

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday in Lent
Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"

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**Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and 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.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

**Song of Praise**

***"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"***

**Prayer of the Day - Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Bible Lessons:                   Genesis 8:13-22**

**Psalm 85:8-13**

**Hebrews 8:1-13**

**Gospel Lesson:                   Matthew 26:31-56**

## Message

by Pastor Sabin

## Song of Praise

**"Thank God I Do"**

**Apostles' Creed - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

## Prayers of the People of God

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

**"Lord Listen"** (to be sung before the prayers)

(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Victory Celebration

P: The Lord is with you!

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

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

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)

## "Awesome God"

## Words of Institution

**The 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; 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

**Communion Distribution**

**Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction**

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

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song**                      *“Ancient of Days”*

**Sending**

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: “Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ’s love.”**

**Postlude**

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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**COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

| <b><u>Sunday, March 23, 2025</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> | <b><u>Sunday, March 30, 2025</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> |
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| Communion:     Carrie Daoust                                           | Communion:     Patty Lorenz                                            |
| Reader:           Darrel Klemp                                         | Reader:          Chris Schley                                          |
| Money Counter:   Rita Olson                                            | Money Counter: <i>Volunteer</i>                                        |
| Altar Care:       Jean Conradt                                         | Altar Care:      Jean Conradt                                          |

**If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.**



## **March 23 - 30, 2025 Announcements**

### **TODAY, March 23**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
8:30 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Fellowship Meal - Ham and  
Egg Salad Sandwiches

### **Monday, March 24**

6:30 pm - Bible Study

### **Tuesday, March 25**

9:00 am - Bible Study

### **Wednesday, March 26**

6:00 pm - Soup Supper  
6:30 pm - Church School  
7:00 pm - Lenten Worship  
Service



### **Sunday, March 30**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
\*\*Birthday Sunday\*\*

#### **Welcome to all visitors!**

Thank you for worshipping  
with us today.  
Please sign the guestbook  
in the entryway.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ **Wednesdays During Lent -**
  - Soup Suppers at 6:00 pm
  - Lenten Worship Services at 7:00 pm
- ❖ **April 8 & 22, 2025 -**
  - CPR Classes 6 pm - 8 pm

#### **Easter Lilies**

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church for anyone who would like to purchase an Easter Lily. The lilies will decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Sign up by April 11. You are welcome to take your lily home after the 9:30 am Easter Sunday service.

### **PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER**

*Give a little, give a lot,  
Give for our new parking lot!*

#### **March Challenge**

Give \$40

*(\$1 for each day during Lent)*

#### **Life's Milestones Donations**

Received last Sunday for Special Projects:

- Loud offering - \$ .75
- Member Donations - \$500.00

#### **Fish Fry**

The 5th Annual Fish Fry was on Friday, March 14. Cheryl Wilkinson, along with many volunteers served up over 200 fish dinners between 11 am and 7 pm. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this fundraiser a success, as well as all you who ordered. We are all looking forward to the 6th Annual Fish Fry in 2026!

#### **Easter Breakfast Sign-Up**

Please sign-up to bring items for Easter breakfast. We are in need of Egg Bakes, Fruit, Veggies, Deviled Eggs, Kringsles, Gluten Free Dishes, cheese, Cookies and Cinnamon Rolls.  
Thank you!

**SCRIP Cards**

There are sheets on the table in the back of church listing the gift cards available. Current stock is based on the top selling cards, however, anything on the sheet can be obtained in two weeks or less. Just fill out the sheet and let Carrie Daoust or Denise in the office know what you would like and an order will be placed. Cards can be purchased Sundays after church or anytime during office hours.

**Prayer List**

Alice Mueller, Dave & Sally Richter,  
Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes,  
Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler,  
Linda Ogi, Everett Olson

**Prayers for the Congregation**

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God. If you are a member but your name is not on the list, please let Denise in the office know.

**4th Week of March**

- Sunday:** Emily Houdek, Jon Zuiches, Max Sokolski, Scott Dingeldein, Abbie Daniels, Barb Weisshappel
- Monday:** Betty Ladwig, Joy Daebler, McKenzie Wollenberg, Travis Wollenberg, Emma Scharmann
- Tuesday:** Bonnie Weyers, Erik Houdek, Judy Porter, Megan Krull, Greg Schoettler, Sofia Kienast, Russ Wilkinson
- Wednesday:** Brad Schuelke, Everett Olson, Julie Wilber, Merle Olson, Maddie Daniels, Cheryl Wilkinson
- Thursday:** Michael Homan, Ruthann Meiers, Jody Kuhn-Kauffman, John Mitchler, Miranda Hartlaben, Jacob Schley
- Friday:** Barbara Hillsberg, Glen Peebles, Mike Olson, John Wudtke, Nataly Dominguez, Helen Kienast
- Saturday:** Bruce Kauffman, Rosemary Kienast, Mike Shulze, Steve Daebler, Wesley Hartlaben, Jerald Wetzel

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**Our Mission Statement:**

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**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm