



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord

10:45 a.m., Sunday, January 8, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Joshua Gunderson, *acolyte*

Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, *Altar Guild*

Jane Collins, Mary Ellen Comp, *communion*

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Braedon Metzger, *media*

Becky Hastings, Mike Rapp, *usher*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

Great Things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things

SONG

You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

You are holy (echo), You are mighty (echo)
You are worthy (echo), Worthy of praise (echo)
I will follow (echo), I will listen (echo)
I will love you (echo), All of my days (echo)

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings
You are mighty God, Lord of everything
You're the living God, You're my saving grace
You will reign forever, ancient of days
You're my Prince of Peace
And I will live my life for you

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin
The people sing, the people sing

Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation rising up to take their place
With selfless faith, with selfless faith
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG

Oceans

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

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)

**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**

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)*

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 catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the following refrain after each petition.

**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**

Healing: Pete Baumann, upcoming surgery
Marvin Goetter, upcoming surgery
Don Steinke, upcoming cardiac testing
Jose Escobedo, following a heart attack

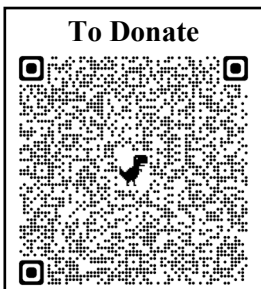
Comfort: For Bishop Paul Erickson at the death of his mother, Eva

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Christmas Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from Heaven
Falling on their knees
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace



**We bring an offering of worship to our King
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You**

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of Heaven
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come (*Chorus*)

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 and grape juice are available.

SOLO

Face of God

Ben Janzow

SONGS

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(*Chorus*)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(*Chorus*)

Our God

Water you turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like you

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer, awesome in power
Our God, our God (2x)

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Holy Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG

I Love to be in Your Presence

I love to be in Your presence
With Your people singing praises
I love to stand and rejoice
Lift my hands and raise my voice
Lift my hands and raise my voice

**You set my feet to dancing
You fill my heart with song
You give me reason to rejoice
Rejoice!**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



ASCENSION

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. A changing table is in the women's bathroom in the lobby.

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

Offering Envelopes & Pledging: 2023 Offering Envelopes are delayed. We'll let you know as soon as we get them in. In the meantime, if you give cash, use an envelope from the pew and put your name on it. If you donate by check, we'll pull the donor information from the check. You can also donate online, <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>. Also, don't forget to turn in your pledge card. You may also send in your pledge easily online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>.

"With" Book Study: Beginning Monday Jan. 9, Pastor Chris will be leading a study on the book, "With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God" by Skye Jethani. RSVP to PC or the church office which time you would like to attend, Monday, 10am or 6:30pm, and if you will need a book. Books are \$13.

Back in Session! BLAST & CRASH resume Sunday, Jan. 8. JOLT resumes Thursday, Jan. 12.

Hawthorne School Partnership: We are again collecting new or very gently used coats, boots, hats and waterproof mittens for Hawthorne School. Outdoor play is encouraged unless it is super cold and many children do not have the proper outdoor clothing. Place donations in the Donation Center.

To Donate

Or use the Vanco Giving app or online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension



Saturday, Feb. 4

**NO
REGRETS**

**MEN'S
CONFERENCE
30th ANNIVERSARY**

Presented by

**AMEN
Ministries**

No Regrets 2023 Livestreamed at Ascension: Saturday, Feb. 4, 8am to 1:30pm. Reserve the date. Register online, <https://tinyurl.com/AMEN2023>, or with the QR code to the right. Password AMEN.

Register now!

Password: AMEN



Tutoring: English classes and tutoring begins on January 14. We work with preschoolers through adults. We work with young children to be school ready and school age children to assist in homework /classroom needs and to improve spoken and written skills. We work with adults who are English Language learners and need specific help in learning both spoken and written English. We also assist in preparation for the written drivers' test and for the citizenship test. Please contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping with students or if you know of someone who may benefit from this program.

Habitat for Humanity: Ascension Build Day with Habitat is Wednesday, Jan. 25. We will need a max of five volunteers. Please volunteer. We are excited to get back to serving our community in this important mission. Contact Nick Wagner, nwagner703@yahoo.com.

Christmas Light Recycling: Do you have Christmas lights that are burned out? Instead of throwing them into the garbage where they will end up in a landfill and leach dangerous chemicals, bring them to the box in the Donation Center and our Creation Care Team will recycle them properly.

Church Staff Schedules: Over the next two weeks, we have a number of staff out of the office/unavailable: Brenda Lytle, Vicki Taylor, Edwin Aparicio, and Pastor Tony Acompañado. If you need something urgently, contact the church office directly.

CALENDAR

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

Sun Jan 8

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Los Reyes Magos lunch

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 9

10am "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jan 10

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Jan 11

7pm AA WH

Thu Jan 12

10am Al Anon CR

6pm JOLT

Fri Jan 13

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Jan 14

9am Jubilate Rehearsal S

10am Tutoring

Sun Jan 15

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 16

10a "With" Book Study HR

6:30p "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jan 17

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed Jan 18

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Jan 19

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Sat Jan 21

10am Tutoring



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