



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

24th Sunday After Pentecost
10:45 a.m., Sunday, November 12, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Joshua Gunderson

Altar Guild: Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg

Communion: Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg

Communion: Mike Tomchek

Greeters: Melody and Paul Maass

Media: Adam Boales

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / FAITH WITNESS by Lauren Birner

SONG

Great Things

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

SONG

God Is With Us Now

Everyone who longs for truth
Needing hope and strength renewed
Come and meet the Savior of the world
Everyone who longs inside
Desperate for the words of life
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

God is with us now
His love rains down, His love reigns now
Saved by grace and power
His love rains down, His love reigns now
God is with us now

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME / RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Chris

SONG

That's Why We Praise Him

He came to live, live a perfect life
He came to be, the Living Word our light
He came to die, so we'd be reconciled
He came to rise, to show His power and might

That's why we praise Him,
That's why we sing
That's why we offer Him our everything
That's why we bow down,
And worship this King
'Cause He gave His everything

He came to live, live in us again
He came to be
Our conquering King and friend
He came to heal
And show the lost ones His love
He came to go, prepare a place for us
(Chorus)

Halle, Hallelujah (4x)

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 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.**

Here I Am, Lord: Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946, text © 1981 OCP Publications, Inc., 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

"I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR ELEANOR ELIZABETH AND MACIE MAE RACH

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Jennifer and Kevin, Allison and Alyssa, do you present Eleanor and Macie for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We/I do.

P: Robert and Susan, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Eleanor Elizabeth and Macie Mae baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Eleanor Elizabeth and Macie Mae to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people; bring them to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach them the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Eleanor and Macie grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Jennifer and Kevin, Allison and Alyssa, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend these miracles of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church.

Do you promise to encourage Eleanor and Macie: to walk alongside them as they grow in their faith and in their relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Eleanor and Macie and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: We do.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I do.

P: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Eleanor Elizabeth, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sing:



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Eleanor Elizabeth: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Eleanor Elizabeth, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Macie Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sing:



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Macie Mae: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Macie Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your lights so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sisters, Eleanor and Macie, into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

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

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

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

OFFERING

Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

**I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes, hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive!**

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!
(Chorus)

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder heaven comes to fight for me
(Chorus)

I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah
I raise a hallelujah, I raise a hallelujah

Many Ways to Give Electronically



- 1) *QR code*
- 2) *Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone*
- 3) *Online at <https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC>*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Raise a Hallelujah: Jake Stevens | Jonathan David Helser | Melissa Helser | Molly Skaggs © 2018 Bethel Music Publishing. **It Is You:** Peter Furler © 2002 Ariose Music. All rights reserved. CCLI License # 90978

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

You Never Let Go

SONGS

It Is You

As we lift up our hands
Will You meet us here
As we call on Your name
Will You meet us here
We have come to this place
To worship You
God of mercy and grace
It is You we adore
It is You praises are for
Only You the heavens declare
It is You, it is You

**Holy, holy is our God Almighty
Holy, holy is His name alone (2x)**

He Reigns

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo
From the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground
(Chorus)

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

Everyday

**Every day, it's You I live for
Every day, I'll follow after You
Every day, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Every day, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Every day I can be Your light unto the world

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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>.

More next page

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

See the complete schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

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.



ASCENSION
Lutheran Church

1415 Dopp St.
Waukesha, WI 53188
262-547-8518 ascensionlca.org