



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

10:45 a.m., Sunday, February 5, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Cole Reinfeldt, *acolyte*

Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells, *Altar Guild*

Paul Maass, Mike Tomchek, *communion*

Joe Morgenroth, *media*

Mark Pichler, *usher*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth, You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
Lord my one request, Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
You mean more to me than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again (***Chorus***)

**Lord reign in me, bring in Your power
Over all my dreams and my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again**

You Shine

Why should I feel lost
When You made the heavens
Why should I feel afraid
When you put the stars in place
Why should I lose heart
When I know how great You are
Why should I give up
When Your plans are full of love

**You shine
Brighter than the brightest star
Your love
Purer than the purest heart
You shine
Filling us with courage and strength
To follow You**

PRAYER

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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 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting
 The all-creating One
 God Almighty
 Through Your Holy Spirit
 Conceiving Christ the Son
 Jesus our Savior

**I believe in God our Father
 I believe in Christ the Son
 I believe in the Holy Spirit
 Our God is three in one
 I believe in the resurrection
 That we will rise again
 For I believe in the name of
 Jesus**

Our Judge and our Defender
 Suffered and crucified
 Forgiveness is in You
 Descended into darkness
 You rose in glorious life
 Forever seated high (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

**I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

Healing: Bill Riutta, hospitalized with covid

Comfort: For Linda Hansen and family at the death of Jerry
For the family and friends of Roland Tonn at his death
For Patti Mueller and family at the death of Patti's uncle Don
For Michelle Shulfer for her friend Tyreace at the death of his uncle

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Come Just as You Are

Come just as you are
Hear the spirit call
Come just as you are

Come and see, come receive
Come and live forever

**Life everlasting
And strength for today
Taste the living water
And never thirst again**

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

Finally Home

Ben Janzow

SONGS

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

Our God Saves

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son
In the name of Spirit, Lord we've come
We're gathered together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As your saints bow down, as Your people sing
We will rise with you, lifted on Your wings
And the whole world will see that

Our God saves, our God saves
There is hope, in your name

COMMUNION BLESSING

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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

Awesome Is the Lord

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength
You are faithful You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer everything

**Raise your hands, all you nations
shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high**

Where You send us God, we will go
You're the answer we want the world to know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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.

Jerry Hansen Funeral: We invite your continued prayers of comfort for Linda Hansen and family. Jerry's funeral will be at Ascension on Monday, Feb. 6, at 12 p.m. preceded by visitation beginning at 10 a.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. See the schedule online, <https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport>.

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.

Mental Health Resources: Stop at the table in the narthex this week to find a wide variety of resources from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

JOLT & CRASH Schedules: CRASH will meet today, at 6 p.m. JOLT will meet Thursday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

Love Your Church, Love Your World: In the month of February, Ascension celebrates *Love Your Church/Love Your World*. We invite you to choose a heart from the windows of the narthex/lobby to purchase items or defray the cost of items already purchased. See the complete request list online, <https://ascensionelca.org/love-your-church-love-your-world/>.

Starting Point for Membership: Interested in joining Ascension? We'll hold two informal sessions for people to get to know more about our church, on March 5 and March 19, between services. RSVP online <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>, or by phone or email (262-547-8518, admin@ascensionelca.org, to let us know you're interested.

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

To Donate

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Tutoring: If you have been interested in our English/tutoring program but cannot commit to weekly attendance, we could use you as a substitute when a tutor needs a day off. 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 be able 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.

Blessing Box: Please watch the weather when making donations to the Blessing Box. If the weather is too cold, cans may explode and other products may freeze. There is a decrease in use during extreme weather so we cut back on what we put in the box. As the weather warms up, we see an increase in use and welcome new donations.

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.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, Feb. 12	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Grace Paczesny	Ava Steinke
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Communion	Marge and Todd Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Media	Adam Boales	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	<i>Needed</i>

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Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: _____

Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did God invite you here?

How can we share the life of

Ascension with you?

- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.

CALENDAR

Calendar <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

Sun Feb 5

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración
EH**

10:45am Worship S

12pm Dia de Candelaria WH

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 6

10a Hansen visitation

12p Hansen funeral

1p Hansen reception

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

Tue Feb 7

7am AMEN Z

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

6:30pm Mission HR

Wed Feb 8

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Feb 9

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Sat Feb 11

9am Jubilate S

9am Tutoring

Sun Feb 12

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración
EH**

10:45am Worship S

Sun Feb 12 cont.

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

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall

Italics Virtual or offsite