



**Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
10:45 a.m., March 15, 2026

**Worship Leadership**

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

**Acolytes:** Zach Jahner, Callum Reinfeldt **Altar Guild:** Jay and Robin Gallo  
**Communion:** Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp **Media:** Anna Marien  
**Reader:** Jeff Froh **Ushers:** Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

**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.**

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## SONGS

### His Love Endures Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King      Forever God is faithful  
His love endures forever      Forever God is strong  
For He is good, He is above all things      Forever God is with us, forever, forever  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

### Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me      **I am a friend of God**  
That You hear me, when I call      **I am a friend of God**  
Is it true that You are thinking of me      **I am a friend of God**  
How You love me, it's amazing      **He calls me friend**

## PRAYER

### 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.**

## SONG

### You Are So Good to Me

You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart      You ride upon the clouds  
You are my Father in Heaven      You lead me to the truth  
You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart      You are the Spirit inside me  
You are my Father in Heaven      You ride upon the clouds  
**You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song**      You lead me to the truth  
**You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song**      You are the Spirit inside me  
**You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song**      *(Chorus)*  
**And I will sing again**

## 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**

## SONG

### We Believe

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, we believe

So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations  
We believe, we believe (*Chorus*)

**We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He’s given us new life  
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe He conquered death  
We believe in the resurrection, and He’s coming back again  
We believe**

## SERVICE OF BAPTISM JULIETTE AVA POPP

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: Hailey and Matthew, do you present Juliette Ava Popp for the sacrament of holy baptism?  
Sponsors: We do.

P: Amber and Joseph, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Juliette Ava baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

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P: As you bring Juliette Ava 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 Juliette grow in the Christian faith and life?

**C: We do.**

P: Hailey and Matthew, 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 Juliette: 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 Juliette 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: Juliette Ava Popp, 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 Juliette Ava: 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: Juliette, 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 Juliette into the family of God.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYERS

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

**Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah**

**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

As we lift up our hands  
Will You meet us here  
As we call on Your name  
Will You meet us here  
We have come to this place  
To worship You  
God of mercy and grace  
It is You we adore  
It is You praises are for  
Only You the heavens declare  
It is You, it is You

## It Is You

**Holy, holy is our God Almighty  
Holy, holy is His name alone (2x)**

### E-Giving



[tinyurl.com/  
SupportALC](http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)

## 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.

## SOLO

### Jesus I Believe

## SONG

### I've Witnessed It

When I was lost and all alone  
Your presence was where I found home  
You were there and You're here right now  
In every high and every low  
You never left me without hope  
You were good and You're good right now

You left the throne and chose the cross  
Laid down Your life to rescue us  
The savior then, the savior now  
But even death was not the end  
You conquered hell so I could live  
Resurrecting then, resurrecting now *(Chorus)*

**I've witnessed Your faithfulness  
I've seen You breathe life within  
So I'll pour out my praise again  
You're worthy, God you're worthy of all of it  
Your promises never fail  
I've got stories I'll live to tell  
So I'll pour out my praise again  
You're worthy, God you're worthy of all of it**

You're good and I've witnessed it  
You're strong and I've witnessed it  
You're constant, I've witnessed it  
And I'm confident I'll see it again and again  
You love and I've witnessed it  
You heal and I've witnessed it  
You save and I've witnessed it  
And I'm confident I'll see it again and again  
*(Chorus)*

## SONG

### Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

**So give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another (2x)**

**And God let us be  
A generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face  
Oh God of Jacob (2x)**

We bow our hearts  
We bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols (*Chorus*)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## SONG

### God Is on the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light  
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight  
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served  
I know, I know, I know, I know

**God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah  
God is on the move in many mighty ways  
God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah  
God is on the move on the move today**

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees  
Or dares to speak the truth that sets us free  
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word  
I know, I know, I know, I know (*Chorus*)

I see a generation standing on the Truth  
In each and every nation God is on the move (*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
- 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 Leitinger. 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.

**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.

**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>.

**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:** Also on Sunday, 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](mailto:jdmikecz@gmail.com), with questions.

### Many Ways to Give




Online at [tinyurl.com/SupportALC](http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)  
Via text to 262-214-3681  
with the amount

**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.

**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](mailto:tony@ascnesionelca.org), with questions.

**Monthly Healing Hearts Meal:** Check out the Sign-Up Genius, [tinyurl.com/HHSpring26](http://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](https://www.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.

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

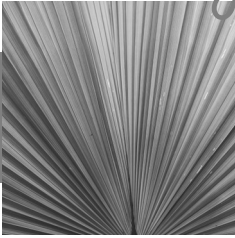
**10:45am Worship EH S**

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



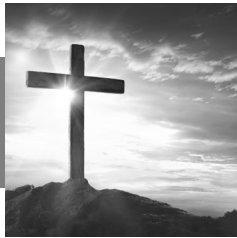
**March 29**  
**Palm Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45



**April 2**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
6:30p



**April 3**  
**Good Friday**  
12p & 6:30p  
5:30p Procesional  
(en español)



**April 5**  
**Easter Sunday**  
8:30 & 10:45a

## 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)**

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**Donation amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

This donation is given (*please check*):

- In celebration of the resurrection of Jesus
- To the glory of God
- Donated in honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Donated in memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

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

## 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?
- 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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