



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday

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

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Cole Reinfeldt

Altar Guild: Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells

Communion: Lynn Cleppe,
Mary Ellen Comp

Communion: Diane Dowling,
Becky Hastings

Greeters: Jackie Bosanac,
Natalie Mustapich

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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.

(continued)

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 Gomez

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

I Speak Jesus

Praise Band

Holy Spirit

Hallelujah

PRAYER

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.

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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*)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

P: I present Addison Vi Jahner who desires to make public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Addison, one with us in the body of Christ, who is making public affirmation of her baptism.

P: Let us pray...Merciful God, we thank you for this sister, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called her to yourself, enlightened her with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished her in the community of faith. Uphold your servant 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.

P: 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?

Confirmand: I do.

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

Confirmand: I do.

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

Confirmand: I do.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: 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.

P: 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.**

P: 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?

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

Confirmand may kneel. The pastor prays for God's blessing over the confirmand.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Addison and pray for her in her life in Christ?

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

P: 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

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

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

Healing: Rick Dowling, torn ACL

OFFERING

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**

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

Holy Spirit Rain Down

SONGS

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours, and You are mine**

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
(*Chorus*)

Spirit lead me where my trust
is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet
could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior (*Chorus*)

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh, Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh, Lord we cast down our idols

**So give us clean hands, give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another (2x)**

**And God let us be a generation that seeks
That seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob (2x)**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh, Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh, Lord we cast down our idols (*Chorus*)

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COMMUNION BLESSING

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.**

SONG

Grace

Called and chosen when I was far away
You brought me into your family
Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away
Your loving kindness is life to me

'Cause it's grace, there's nothing I can do
To make You love me more
To make You love me less than You do
And by faith I'm standing on this stone
Of Christ and Christ alone
Your righteousness is all that I need
'Cause it's grace

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.

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.

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 Cleaning Council, which provides Christmas gifts to Waukesha County children and teens in need. The Christmas Cleaning 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.

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 <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
Potluck 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

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>

