



Lutheran Church

24th Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., November 12, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Elsa Kinunen

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Todd Schroeder, Steve Spieker

Greeters: Dorothy Mason, Sarah Paczesny, Grace, Madeline

Media: Buck Houston

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

setting by Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / FAITH WITNESS by Lauren Birner

OPENING HYMN All Creatures, Worship God Most High (v. 1, 2, 4, 6)

ELW 835

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Chris

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:9-10

If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Jim Schaefer and family at the death of his father, Jewil

Healing: Elaine Kilgore, knee replacement surgery on 11/14
Marvin Goetter, testing and CT scan

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Strong in the Lord, Tom Fettke

Ascension Choir



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- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 488

What Feast of Love

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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 **Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us** (*v. 1-3*)

ELW 707

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising, *setting by David Lasky*



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!

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

Baptized: We welcome Eleanor Elizabeth and Macie Mae Rach in baptism today at the 10:45 service. Eleanor and Macie's parents are Robert and Susan Rach. Eleanor's sponsors are Jennifer Brendel and Kevin Brendel. Macie's sponsors are Allison Orton and Alyssa Behrendt.

New Members: We welcome the following new members — Luis and Shayla Equila, Serena and Stella, Dan Baumann, Jeff and Cathy Britton, Kristy and Gary Wipperman, John and Mary Susan Cable, Jay McDivitt, Lydia and Simon, Ruth Dewitz

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.

Sing for the Advent/Christmas Season! 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.

BLAST Birthday Bags: We are collecting the following items to create birthday bags that will be donated to local shelters. There is a display in the narthex. Please donate the following items through the month of November: birthday cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, Happy Birthday cake plates, small birthday napkins.

AMEN Meeting: All men are invited to the Amen meetings Mondays at 6:30 p.m. The current study topic is a five-session series by Max Lucado, *Help Is Here*. We encourage all men to attend. Zoom link is available for the meeting. Contact Bob Zastrow.

CRASH Kringle Fundraiser: See the table in the narthex to buy kringles to support CRASH students who are attending the Youth Gathering in 2024.

Waukesha Christmas Parade Dec. 3: Ascension will share a moving posada in this year's Waukesha Christmas parade. We need candy to hand out in the Christmas parade. Please put your candy donations in the yellow bin in the narthex. We also have a lot of ways members of the congregation of all ages can be part of the fun. See the Signup Genius to volunteer, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCparade2023>.

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Christmas Angel Tree: Please choose an angel off the Angel Tree to help provide Christmas gifts to Waukesha County children and teens in need through the Christmas Clearing Council. The Christmas Clearing Council is specifically requesting Target and Walmart gift cards of \$25 for children and teens over 12. Angel ornaments should be placed in the marked box in the office with the gift card.

Hawthorne Chili Lunch: Waukesha Schools with dual language programs have struggled to have enough staff this year, including our partnership school Hawthorne. Ascension wants to show our gratitude to the teachers and staff at Hawthorne by providing a chili lunch for them on the Monday before Thanksgiving. Items can be dropped off Sunday, Nov. 19, or Monday, Nov. 20 by 10 a.m. Here's the Sign-Up <https://tinyurl.com/HawthorneChili>. Please make sure all items are clearly labeled. Contact Pastor Edwin with questions or if you'd like to help with delivery or pick-up.

Healing Hearts Meal: Ascension's next Healing Hearts' meal is Monday, Nov. 20. We need food donations and servers for the meal. Servers will be done by 6:15 p.m. Use the Sign-Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/NovHealingmeal> to help one of our community partners who work to heal the hurting hearts of children and their families who have gone through a loss. The sign-up lists all the details. You may also sign up to join a group who will cook for the meal together here at church on Sunday, Nov. 19, 4-6 p.m.

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. 19	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Grace Paczesny	Ella Pfahler
Altar Guild		Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Scot Werner, Paul Wehmeier	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Jimmy and Chris Loos	Sue Mathews, Sandie Pfeiffer
Media	Kurt Werner	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mike Rapp

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

Sun Nov 12

Kringle sale N
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

Kringle sale N
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 4pm HOPE event WH
 6pm CRASH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 20

10am Hawthorne staff lunch
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Nov 21

7am Amen zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 6pm GriefShare CR
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm Church council HR
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Nov 22

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Nov 23 Thanksgiving

Office closed

Fri Nov 24

Office closed

Sun Nov 26 Christ the King

Kringle sale last day N
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 27

1pm Knit Wits WH
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Nov 28

7am Amen zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 6pm GriefShare CR
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm Holloway group HR
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Nov 29

**6:30pm Welcome to Advent
 Worship**
 7pm AA WH

Thu Nov 30

10am Al Anon CR
 5pm Children's Choir MR

Sat Dec 2

9:30am Deck the Halls
 7:30pm Jubilate Concert

<u>Key</u>	
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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