



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

## First Sunday of Advent

10:45 a.m., Sunday, November 27, 2022

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Cole Reinfeldt, *acolyte*

Kathy and Mike Tomchek, *Altar Guild*

Mary Ellen Comp, *communion*

Becky Hastings, *communion*

Mike Tomchek, *communion*

Braedon Metzger, *media*

## WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GREETING AND LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: We wait for light, in the midst of darkness.

**C: We long for brightness, but we walk in gloom.**

P: As we prepare to greet the Light,

**C: Let our blinded eyes be opened.**

P: For Christ is the light,

**C: To those who sit in darkness.**

P: This day we light the Candle of Hope. This candle symbolizes the promise of God to send a Savior to the world to save us from our sins.

## SONGS

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear

**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high  
Who ordered all things mightily  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go **(Chorus)**

Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
**(Chorus)**

## House of The Lord

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory

**There's joy in the house of the Lord**  
**There's joy in the house of the Lord today**  
**And we won't be quiet**  
**We shout out Your praise**  
**There's joy in the house of the Lord**  
**Our God is surely in this place**  
**And we won't be quiet**  
**We shout out Your praise**  
**We shout out Your praise**

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
He hung upon that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away  
*(chorus)*

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise  
*(chorus)*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Tony**

### **SONG**

#### Treasure

Taken up out of the world, shaken up with just a word  
Turned around so suddenly, I'm alive eternally  
Something invisible, has become so beautiful  
I know I am born again, laughing and stumbling  
Draw me after you, let me run with You  
Show me all Your kingdom come

**My heart is where my treasure lies**  
**My great reward is in Your eyes**  
**My every breath belongs to You**  
**You are my treasure**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 24:26-44**

[Jesus said to the disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be

in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Tony**

## SONG

You call me out upon the waters  
The great unknown where feet may fail  
And there I find You in the mystery  
In oceans deep my faith will stand

**And I will call upon Your name  
And keep my eyes above the waves  
When oceans rise  
my soul will rest in Your embrace  
For I am Yours, and You are mine**

## Oceans

Your grace abounds in deepest waters  
Your sovereign hand will be my guide  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me  
You've never failed and You won't start now  
*(Chorus)*

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders  
Let me walk upon the waters  
Wherever You would call me  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
And my faith will be made stronger  
In the presence of my Savior *(Chorus)*

## PRAYERS

*Please say, "Hear our prayer" after each petition.*

**Comfort:** For Karen Shulfer at the death of her sister

**Healing:** For Becky Murray

**God's Care:** With the Maass' for Paul's father Gerhald in his final days battling cancer

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

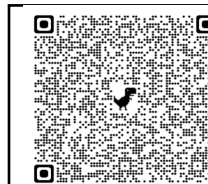
## OFFERING

## Give Us Clean Hands

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

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

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



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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers are available.

SOLO

Goodness of God

Ben Janzow

SONGS

### Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

**Jesus Messiah, name above all names  
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all**

His body the bread, his blood the wine  
Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing (*Chorus*)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God  
The light of the world (*Chorus*)

### God Is Able

God is able, He will never fail  
He is almighty God  
Greater than all we seek  
Greater than all we ask  
He has done great things

**Lifted up, He defeated the grave  
Raised to life, our God is able  
In His name, we overcome  
For the Lord, our God is faithful**

God is with us  
God is on our side  
He will make a way  
Far above all we know  
Far above all we hope  
He has done great things (*Chorus*)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's 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, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## VIDEO

**Ascension 2022: A Year in Review**

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**



## Poinsettia Donations

If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our sanctuary this Christmas season (\$12 each), please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office.

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

In celebration of the birth of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of

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**Donor:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return the completed form along with your check to the church office by **Dec. 6**. You may also pay on our website and mark it "*Poinsettia*."



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*Together We Rise*

**Children Are God's Gift:** We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break if needed.

**Pew Pads:** Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

**Welcome to Advent Soup Supper & Worship:** Join us Wednesday, Nov. 30, for soup supper at 6 p.m. followed by worship at 6:45 p.m. We need about 12 people to make soup and 4-5 to provide bread. If you can help, let Amy Gilgenbach, [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org), know.

**Deck the Halls of Ascension:** Help us prepare the church campus for the season of Advent and Christmas, on Saturday, Dec. 3, starting at 9:30 a.m.

**Journey to Bethlehem:** On Dec. 4, BLAST will have activities as they the Journey to Bethlehem. BLAST families, please bring canned food items for those in need this season as part of our journey. You will place your gift/donation near the manger just like the Wise Men did.

**CRASH Christmas:** CRASH meets on Sunday, Dec. 4. at 5:30 p.m. for their annual Christmas event. Appetizers, dinner, dessert and \$10 most creative gift exchange. RSVP to Pastor Chris.

**Thrilled to Thrive:** Did you receive your 2023 stewardship letter and pledge card? Please return your pledge card to church by year's end.

**The Good Samaritan Fund** began from an idea more than 35 years ago by long-time Ascension member Dorothy Heale. The Good Sam fund continues to provide opportunity for the pastors of Ascension to tend members who might be struggling at any time during the year with a financial gift of grace, with no need to repay the gift. Throughout the year, as members feel moved, you can contribute to the fund. You get credit on your giving statement and the pastors have the opportunity to tend to the needs of members of our church community as well as those who might find their way to our doors. Any amount helps to extend God's love and grace into the hands of someone in need.

**Acolytes Needed:** We need acolytes for the Advent Concert Worship on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. and on Christmas Eve at 5 and 9 p.m. If you are planning on attending one of those services, please let the church office know which service your JOLT student can acolyte. We also need an acolyte for Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

## To Donate



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## **Worship Support Schedule and Calendar of Events:** On back page.

**Poinsettias:** Help us decorate the sanctuary at Christmas. See the form on the preceding page.

**Pathways to Mental Wellness:** Pastor Chris invites you to talk about our future mental wellness gatherings at a meeting on Monday, Nov. 28, 6:30 p.m. Please join us to discuss what will best meet the needs and concerns that have been lifted up over the past year as we wrestle with our shared fears, anxiety, covid fatigue, and trauma. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris.

**Amen Christmas Gathering and Long Underwear Drive:** Ascension men are invited to Tally's Tap, S31W24661 Sunset Dr., on Monday, Dec. 12, at 5:30 p.m. for Amen's Christmas gathering. Buffet dinner/cash bar. Bring your long underwear donation for Waukesha homeless shelters or leave it in the bin in the church's Donation Center. All sizes of men's long underwear are needed.

**Blessing Box:** Place *non-perishable* food items directly in the box or if the box is full, place them in the marked bins in the Donation Center. If fresh produce or meat is donated, we must dispose of it since it is not safe if not kept at the proper temperature. We are emphasizing basic food items to make a meal or parts of a meal and cannot accept fresh produce or bakery items.

**Mt. Meru Holiday Selections:** Mt. Meru has developed a special blend, *Christmas Traditions*, that combines 100% Mt. Meru premium Arabica coffee beans, enhanced with the rich flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, and vanilla, a hint of chocolate and other selected spices. The new blend is \$15 and is offered in regular coffee, whole bean or drip grind. Mt. Meru also offers a Holiday Sampler pack for \$18 featuring Butter Pecan, Chocolate Raspberry, Regular, French Vanilla, Hazelnut and Peaberry coffee. Email your orders to Amy Gilgenbach [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org) or use the order form in the cabinet. Orders placed today will be available on Tuesday.

**Sing We Now of Christmas:** The Jubilate Chorale presents *Sing We Now of Christmas* on Saturday, Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield, and on Sunday, Dec. 4, 4 p.m., at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Oconomowoc. Tickets are available from Ascension members Scott Greger and Vicki Taylor, or at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org).

**Las Posadas** is Saturday, Dec. 17, at 4:30 p.m. We will be sharing parts of the song the next couple of weeks so you can fully participate. Learn more Spanish online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCspanish>.

		<b><u>Posada 1</u></b>
<b>Joseph:</b>	En el nombre del cielo Os pido Pues no puedo andar Ya mi esposa amada	<i>In the name of heaven I ask you for shelter for my beloved wife can go no farther</i>
<b>Innkeeper:</b>	Aqui no es meson Segan adelante Yo no puedo abrir No sea algun tunante	<i>This is not an inn Get on with you I cannot open the door You might be a criminal</i>
<b>Todas (all)</b>	Ya se va Maria Muy desconsolada Por que en esta casa No le dan posada	<i>Mary is leaving Very disconsolate Because in this house they do not give her lodging</i>

## Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

See the complete schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Sunday, Dec. 4	8:30	10:45
<b>Acolytes</b>	Elsa Kinunen	Hailey Pociask
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
<b>Communion</b>	Sharon Coralline, Elaine Kilgore	Diane and Rick Dowling, Cathy Rapp
<b>Media</b>	Adam Boales	Joe Morgenroth
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny	Kathy and Mike Tomcheck

## CALENDAR

See the full calendar and a list of events on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

**Sun Nov 27**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

**Mon Nov 28**

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm Mental Wellness HR

**Tue Nov 29**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible HR

6pm Handbells S

7:15pm Choir S

**Wed Nov 30**

6pm Advent Soup Supper EH

6:45pm Advent Worship S

7pm AA WH

**Thu Dec 1**

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

**Fri Dec 2**

1pm Hansen Group HR

**Sat Dec 3**

9:30am Deck the Halls

**Sun Dec 4**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Journey to Bethlehem

**10:45am Adoración EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

5:30pm CRASH Christmas

7pm AA WH

**Mon Dec 5**

10am The Book of Joy HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

6:30pm The Book of Joy HR

**Tue Dec 6**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible HR

*6:30pm Mission Outreach*

**Wed Dec 7**

*11:30am Staff meeting*

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

### Key

EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
SG	Spiritual Growth
WH	West Hall
YR	Youth rm
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

**Wed Dec 7 cont.**

7:30pm Choir S

**Thu Dec 8**

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

**Sat Dec 10**

**6pm Advent Concert Worship**

**Sun Dec 11**

**9:30am Advent Concert Worship**

10:30am Brunch

7pm AA WH

