mtg CR
 6:30pm Worship S

Fri Apr 3 Good Friday

12pm Worship S

6:30pm Worship S

Sun Apr 5 Easter Sunday

8:30am Worship S

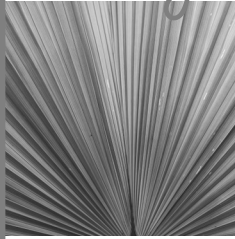
10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Key

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

Holy Week ~ Semana Santa



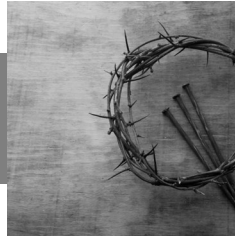
March 29
Palm Sunday
Domingo de Ramos

8:30 & 10:45 English
10:45a en español



April 2
Maundy Thursday
Jueves Santo

6:30p English
6:30p en español



April 3
Good Friday
Viernes Santo

12p & 6:30p English
5:30p Procesional y
misa (en español)



April 5
Easter
Domingo de Resurrección

8:30 & 10:45a
English
10:45a en español

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.



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To the glory of God

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Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

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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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