



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

8:30 a.m., November 5, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Becky Pepper, Carol and Steve Spieker

Greeters: Dick and Sharon Boward

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder

PRELUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

settings by Wilbur Held, Flor Peeters

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

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.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: We gather this day to remember those who lit our lives with joy.

C: We gather to remember those who touched our lives with tenderness.

P: For those whose loss fills us with longing.

C: We remember their names and give thanks for their lives.

P: We remember those who loved us without condition or constraint.

C: And those who stood by us holding us in both joy and sorrow.

P: We remember those who would not let us stand still.

C: And those whose cheered us on towards new ideas and new adventures.

P: We remember those who traveled before us.

C: **And those who showed us courage.**

P: We remember those who showed us how to live in love.

C: **And those who showed us how to die in faith and hope.**

P: Holy God, you share with us the faithfulness of saints — past, present, and future at your table. Teach us to live our days wisely. We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have passed through death this year and now live in your eternal care:

Mary Knudten

Linda Wollschlager

Gerald Hansen

Roland Tonn

Villgerd Reagles

James Dowling

Connor Fitzpatrick

Benicio Aparicio

Joanne Buth

Clifford Kraase

P: Lord God, hear our prayers this day, as we remember your saints, strengthen us in the adventure of following you through this world, until we come to the place where suffering and death will be no more. We ask all of this in the name of the One who promises never to turn his face from us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: We speak the names of these saints in our lives to remember, to celebrate, to renew their memory within us that we would let our lives be inspired by their example and the light of their memory chase away the shadows of our grief. So come, light a candle this day, in remembrance and in celebration of all that God promises to us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

Behold A Host, Arrayed in White

Norwegian Tune, arr. John Behnke

Ascension Ringers

Pie Jesu, Andrew Lloyd Webber

**Annemarie Wucker,
Linda Elder**

Translation: Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.

O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.

Come By Here, Kyle Pederson

Ascension Choir

HYMN

For All the Saints (v. 1)

ELW 422

READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right

hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

For All the Saints (v. 3, 4, 5, 7)

ELW 422

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


Healing: Rick Dowling, torn ACL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

All Things New, Elaine Hagenberg

Ascension Choir

	<p>Many Ways to Give Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>QR code</i>• <i>VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone</i>• <i>Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC</i>• <i>Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</i>
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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	Taste and See <i>(choir sings verses; all sing refrain)</i>	ELW 493
	Lord of All Hopefulness	ELW 765
	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	ELW 733

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 **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** *(v. 1, 2, 4)* **ELW 367**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
setting by Thomas Gieschen



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: CRASH meets tonight at 6 p.m.

Día de los Muertos Potluck: The congregation is invited to attend a Día de los Muertos potluck with Latino Ministries today 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.

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.

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., Nov. 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, 7:15-8:15 p.m., Nov. 1, 8, 15, and Dec. 6; Saturday, Nov. 11, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Tuesdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m., Nov. 21 and 28. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

BLAST Birthday Bags: BLAST is collecting donations to make birthday bags for people in 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. If you are interested in how we serve God by serving others in our community and globally, please join us.

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Waukesha Christmas Parade Dec. 3: Ascension will share a moving posada in this year's Waukesha Christmas parade and you're invited! We need people to hand-out candy, play costumed characters and people of all ages to walk with the procession as we portray Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem. See the Signup Genius to volunteer, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCparade2023>. We also need candy donations. Please place your seasonally-appropriate donations in the bin in the narthex. Help us bring this special Ascension tradition to our community.

Christmas Angel Tree: Through Dec. 7, there will be an Angel Tree set up in the narthex for the Christmas Clearing Council, which provides Christmas gifts to Waukesha County children and teens in need. The Christmas Clearing Council is specifically requesting Target and Walmart gift cards of \$25 for children and teens over 12. Angel ornaments can be taken from the tree with Target or Walmart on them and placed in the marked box in the office with the gift card. Questions? Please contact Thursday Women's Nurture Group leader Linda Hansen.

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.

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.

Coffee Donations: Do you drink coffee from the coffee stand in the narthex? Don't forget your free will offering to help pay for it.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Nov. 12	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Elsa Kinunen	Joshua Gunderson
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg
Communion	Elaine Kilgore, Marge and Todd Schroeder	Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Dorothy Mason, Sarah Paczesny, Grace, Madeline	Paul and Melody Maass
Media	Buck Houston	<i>Needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	<i>Needed</i>

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

Sun Nov 5 All Saints

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Día de los Muertos Pot-luck WH 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 LM

Sat Nov 11

9am Adult Choir S

12:30pm Handbells S

12:30pm Knit Wits WH

Sun Nov 12

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Annual Mtg S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 13

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Nov 14

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

Wed Nov 15

11:30am Staff mtg HR

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Nov 16

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

6pm JOLT EH

Fri Nov 17

10am Cloverleaf EH

Sat Nov 18

9am Jubilate S

Sun Nov 19

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

4pm HOPE event WH

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
LM	Latino Ministries
MG	Memorial Gardens
N	Narthex
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

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.



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