



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Third Sunday After Epiphany
10:45 a.m., Sunday, January 22, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Kellen Johnson, *acolyte*
Kathy and Mike Tomchek, *Altar Guild*
Mary Ellen Comp, Becky Hastings, *communion*

Sue Mathews, Cathy Rapp, *communion*
Cheryl Anspach, *media*
Kathy and Mike Tomchek, *ushers*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / MOMENT OF ENCOURAGEMENT Adam Boales

SONG

God Is With Us Now

Everyone who longs for truth
Needing hope and strength renewed
Come and meet the Savior of the world
Everyone who longs inside
Desperate for the words of life
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

**God is with us now
His love rains down, His love reigns now
Saved by grace and power
His love rains down, His love reigns now
God is with us now**

SONG

Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

For His returning, we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King
(Chorus)

**Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King**

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Every fear, has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name

All the weak, find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls, receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name (*Chorus*)

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise
Your great name**

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 above refrain after each petition.

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

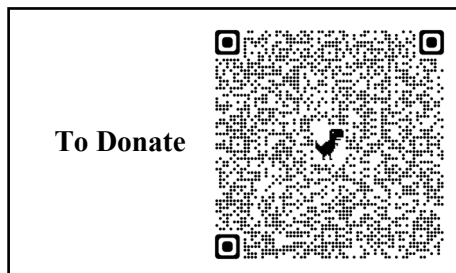
OFFERING

You Are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
You are the treasure that I seek Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel When I fall down You pick me up
Lord to give up I'd be a fool When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all You are my all in all (*Chorus*)

**Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**



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.

DUET

Need You Now

SONGS

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Come, Lord Jesus, come (4x)

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Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
Nothing can compare, You're our living hope
Your presence, Lord
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your presence, Lord

**Holy Spirit, You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord**

I've tasted and seen, of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone
By Your presence, Lord (*Chorus*)

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

You Are Good

I want to scream it out, from every mountain top
Your goodness knows no bounds
Your goodness never stops, your mercy follows me
Your kindness fills my life, your love amazes me

**And I sing because you are good
And I dance because you are good
And I shout because you are good
You are good to me (2x)**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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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 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.

Pathways 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.

To Donate

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[tinyurl.com/
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Saturday, Feb. 4

NO REGRETS MEN'S CONFERENCE 30th ANNIVERSARY

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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, <i>one needed</i>
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

