



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

A **Christ-centered** community where we **connect, learn, and serve.**

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Welcome! We're happy you're with us for worship today.

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME, please take a moment to sign in at the podium at either sanctuary entrance. We pray your time with us strengthens your faith in the Lord. We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). You can find more information about our beliefs at LCMS.org/about/beliefs.

IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, we understand that God made them wiggly and noisy at times, but we also believe they should be with us in worship. If you need a moment, we have a nursery available to you through the hallway to the right of the altar. Children's bags are also available in the Narthex for use during service.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at Ascension Lutheran on each Sunday. We receive this Holy Sacrament in the glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as His word says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Our Lord invites to His table those who, repenting of their sins, believe His word that His body and blood are truly present for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized believers who hold our confession of faith and have examined themselves according to Scripture's guidance (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), are invited to receive His Sacrament. If you are not yet baptized or are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to come forth during communion and fold your arms over your heart for a blessing. Pastor would be happy to discuss receiving Holy Communion at Ascension with you.

AFTER EACH SERVICE from September to May, please join us for a brief time of **FELLOWSHIP** with coffee and treats downstairs in our Fellowship Hall briefly before we begin our **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** hour for those ages 2 and above.

If you have any questions, seek out Pastor, an usher, or a member with a name tag; they will be happy to help you out.

SERVING TODAY:

ELDER(S): Cooper Blake & Mike Fiffik

LAY READER: N/A

USHERS: Lynn Gunther & Jim Obringer

ACOLYTE: Zach Schroeder

SERVING NEXT WEEK

ELDER(S): Bob Booth & Kurt Dolph

LAY READER: Bob Booth

USHERS: Cristen Fiffik & Matt Gunther

ACOLYTE: Gabriel Blake

Second Sunday in Lent

Pre-Service – Danny Boy

Trumpets

Welcome

Prelude

As We Gather

We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all. Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

Our service today follows Divine Service Setting Two in the Lutheran Service Book starting on page 167.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Hymn of Invocation - His Mercy Is More

Verse 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Exhortation

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Following the Absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 74:1–3; antiphon: Psalm 69:9

- P** For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
- C** **O God, why do you cast us off forever?
Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**
- P** Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!
- C** **Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.
Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;
the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** For zeal for your house has consumed me,
and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us
pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise - Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people

laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant’?” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 4

P Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

C **O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

P But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

C **Be angry, and do not sin;**

ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

P Offer right sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

C **There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?**

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

P You have put more joy in my heart
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

C In peace I will both lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (Lent)

Joel 2:13

C 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, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²And he said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. ³³Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

Children's Message

Pastor Thompson

Hymn of the Day - Children of the Heavenly Father

LSB 725, sts.1-4

Sermon

Pastor Thompson

Stand

Nicene Creed

G I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each prayer, the response will be:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

Meditation Song - What Grace Is Mine

Praise Team

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



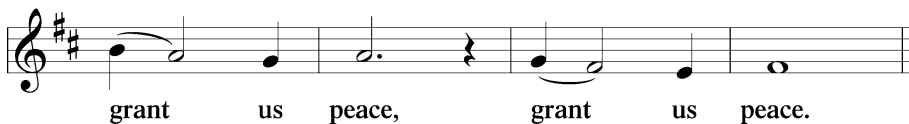
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



Sit

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns - This Is Jesus

Chorus

This is Jesus,
Emmanuel. God is with us,
in this sacrament.
Come, receive Him. Adore Him.
This is Jesus, our Lord.

Verse 1

Bright Star of David,
Radiance of God;
now become the Living Bread,
the body of the Lord.
Come in adoration,
receive with trembling hands;
the sacrament most holy,
the banquet of the Lamb.

Verse 2

Drink of living waters,
flowing from the Lord.
Taste the cup of blessing,
partake of precious blood.
River of Salvation,
holy cleansing tide;
Fountain of Redemption,
flowing from the Savior's side.

Verse 3

Priest of highest honor,
King and Sovereign Lord,
unblemished Lamb of Sacrifice,
Your very life outpoured;
Royal paschal victim,
true begotten Son,
offered as our ransom
by the Holy One.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

LSB 641

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle - O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632 st. 1



thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928
Tune: Trente quatre Psaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
Text and tune: Public domain

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C A - men.

Closing Hymn - Jerusalem, My Happy Home

LSB 673 sts. 1–3

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace and

C Serve the Lord!

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Looking Ahead - Next Week's Verses: Ezek. 33:7-20, Psalm 85, 1 Cor. 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9

This week we pray for:

- **NEW:** The family and friends of Gene Williams, Sr. who passed away. We pray they receive the comfort of the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- **NEW:** Paul, friend of Eileen Vogel, for healing of a bone infection and wounds after a fall.
- Ron Curcio we are thankful for good medical care and his strengthening and we pray for God's blessings on his continued recovery from illness.
- Give thanks for the newest members of our Ascension congregation, Mathew, Krista and Georgia Lindholm; John and Nelle Powers; John, Elizabeth, Grace and Adalyn Russler; Janet Shepherd; Alan, Beth, Gabrael, Alijah and Dalaney Gard. We ask God to bless them as they assimilate into the congregation.
- Jim Obringer, Sr., father of Jim Obringer, for the Lord's mercy and further recovery from the stroke he suffered.
- Shirley Waselko as she does physical therapy at Rebecca Residence.



This week's altar flowers are given by Janet Shepherd in memory of her son, Joseph

Church News & Announcements:

Happy Birthday to - Pat Casten

March 17th

Georgia Lindholm	March 17 th
Ronette Blake	March 19 th
Christian Fleishauer	March 21 st
Mike Kaczmarek	March 22 nd

Happy Anniversary to - Paul & Edie Krom March 18th

Christian Education Hour - Join us at 11am (after some tasty treats in the Fellowship Hall) for one of our Bible Classes and Sunday School! Options are available for those aged 2 and above. See the Learn bulletin board in the Narthex for more info and about future classes and offerings.

Adult Bible Class-

Bible study: Join Cooper Blake in the Fireside Room for a Bible Study on Galatians.

Topical Study: How does God measure success? In the Bible, you'll find no lack of sinfulness, shortcomings, rejections, and broken people. People like Joseph, Rahab, David, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, The Samaritan Woman, Peter, and Paul. Yet, we don't think of these people as failures. Rather, we see them as people God transformed, turning their lack into faithfulness for His good. Join us on Sunday mornings at 11AM in Fellowship Hall when we study these eight biblical figures to see that God does the same for you. He takes what you or society perceives as failure and transforms you for His plan. God does not judge based on earthly standards. No blunder is too big for him. No mess-up is beyond repair. His goodness goes beyond and turns your missteps into miracles.

Prayer and Praise: We are meeting this Wednesday at 10am for Prayer & Praise! We meet in the Fireside Room at church or we have an online option via Zoom. If you have questions or need prayer, please contact Bob Booth at 808-295-1835.

Wednesday Lenten Dinners- Our Lenten Dinners have begun! We will be serving the dinners prior to Wednesday services from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Invite your family, friends and neighbors and encourage them to stay for the service. If you would like to help, please sign up to bring a soup or dessert. You can find a sign-up sheet under the Serve Board

in the Narthex. Any questions, please contact Vicki Wiegand at 724-816-0413 or vickig@zoominternet.net. Thank you for your help.

National Youth Gathering– If you would like to contribute towards the National Youth Gathering online, you can do so by following the link that is on the Giving page on our website.

Bingo Night: We're thrilled to invite you to our upcoming churchwide Bingo Night, featuring a delicious walking taco bar dinner! Join us on Friday, March 28th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM for a fun evening. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Narthex to bring an ingredient for the meal. Don't forget to bring one prize per person for the bingo winnings! Think of something fun you'd love to win (no need to go overboard – examples could include candy, small toys, journal, candles, etc.). See you there! Questions to Marissa Thompson.

Men's Bible Study: Men of Ascension, come join us for some fellowship, conversation and study of the faith **this Saturday**, March 22nd at 8:30 am.

Easter Flowers- It's that time of year again! We are offering for sale Tulips, Hyacinths, Daffodils and Easter Lilies. Tulips, Hyacinths and Daffodils are \$10.00 each and Easter Lilies are \$12.00 each. All orders are due by **April 2nd**. Checks should be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church. Please give order forms to Alicia by leaving them on her desk or placing them in the secretary mailbox in the narthex. Flowers are being provided by West View Floral. Order forms are available on the table by the bulletin board in the narthex.

Spring Appeal: Donations for the Spring Appeal will be collected until the end of March. Funds will benefit the church parking lot resurfacing project. A tithe will be given to Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries, an LCMS service organization that supports ministries and initiatives among partnering local LCMS churches. Please donate online or use a designated Spring Appeal envelope available in the pews. Thank you for your generosity!

Counters Needed: A team of two offering counters for counting and depositing our weekly offerings is needed. We already have several dedicated teams so you would only be asked to serve about once a month. No prior accounting experience necessary. Please see Darryl Gunther if interested in serving. 724-272-0441.

VBS Help: We have a volunteer that wants to help with VBS but are looking for someone to Co-lead with them. Please reach out to Janeen or Janine if you are interested.

Chili Cook-off: The Youth are sponsoring a Chili Cook-off on Wednesday, April 9th from 4:30 – 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall prior to the Wednesday service. We want to thank the Congregation for helping us work towards our fundraising goal for the National Youth Gathering! Come join the fun. Please sign up if you would like to test your chili skills and bring your best batch of chili! The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex under the Serve Board. Any questions please email Beth Gard at berta1027@yahoo.com.

Historic Landmark Tour: St. John's Lutheran Church located at 1320 Church Street, Ambridge is hosting a special organ performance along with an engaging presentation on the church's history and the Harmonist religious practices on Saturday, April 5th at 1:00 pm. See the flyer on the Connect Board for more information.

Foundation for Christian Counseling: You are invited to the Foundation for Christian Counseling's Annual Foundation Dinner Auction Fundraiser in April spotlighting their Drug & Alcohol Addiction and Prevention program. If interested in attending or donating items for the auction, please see the flyer on the Connect board in the Narthex.

This week at Ascension Lutheran Church:

Sunday 03/16	Divine Service Christian Education Choir Practice	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00-12:30 PM
Tuesday	Elder's Meeting	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Prayer & Praise Lenten Dinners Lenten Mid-Week Service	10:00 AM 4:30 PM 6:30 PM
Saturday	Men's Bible Study	8:30 AM
Sunday 03/23	Divine Service Christian Education	9:30 AM 11:00 AM



Ash Wednesday, March 5th – 1:00pm & 6:30pm

**Lenten Dinners – Wednesdays 4:30pm
(March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th)**

**Lenten Midweek Services - 6:30pm
(March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th)**

HOLY WEEK:

Maundy Thursday, April 17th - 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 18th - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 20th - 9:30am