



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

8:30 a.m., Sunday, January 29, 2023

Worship Leadership Today

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Colin Knopf, *acolyte*

Joan Birner, *Altar Guild*

Kathy Johnson, *choir accompanist*

Carol and Steve Spieker, *communion*

Brian Novotny, *media*

Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, *ushers*

Paul Wehmeier, *usher*

PRELUDE

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing / Be Thou My Vision
settings by Paul Manz

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

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

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

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PRAYER OF THE DAY


P: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FAITH WITNESS

Susan Otto

ALLELUIA VERSE



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.

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

HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World**ELW 726**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory, John Ness Beck

Ascension Choir

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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

Now the Silence

ELW 460

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

O God of Mercy, God of Light

ELW 714

COMMUNION BLESSING

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

President: Jeffrey Froh

1st Vice President: Amanda Payne

2nd Vice President: Scott Greger

Secretary: Adam Boales

Treasurer: Zach Wittchow

At-Large Board Members: Mariela Aparicio, Lauren Birner, Nada Draeger, Jim Hahn, Jonathon Koenig, Becky Pepper

Director of Ministries: Kelly Hoeg

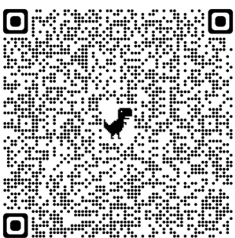
Director of Operations: Cynthia Carlson

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.

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CLOSING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major, J. S. Bach

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





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.


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>.

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.

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More announcements next page.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
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

Announcements (continued)

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.

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.

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

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