



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

**Second Sunday After Epiphany**  
8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 15, 2023

**Worship Leadership Today**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

**Acolyte:** Aidan Miller

**Altar Guild:** Jim and Kathy Hahn

**Communion:** Jim Hahn, Becky Pepper,  
Todd & Marge Schroeder, Jennifer Werner

**Media:** Kurt Werner

**Reader:** Scott Greger

**Service musician:** Kathy Johnson

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,  
Jeff Rohrer

**PRELUDE**

*Be Still, My Soul, Sibelius, arr. Boertje*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,  
 Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O  
 God. A - men.

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

**Verse 1**

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

### Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and  
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ  
for ev - er. *to Refrain*

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

### FIRST READING

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in

Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

### GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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

### GOSPEL READING

**John 1:29-42**

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which

is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Chris

## HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** Carol Ziarniak, surgery  
Renée Klotz, hospitalized  
Wendy Ward for her nephew, Henry, hospitalized with RSV  
Jo Buth, hysterectomy for uterine cancer

**God’s Care:** For Fred Keller admitted to hospice with heart and liver failure

**Comfort:** For Cara Boyer and family at the death of her mother, Rosalie  
For Carol Ziarniak at the death of her sister, Joyce

**Thanksgiving:** For the life and love of Lin Wollschlager on her birthday, Jan. 11

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

The Gift of Love / Amazing Grace, *arr. Hudson*

## OFFERTORY

Lord, Be Glorified

ELW 744

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

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

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## 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 white grape juice are available.

### LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

### HYMNS

**Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**

**ELW 492**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**ELW 471**

**Jesus, Remember me**

**ELW 616**

### 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**

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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Christ, Be Our Light** (*v. 1, 2, 5*)

**ELW 715**

## **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**  
*Mendelssohn, arr. Tomquist*



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**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.


**Worship Help:** We're always looking for volunteers to help during worship. If you're looking to get more involved at Ascension, please contact Tamie Greenwood, [tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tamie@ascensionelca.org), about how you can help. See the tasks and schedule online, <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>.

**Offering Envelopes & Pledging:** 2023 Offering Envelopes are delayed. 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>.

**Young at Heart (55+):** Join us Wednesday, Jan. 18, at noon for a potluck lunch, fellowship and games. Bring a dish to pass if you’re able.

**Pathway to Mental Wellness Event:** Join us Sunday, Jan. 29 at 12 p.m. for a potluck lunch and to hear a presentation from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) on “The Pathway to Understanding.” The presentation will offer a personal perspective of mental health conditions, providing an opportunity to hear open and honest perspectives on a highly-misunderstood topic.

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**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. Register online, <https://tinyurl.com/AMEN2023>, or with the QR code to the right. Password AMEN.

Register now!

Password: AMEN



**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](mailto:nwagner703@yahoo.com).

**Hawthorne School Partnership:** We are collecting new or very gently used coats, boots, hats and waterproof mittens for Hawthorne School. Outdoor play is encouraged and many children do not have the proper outdoor clothing. Place donations in the yellow bin in the narthex.

**Winter Farmers' Market:** Save the Date for the Winter Farmers' Market on March 12. Watch for details in the upcoming newsletters. Please plan to be part of a day to help local farmers and to enjoy the healthy food available.

**Livestreaming:** We offer livestreaming of our indoor, English worship services on our YouTube channel, <https://youtube.com/theascensionlutheran>, so you can join us virtually.

**January News:** Read pastoral perspectives, ministry news and more on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>. Check out our Reflections Blog, featuring newsletter articles and other posts, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>.

## CALENDAR

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

### Sun Jan 15

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

### Mon Jan 16

10am "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm "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

### Sun Jan 22

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

### Mon Jan 23

10am "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

### Tue Jan 24

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

### Wed Jan 25

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

### Thu Jan 26

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

### Sat Jan 28

10am Tutoring

### Sun Jan 29

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

12pm Mental Wellness Event

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