



“...He was tempted by the Devil ...”

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First Sunday In Lent

February 18, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Notices

Prelude

“Precious Lord”
Michael Hassell

(Stand) Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Sit/kneel)

P: Most holy and merciful Father:

C: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

P: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, Lord.

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness. The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives, our inclination towards nit-picking and fault-finding,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

C: we confess to you, Lord.

P: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.

C: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

ELW 319 Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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- 1. O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.**
- 2. You strove with Satan, and you won;
your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
in God's eternal word.**
- 3. Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.**
- 4. Be with us through this season, Lord,
and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns,
we join in heaven's praise.**

Kyrie

“Kyrie Eleison”

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Refrain :

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, pick us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you.” ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶and said, “By myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

James 1:12–18

¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand) Lenten Verse

“Return To The Lord”
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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.

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:9–15

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

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

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Sit) Sermon

(Stand) Hymn of the Day “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
ELW 504

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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1. **A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

2. **No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

3. **Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

4. **God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

The Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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We come to you god- with op -en heartspray ing To ask for your heal ing and
 bless -ing a bound. We pray to you knee ling with heads bowed in -
 wit ness the glo - ry of your pow - er and un bound less love.

Text: Ben Harris
 Music: KREMSER, A Valerius, *Nederianatsch Gedencckelancck*, 1626

(Sit) The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(after each portion of the prayers:)

A: Lord, in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude.)

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a word of peace.

"Peace be with you"... "God bless you"... "God loves you"...

The Gathering of Gifts

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

Anthem

Senior Choir

"Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

(Stand) Presentation of Gifts **"Christ Have Mercy On Us All"**

Text and Music: Ray Makeever

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- 1. Christ, have mercy on us all.
Keep us steadfast e'er we fall.**

Refrain: Break the bread, pour the wine, Come and dine.

- 2. God, be with us at the feast.
Grant us wisdom, give us peace. *Refrain***
- 3. Holy Spirit, breathe again.
Light the darkness, be our friend. *Refrain***
- 4. Bake a great loaf; give it time;
Choose the best grapes from the vine. *Refrain***

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: In the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary ... and join their unending hymn:

C: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Traditional Argentinean Melody; Arr. by Pablo Sosa

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**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy

people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you. He is the one who was handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and in his resurrection, proclaimed his victory over sin and death.

In the night in which he betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat, this is my body, broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Take and drink, this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it in the remembrance of me."

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people. Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

(Sit) Communion Distribution

Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized adults who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Those communing may receive the wafer in their hand or upon their tongue. You may receive the wine by the common cup, individual cup, or by dipping the wafer into the wine. The ushers will direct you to communion. Please step up to the blue line.

Communion Music “Lamb of God, Come Take Away”

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- 1. Lamb of God, come take away
The sin of all the world today
Have mercy upon us, mercy upon us,
Mercy upon us and give us your peace.**
- 2. Lamb of God, who'd give your soul
To see a broken world made whole;
Have mercy upon us, mercy upon us,
Mercy upon us and give us your peace.**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

ELW 756

Text: William Whiting, 1825-1878, alt.

- 1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

- 2. O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

- 3. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

- 4. O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

ELW325

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- 1. I want Je-sus to walk with me;
I want Je-sus to walk with me;
all a-long my pil-grim jour-ney,
Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.**

- 2. In my tri-als, Lord, walk with me;
in my tri-als, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is al-most break-ing,
Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.**

- 3. When I'm in trou-ble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou-ble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sor-row,
Lord, I want Je-sus to walk with me.**

(Stand) Post Communion Blessing

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keeping you steadfast in your faith for life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn “The Glory of These Forty Days”

ELW 320

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.

- 1. The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made,
himself has fasted and has prayed.**
- 4. Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
and give us joy to see your face.**

Post Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

TFF 252

“Why Should I Feel Discouraged”

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Text: Civilla D. Martin, 1860-1948

**1. Why should I feel discouraged,
why should the shadows come,
why should my heart be lonely
and long for heav’n and home,
when Jesus is my portion?
My constant friend is he:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

Refrain: **I sing because I’m happy,
I sing because I’m free,
for his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me.**

**2. “Let not your heart be troubled,”
his tender word I hear,
and resting on his goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
though by the path he leads me
but one step I may see:**

**his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. *Refrain***

- 3. Whenever I am tempted,
whenever clouds arise,
when song gives place to sighing,
when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him,
from care he sets me free:
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me;
his eye is on the sparrow,
and I know he watches me. *Refrain***

Sending

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Standing In The Need Of Prayer”

Chuck Mahocnic

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jon Diefenthaler
Assistant	Adam Kampia
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Agnes Jones
Greeters	Annette Singletary
Altar Guild	Agnes Jones, Agnes Brown, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
Ushers	Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston,
Counters	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill

Adult Bible Study

We are happy to announce that Ascension will be offering a new in- person adult Bible Study class. Jenny DeMaio will be teaching and Annette Singletary has graciously agreed to be the substitute if needed. The class will be focused on the book of Matthew. Our text will be Life Lessons from Matthew by Max Lucado. Themes in the study include: 1. The Birth and Preparation of the Messiah 2. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee 3. Jesus' Last Days on Earth. The series is divided into twelve lessons. Ascension will be purchasing books for those interested in joining us.

Class will be held on Sunday mornings following church service the weeks that choir is not rehearsing. That will allow those who participate in choir to join. Based upon the current choir schedule, Bible Study will meet on the following weeks in 2024:

February 18; March 10 and 24
April 14 and 28; May 12 and 26; June 9 and 30

Ascension has purchased the texts for Bible class. Donations of \$10.00 to cover the costs of books would be appreciated. Please earmark checks for Bible study materials payable to Ascension.

Lenten Devotion / Bible Study

Lenten Devotion/Bible Study is scheduled for **Wednesdays at Noon**. Pastor Mentz has graciously agreed to lead devotions beginning Below is a description of what we will be studying during this Lenten season. Please come and study with us.

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout. Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain. Then the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again. The Lenten Theme is going to be based upon the children's nursery rhyme, Itsy Bitsy Spider!

I hope you are ready! Even if you can't stand spiders, no living or fake spiders or props will be used in the weekly studies. Also according to the American Humane Society, I am proud to announce that No Spiders will be hurt or mistreated in this study!

In fact, the study is going to be based upon several individuals in the Bible, who I believe, illustrate the children's nursery rhymes of rising, falling and rising again!:

Feb 21 - Adam & Eve

Feb 28 - Prodigal Son

Mar 6 - King David

Mar 13 - Samson

Mar 20 - John Mark

Yours in Christ!,

..... *Pastor Mentz*

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Prayer List

*In order to keep the prayer list current the **Board of Elders** will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson.*



Sunday @6

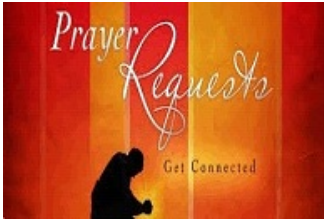
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601

Sunday @ 6

Enter this code:773-431-475 #

For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!



Ascension Lutheran Church Prayer Request

*Please put your prayer requests in the
Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can
add your need to our prayers.*

Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.

Amy Scully and Family, Upon the recent passing of Bill Kley

Family of Robin Sands, Upon her recent passing

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Lewis Powell, Prayers for healing

Agnes Brown, Prayers for healing and recovery.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Ludie Sims, Prayers for healing.

*Jessica & Germond Oatneal, prayers for a healthy
pregnancy journey.*

Maria Doakes, Prayers for continued healing.

Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Ascension Shut-Ins:

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming; Samuel Malachi,

Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.

Ascension Weekly

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Information & Notices

Feb. 18, 2024

Services

Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is celebrated in most services.

Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

Please Note

Adult Bible Study: Bible study meets on Sundays after worship, at 10:30 am.

Staff:

Gwen Neal Office Mgr.
Ben Harris Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30
Closed Holidays.

Send your **email address** to the Church Office at ascenluth@aol.com.

Sunday, February 18

Lent I

9:00 am

Worship

10:30 am

Bible Study

6:00 pm

Sunday @ 6

Wednesday, February 21

12:00 pm

Lenten Devotion

Sunday, February 25

Lent II

9:00 am

Worship

6:00 pm

Sunday @ 6



Altar Flowers Presented By



Altar Flowers

Please Note that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.

***Altar Flowers* \$50.00**

***Sanctuary Lights* \$ 5.00**

**Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring
Servants who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people**

Call Committee Prayer Vigil:

Our designated prayer time for the Call process is 7 pm. Please remember to set some kind of an alarm for this time daily for the remainder of the call process. I know many of us are already praying, so let's have this one time daily when we do it all together.

For the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates, please pray for...

*The Lord's Guidance

*The Lord's Discernment

This is not an exhaustive list so please add any other prayer that comes to mind

Thank you!

Ascension Board of Elders

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



Daniel Gonsales, Craig DellaGatta



SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Feb. 25

Assistant	Morris Hymes, Jr.
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Mike Walker
Greeters	Vivian Licorish
Altar Guild	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett Roberta White, Barbara Thom
Ushers	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
Counters	Dianne Yohe, Harry Sessums