



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Third Sunday After Epiphany

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 22, 2023

Worship Leadership Today

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Elsa Kinunen, Linnea Kinunen, *acolytes*

Julie Kinunen, *Altar Guild*

Kathy Johnson, *choir accompanist*

Elaine Kilgore, Julie Kinunen, *communion*

Paul Wehmeier, *communion*

Adam Boales, *media*

Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, *ushers*

Brian Novotny, *usher*

PRELUDE

Rigaudon, André Campra

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

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.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

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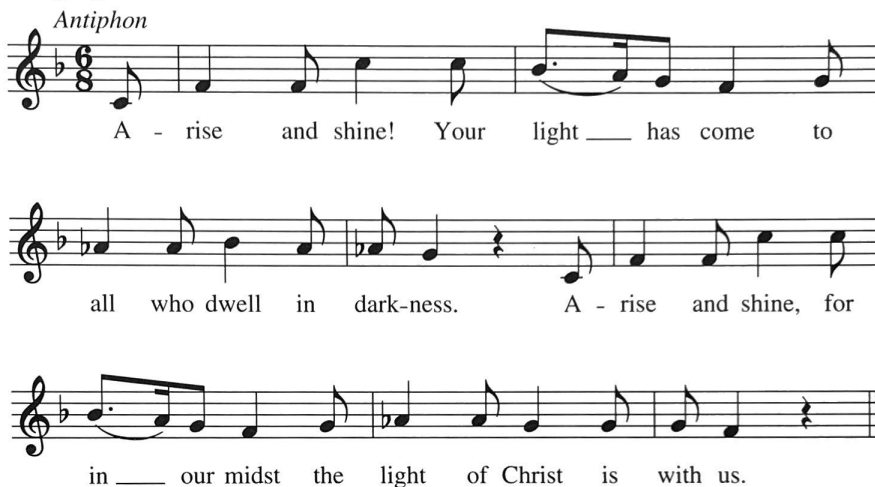
PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord God, your loving kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

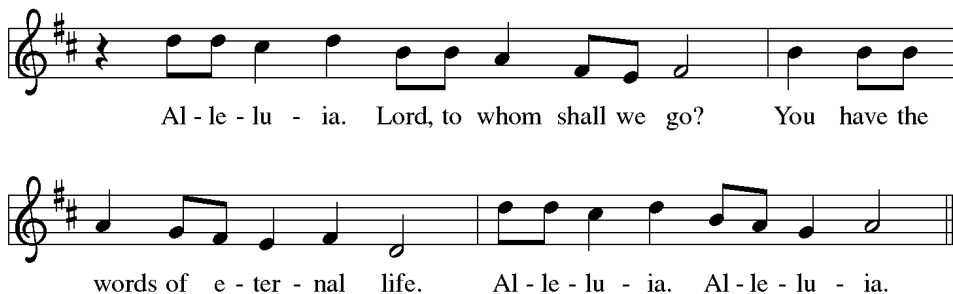
C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM**Arise and Shine, John Paradowski**
*Congregation join in singing when invited***Ascension Choir****Congregation:**

Antiphon



A - rise and shine! Your light ___ has come to
all who dwell in dark-ness. A - rise and shine, for
in ___ our midst the light of Christ is with us.

A MOMENT OF ENCOURAGEMENT**Adam Boales****CHILDREN'S TIME****Pastor Chris****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**


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

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

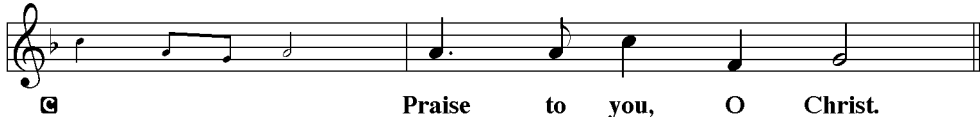
GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

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 OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Diane Pavletich, broken knee cap
Jerry Hansen, surgery
Jo Buth, treatment for cancer


Thanksgiving: With Brenda and Jack Lytle at the birth of a grandson, Graham

Comfort: For the Keller family at the death of father/grandfather, Fred Keller

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Ascension Ringers
Thomerson, arr. Moglebust

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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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 and white grape juice are available.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

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

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Earth and All Stars

setting by Michael Burkhardt



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.

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

Choirs Resume: The Handbell, Adult and Children's choirs resumed this past week. If you haven't had a chance to come yet, it's never too late! Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org. The Children's Choir is for children in grades K-6 and meets Thursdays, 5-5:40 p.m. Ascension Ringers Handbell Choir is for ages high school through adult and meets Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m. The Ascension Choir is for high school through adults and meets Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Offering Envelopes & Pledging: 2023 Offering Envelopes are delayed due to printer problems. 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 at <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension> or with this QR code. Don't forget to turn in your pledge card. You may also submit your pledge easily online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>.

CRASH & JOLT: CRASH will meet today at 6 p.m. JOLT will meet Thursday, Jan. 26, 6 p.m.

Pathway to Mental Wellness Event: Join us Sunday, Jan. 29, at 12 p.m. for lunch (sandwiches provided) 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. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/MWJan29> or stop by the table today.

Community Outreach Committee will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m. Contact Shirley, shwehmeier@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of planning this year's outreach activities.

Hawthorne School Partnership: We are 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 yellow bin.

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Saturday, Feb. 4

[NO REGRETS] MEN'S CONFERENCE 30th ANNIVERSARY

Presented by



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Password: AMEN



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.

Tutoring: English classes and tutoring continue on Saturday mornings. We work with pre-schoolers through adults. We help with young children to be school ready and school-age children with schoolwork 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, 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 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.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Sunday, Jan. 29	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Colin Knopf	Hailey Pociask
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Cathy Rapp
Media	Brian Novotny	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Mike Rapp

Calendar next page.

CALENDAR

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

Sun Jan 22

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración en español EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 23

10am "With" Book Study HR

2pm Private reservation S

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

6:30pm Community Outreach CR

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Jan 25

11:30am Staff meeting HR

1pm Knit Wits HR

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

9am Tutoring

Sun Jan 29

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración en español EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Mental Wellness Event & Lunch S, WH

7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 30

10am "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm "With" Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Jan 31

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Feb 1

Love Your Church, Love Your World Month

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Feb 2

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

Fri Feb 3

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Feb 4

8am AMEN No Regrets S, EH, WH, HR, YR, N, PR

9am Tutoring

Sun Feb 5

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración en español EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH

