



Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
10:45 a.m., Sunday, January 29, 2023

Worship Leadership

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

Alina Ward, *acolyte*

Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells, *Altar Guild*

Cathy Rapp, *communion*

, *communion*

Andrew Marien, *media*

Mike Rapp, *usher*

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SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with a sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along (**Chorus**)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

SONG

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us
Let it rise
Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

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*)

READING

Micah 6:1-8

Now Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won *(Chorus)*

We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion
My salvation
Hallelujah *(Chorus)*

PRAYERS

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

Healing: Jerry Hansen, stroke
Becky Pepper, broken foot
Bill and Dorene Rudd, covid
Dorene Rudd, fall

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

**You are Way Maker, miracle worker,
promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, miracle worker,
promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are**

Way Maker

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord
(Chorus)

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
And even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
(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

Good, Good Father

Ben Janzow

SONGS

He Reigns

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
(Chorus)

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

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 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

God Is on the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know, I know, I know, I know

God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets us free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know, I know, I know, I know (*Chorus*)

I see a generation standing on the Truth
In each and every nation God is on the move (*Chorus*)

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.

Staff Retirement Celebration: Join us today between services to celebrate the ministry of Brenda Lytle, Director of Care Ministries, as she retires after nearly 10 years here at Ascension.

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 the QR code.

JOLT & CRASH Schedules: There is no JOLT on Thursday, Feb. 2. The next JOLT is Thursday, Feb. 9, 6-7:30 p.m. CRASH meets next on Sunday, Feb. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.

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. Schedule online, <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>.

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



Choir: If you haven't had a chance to participate in one of our choirs, it's never too late! 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. Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

Serve With Ascension: The Mission Outreach/Serve Wing will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. If you're interested in learning more about how you can be a part of the many ministries, contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com.

Tutoring: English classes and tutoring continue on Saturday mornings and some at special times. We have dedicated tutors working with our students; however, we are looking for people who may be interested in helping out when the regular tutor has to be off for a week or two. We will give you guidance and support in how best to work with the students. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, if you are able to help keep our students learning and to give our tutors a break.

Winter Farmers' Market: Save the Date for the Winter Farmers' Market on March 12. Please plan to be part of a day to help local farmers and to enjoy the healthy food available. Tickets for the delicious brunch will be available starting Feb. 19.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Sunday, Feb. 5	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Anabelle Rook	Cole Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Brian Novotny, Paul Wehmeier	Paul Maass, Mike Tomchek
Media	Kurt Werner	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mark Pichler

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CALENDAR

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

Sun Jan 29

8:30am Worship S
 9:50am BLAST
10:45am Adoración EH
10:45am Worship S
 12pm Mental Wellness Event
 & Lunch S, WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 30

10am Book Study HR
 6:30pm Book Study HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR
 7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Jan 31

7am AMEN Z
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Feb 1

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
 9am Tutoring

Sun Feb 5

8:30am Worship S
 9:50am BLAST
10:45am Adoración EH
10:45am Worship S
 12pm Via de Candelaria WH
 6pm CRASH YR
 7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 6

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Feb 7

7am AMEN Z
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 6:30pm Mission Outreach HR

Wed Feb 8

9am Kitchen work WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:30pm Choir S

Thu Feb 9

9am Electrical work WH
 10am Al Anon CR
 5pm Children's Choir
 6pm JOLT

Sat Feb 11

9am Jubilate Rehearsal S
 9am Tutoring

Sun Feb 12

8:30am Worship S
 9:50am BLAST
10:45am Adoración EH
10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 13

10am Book Study HR
 1pm Knit Wits HR
 6:30pm Book Study HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Feb 14

7am AMEN Z
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Feb 15

12pm Young at Heart WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:30pm Choir S

Thu Feb 16

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 5pm Children's Choir

Fri Feb 17

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Feb 18

9am Tutoring
 12:15pm Knit Fest HR

KEY

EH—East Hall

HR—Hearth Rm

MG—Memorial Gardens

S—Sanctuary

WH—West Hall

CR—Conference Rm

Z—Zoom

Italics offsite

