



Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m., October 29, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Altar Guild: Joan Birner

Communion: Sharon Coralline, Jennifer Werner, Paul Wehmeier

Greeters: Ev and Kay Stone

Media: Buck Houston

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner

PRELUDE Es ist das Heil uns uns kommen her (Salvation Unto Us Has Come), *J. S. Bach*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

C: your Spirit moved over the waters

P: and by your Word

C: you created the world,

P: calling forth life

C: in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood

C: you delivered Noah and his family.

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel

C: from slavery into freedom.

P: At the river your Son was baptized by John

C: and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

P: By water and your Word

C: you claim us as daughters and sons,

P: making us heirs of your promise

C: and servants of all.

P: We praise you for the gift of water

C: that sustains life,

P: and above all we praise you
C: for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
P: Shower us with your Spirit,
C: and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
P: To you be given honor and praise
C: through Jesus Christ our Lord
P: in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **ELW 504**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE **This Is the Feast** **p. 140**

PRAYER OF THE DAY
P: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

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. John, the 8th chapter.
C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

PC: I present the following students who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Addison Jahner
Genevieve Johnson
Colin Knopf
Anna Marien*

Maggie Miller
Daniel Niezwaag*
Hailey Pociask
Aidan Poling

Anabelle Rook*
Alina Ward
Lydia Williams*

PE: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

PT: Let us pray...Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PT: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I do.

PT: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I do.

PT: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I do.

PE: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

PE: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

PE: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

PC: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,
To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
To serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and
To strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmands may kneel. The pastors pray for God's blessing over each confirmand.

PT: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PT: Let us pray: Holy God, we give you thanks for this day. For the gift of faith from your open hands. For the hope you offer to each of us and to all the world. For the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus and the promise of eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


Thanksgiving: With the Boyers for Cara's dad, Jim, celebrating his 87th birthday

Healing: With Chris Holloway for Jeff Lombardi, in danger of losing his leg

OFFERING

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone
Tomlin / Giglio, arr. Raney

Ascension Choir

	<p>Many Ways to Give Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QR code• VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone• Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC• Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount
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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**p. 146****HYMNS****As We Gather at Your Table****ELW 522****Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word****ELW 517****Amazing Grace****ELW 779****COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

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**To Be Your Presence****ELW 546****SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, *Johann Pachelbel***



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.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

CRASH Rescheduled: The CRASH meeting previously scheduled for today has been rescheduled for Nov. 5. Students & families, please be aware that your early bird registration for the 2024 Youth Gathering is still due today. Please turn them in to Pastor Edwin to receive the discounted price.

Dia de los Muertos Potluck: The congregation is invited to attend a Dia de los Muertos potluck with Latino Ministries on Sunday, Nov. 5, following the 10:45 a.m. worship services. Please bring a dish to pass. We will also show the movie *Coco*.

Annual Meeting: Members are invited to the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 9:45 a.m. We'll vote on church council candidates and approve the budget for 2024.

Media Help at 10:45: We're looking for volunteers that can help at the Media Desk with worship livestreaming and the PowerPoint. We're especially looking for help at the 10:45 service. Please contact the church office if you can help, admin@ascensionelca.org, 262-547-8518. Training will be provided.

Children's Choir: The Children's Choir is looking for additional voices as we prepare for the Advent/Christmas Concert Worship on Dec. 9 and 10. Singers in grades K-7 are invited to join us for rehearsals on Thursdays, 5 to 5:40 p.m., Oct. 19, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30, and Dec 7. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, or come to the music room on Thursday!

Sing for the Advent/Christmas Season! Too busy to commit to singing with the choir year round? You are invited to sing with the Ascension Choir for the Advent/Christmas Concert worship on Saturday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m. If you can attend at least 5 of the 7 rehearsals listed (including Dec. 6), we would love to have you join us. Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15p, Nov. 1, 8, 15, and Dec. 6; Saturday, Nov. 11, 9a-12p; and Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15p, Nov. 21 and 28. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

AMen Resumes: All men are invited to the AMen meetings beginning Monday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The next study topic will be a five-session series by Max Lucado, *Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit*. We encourage all men to attend.

BLAST Birthday Bags: We are asking our congregation to donate the following items to create birthday bags that will be donated to local shelters. There will be a donation bin in narthex. We are collecting the following items through the month of November: birthday cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, Happy Birthday cake plates, small birthday napkins. Questions: Please contact Karen Simington, Sheri Greger, or Pastor Tony.

Serve with Ascension: Serve/Mission Outreach will meet for a full wing meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. We have a lot to celebrate and even more to plan for 2024 with our new ministries and committees. If you are interested in how we serve God by serving others in our community and globally, please join us.

Food Pantry and Blessing Box: Food donations are down, and the need is up. When you are shopping, please consider picking up a few things to help those in the community who are in need. Place directly in the Blessing Box or in the donation bins.

Healing Hearts Benefit Concert: Healing Hearts of Southeast Wisconsin, one of our Community Partners, will be one of the beneficiaries of the annual fall concert by Wisconsin Area Symphonic Band today at 3 p.m. at Shattuck Auditorium, 218 N. East Ave. (Carroll Campus). Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. See Shirley Wehmeier for tickets. For more information, see the Healing Hearts website, healingheartswisconsin.org.

Hope Center Gala: Hope Center's 25th annual Gala is November 16 at the Brookfield Conference Center. Dinner, drinks, live and silent auctions will help support the needs of the people served by the Hope Center. Register on their website, hopecenterwi.org.

Candy Donations: Our Community Outreach Committee needs candy to hand out in the Christmas parade. If you see candy sales at the end of the month or have seasonally appropriate candy left over, please put in the big barrel beginning on Nov 5. We need lots of candy!! See the newsletter for parade details.

NAMI & Faith: NAMI Mental Health in Families of Faith will be Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 631 N. 19th St., Milwaukee. Come to hear Meg Kissinger and Kathleen Geuder-Martin who will bravely share their personal and moving stories of growing up in families with mental illness and how their faith helped them. They will be sharing from their newly released memoirs. All are welcome.

Coffee Donations: Do you enjoy the coffee provided by the church after worship and at other church activities? If so, please consider a donation to Ascension's Mt. Meru coffee fund to help defray the expense. Money from coffee purchases go directly to the synod's Mt. Meru Coffee Project and then to the coffee farmers in Tanzania. Donations help us pay for the coffee we use.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</i>		
Nov. 5	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	<i>Needed</i>	Cole Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Becky Pepper, Carol and Steve Spieker	Mary Ellen Comp, Diane and Rick Dowling
Greeters	Dick and Sharon Broward	Natalie Mustapich, Jackie Bosanac
Media	Cheryl Anspach	<i>Needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder	

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

Sun Oct 29

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa ñol EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 30

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Oct 31

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

Wed Nov 1

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Nov 2

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

5pm Children's Choir
MR

6pm JOLT EH

Fri Nov 3

4pm Estudio del libro
LM

4:30pm Private S

Sat Nov 4

12pm Private S EH

Sun Nov 5 All Saints

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST



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Key

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

Italics Virtual or offsite

Sun Nov 5 cont.

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Dia de los muertos
WH/kit 12p

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 6

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

6:30pm Amen CR

7pm Jubilate S

Tue Nov 7

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

6:30pm Serve Mtg WH

7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Nov 8

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Nov 9

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir
MR

6pm JOLT EH

Fri Nov 10

4pm Estudio del libro
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