



“She Anointed Jesus’ Feet”

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Fifth Sunday In Lent

March 26, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Notices

Prelude

Agnus Dei
John Merbecke, c. 1510-1585
arr. Craig Penfield

(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 will 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.

Kyrie

“Kyrie Eleison”

Text and Music: Larry Olson

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Refrain :

Refrain
E G#m7 A B E G#m7 A B
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

E G#m7 A B E G#m7
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1. For the peace in the world,
For the health of the church,
For the unity of all;
For this holy house,
For all who worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain*

**2. That we may live out
Your impassioned response
To the hungry and the poor;
That we may live out
Truth and justice and grace,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

**3. For peace in our hearts,
For peace in our homes,
For peace throughout the world;
For partners in life,
For our neighbors and friends,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

**4. For your Spirit to guide;
That you center our lives
In the water and the word;
That you nourish our souls
With your body and blood,
Let us pray to the Lord,
Let us pray to the Lord. *Refrain***

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in

your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8: 1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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

John 11:1-45

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twelfth chapter.

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

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to him, saying, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it he said, “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.”

⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” ¹¹After saying these things, he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” ¹³Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in

sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus has died, ¹⁵and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. ²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. ³¹When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some

of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Sit) The Sermon

(Stand) Hymn
ELW803

“When I Survey The Wondrous Cross”

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Tune: adapt, Edward Miller, 1731-1807

1. **When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**
2. **Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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.**

(Sit/kneel) 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 sign of peace.

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

(Sit) 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 worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

(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 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 who art 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. Children who are members of other congregations who have been baptized and take communion at their church are welcome to commune with us.

Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing. Those communing may receive the wafer in their hand and you may receive the wine by individual cup. The ushers will direct you to communion.

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.**

“Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross”

ELW335 Words: Fanny Jane Crosby; music: William Howard Doane; Public Domain

- 1. Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Chorus: **In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**

- 2. Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Sheds its beams around me.**
- 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadows o'er me.**
- 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.**

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

ELW592

Charlotte Elliott | William Batchelder Bradbury

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1. **Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
2. **Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**
3. **Just as I am, thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come**
4. **Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

(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 Canticle Words and Music: Ray Makeever

**Lamb of God, holy One,
Bring us peace when day is done:
Have mercy upon us, mercy upon us,
Mercy upon us, and give us your peace.**

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 ...

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW793

“Be Thou My Vision”

Eleanor Henrietta Hull | Mary Elizabeth Byrne

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- 1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me Save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought By day or by night;
Waking or sleeping Thy presence my light.**
- 2. Be Thou my wisdom; Be Thou my true Word.
I ever with Thee And Thou with me Lord.
Thou my soul’s shelter, and Thou my high tow’r,
Raise Thou me heav’nward, O pow’r of my pow’r.**
- 3. Riches I heed not Nor vain empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance Now and always.
Thou and Thou only Be first in my heart;
High King of heaven My treasure Thou art.**

- 4. Light of my soul, after victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys O heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,
Still be my vision O Ruler of all.**

Sending

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trio from Cantata No 1
Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern BWV 1
J.S. Bach
transcription by Peter Baekgaard

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

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## *From Ben Harris, Parish Musician*

One of the greatest and most famous Lutheran musicians, J.S. Bach spent the majority of his life dedicated to the Lutheran Church. Bach wrote well over 1,100 pieces of music, mostly based on liturgy, while employed at various parishes in Germany. Over the next several months, I will continue to play music by Bach during our worship, putting in some background information on the pieces and how they were selected. You can also find additional information on the church website in a blog that I will be updating to enhance our worship.

“Luther famously said of music: “Music is next to theology.” This quote is seen many different times and in many different contexts throughout his writings.<sup>1</sup> For him, music was a medium through which to communicate the truth of scripture in art form. What he believed to be a tight-knit relationship between music and theology was essential to his theological methodology because music provided an alternative route through which fundamental theology could be taught and expounded. Music in the church, then, had the primary function of proclaiming the Gospel—to be the *viva voce evangelii*, or the living voice of the Gospel.<sup>2</sup>”

From *Music next to Theology: The Impact and Influence of Martin Luther’s Reformation on Johann Sebastian Bach* by James H. Ryan

<sup>1</sup> Timothy Wengert, ed., *The Pastoral Luther: Essays on Martin Luther’s Practical Theology* (Grand Rapids, MI: 2009), 271–272.

<sup>2</sup> Robin A. Leaver, “Johann Sebastian Bach: Theological Musician and Musical Theologian,” *Bach* 31, no.1 (2000): 19–20. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/41640463>.

“Bach’s connection and admiration of Luther stems from his childhood; in particular, his early education. Born in 1685 in Eisenach in Thuringia, Bach spent three years at the Latin school that Luther had attended two centuries prior. Due in part to Luther’s efforts, Bach was able to experience firsthand the fruits of Luther’s emphasis on the importance of a sound Christian education and sturdy theological foundation. Bach was known to have several theological books and the Luther translation of the Bible that he owned contains many notes as written by the musical genius himself.”

<https://lutheranreformation.org/history/johann-sebastian-bach/>



# *Easter Flowers*

*Lilies, Azaleas,  
Hydrangeas, Tulips*

**Sign-Up Sheets  
Are Located On The  
Church Office Door**



## **Weekly Lenten Devotions**

Wednesday's @ Noon March 29<sup>th</sup>



## **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



## Updated Call In Number

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.

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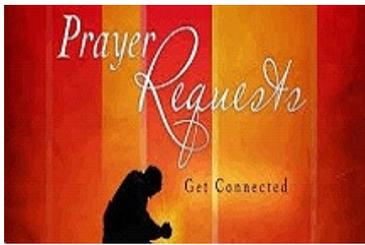
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## ***Ascension Lutheran Church Prayer Request***

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

*Family of Laura Brooks, upon her recent passing.*

*Sister Sally Hiller, Prayers for healing*

*Patricia Fulghum, Prayers for healing.*

*Keith Greer, Prayers for healing*

*Susie Nilsson, Prayers for healing*

*Helen Riley, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Olivia Powell, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Dolores Prather, Prayers for healing*

*Robin Sands, Prayers for 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.*

# *Turkey Disaster Relief*

Ascension is responding to the terrible tragedy caused by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, in which thousands of people were killed and thousands more were injured and left homeless. There is a major humanitarian effort going on to assist with rescues, medical care, food and shelter. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this effort, please submit your donations to the church. Donations may be submitted by check made out to Ascension Lutheran Church.

Or you may donate online at the church's website. Please be sure to indicate "Turkey Disaster Relief" on your check or online donation.

All donations collected will be delivered to the Embassy of Turkey located in Washington, DC.



## **Weekly Lenten Devotions**

Wednesday's @ Noon March 29<sup>th</sup>



## **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.

# *Ascension Weekly*

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## Information & Notices

March 26, 2023

### 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 with Pastor Joe.

#### **Staff:**

Joe Schruhl      Vacancy Pastor  
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](mailto:ascenluth@aol.com).

## This Week at Ascension

**Sunday, March 26**

**Lent V**

9:00 am           Worship  
10:30 am         Bible Study  
                      Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm           Sunday @ 6

**Wednesday, March 29**

**Mid-Week Lenten Devotion**

12:00 pm         Devotion

**Sunday, April 2**

**Palm Sunday**

9:00 am           Worship  
10:30 am         Bible Study  
                      Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm           Sunday @ 6

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### Altar Flowers Are Presented By:

**Dianne McGill in Memory of Mary L. McCallum -  
Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.**



**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**

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**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



**Eva Doney, Aaron McNeil, Gene Tarkington, Michelle Tarkington, James DeMaio, Terry Hymes, Charles Jones, Jr., Jennifer Gross, Pat Broady, Arthur Smith**

**Phillip & Zoraida Nelson  
Bruce & Eva Doney  
Lewis & Paulette Powell  
Arthur & Mildred Smith**



## SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, April 2

|                    |                                                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Pastor</b>      | Joe Schruhl                                                      |
| <b>Musician</b>    | Ben Harris                                                       |
| <b>Assistant</b>   | Mary Tipton                                                      |
| <b>Readers</b>     | Mike Walker                                                      |
| <b>Altar Guild</b> | Wells Family, Ernestine Bivins<br>Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Dan Fulford, Jr. Carl Wilhoit,<br>Darrell Dockery                |
| <b>Counters</b>    | Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.                               |