



**25th Sunday After Pentecost**  
8:30 a.m., November 19, 2023

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*      Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*  
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*      Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Grace Paczesny

**Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

**Communion:** Paul Wehmeier, Scot Werner

**Greeters:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

**Media:** Kurt Werner

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,  
Jeff Rohrer

**PRELUDE**      **Now Thank We All Our God**, *setting by Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BLESSING OF THE HATS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son †, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**OPENING HYMN**

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

**ELW 693**

**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.

**KYRIE**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This Is the Feast**

**p. 140**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: God of Grace, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

**ANTHEM**

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**Children's Choir**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Chris**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

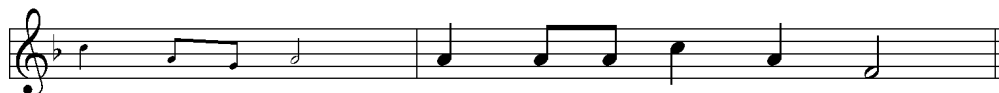


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**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

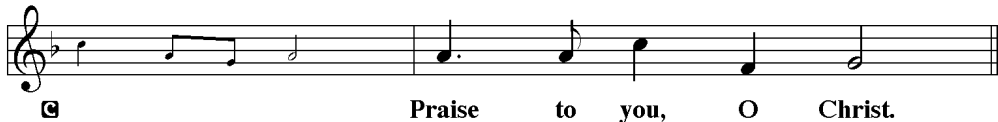
## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



## SERMON

Pastor Chris

## HYMN

Lord of Light


ELW 688

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** Arlene Davis, following a brief hospitalization for heart testing  
Amy James, surgery for a perforated appendix  
With Cynthia Carlson for her brother Gale, hospitalized  
With Karen Schmiechen for Rachel

**Healing and Thanksgiving:** For Aubrey finishing her last round of 16 months of chemo treatments

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

	<b>Many Ways to Give</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>QR code</i></li> <li>• <i>Vanco Giving app on your smartphone</i></li> <li>• <i>Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</i></li> <li>• <i>Check or cash (with or without envelope.)</i></li> </ul>

## 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.

### PRAYER STATION

If you desire private prayers of healing for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

### LAMB OF GOD

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### HYMNS

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

**ELW 815**

**Light Dawns on a Weary World**

**ELW 726**

**We Praise You, O God**

**ELW 870**

### 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**

**Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

**ELW 694**

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Now Thank We All Our God, *arr. Piet Post***



# 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.

**Media Help:** 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, 262-547-8518.

**CRASH:** CRASH meets tonight at 6 p.m.

**CRASH Kringle Fundraiser:** See the table in the narthex on Sundays through Nov. 26 to buy kringles to support CRASH students who will attend the 2024 Youth Gathering. Kringle pick-up will be Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10, at the Advent Concert Worship. Contact Pastor Edwin with questions.

**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. See the Sign-Up Genius <https://tinyurl.com/ALCparade2023> to help one of our community partners who work to heal the hearts of children and their families who have gone through a loss. You may also sign-up to join a group who will cook together today at church from 4-6 p.m. for this meal.

**Hawthorne Chili Lunch:** Help show our gratitude to the overworked teachers and staff at Hawthorne by providing a chili lunch for them on Monday, Nov. 20. Items can be dropped off today or tomorrow 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.

**Bunco:** On Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 1-3 p.m., everyone is invited to play bunco (a fun, easy dice game) with the Young at Heart group. The group will be in West Hall.

**BLAST Birthday Bags:** BLAST is 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.

**Waukesha Christmas Parade Dec. 3:** It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! You are needed to help share the Christmas story in a special way at the Waukesha Christmas parade. See the Sign-up Genius to volunteer, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCparade2023>. We are also still collecting candy to hand out at the parade.

## Many Ways to Give



- 1) *QR code*
- 2) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*
- 4) *<https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC>*
- 5) *Check or cash (with or without envelope.)*

**Mustard Seeds Ministry:** Join us today at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room to learn how small steps can lead to big things in helping those in need in our community through the new Mustard Seeds Ministry, developed in conjunction with SOPHIA.

**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 requesting Target and Walmart gift cards of \$25. Gift cards (along with the ornament) should be placed in the marked box in the office. Contact Women's Nurture Group leader Linda Hansen with questions.

**Meru Holiday Coffee:** The Mt. Meru Coffee Project is once again offering their special holiday blend and gift packs for your family gatherings over the next two months. See the display in the cabinet or the Meru Coffee Ambassador to order.

**The Jubilate Chorale Presents** *"Song in the Night--Christmas with Jubilate and Friends"* accompanied by harp, strings, and brass. Tickets available online at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org) or from Ascension members Scott Greger and Vicki Taylor. Performances are Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield, and Sunday, Dec. 3, 3 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa.

**Church Office Closed:** The church office will be closed this week on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24, in celebration of Thanksgiving.

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

**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

**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**

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7pm AA WH

**Mon Nov 27**

1pm Knit Wits WH

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Amen CR

**Key**

CR Conference rm

EH East Hall

HR Hearth rm

LM Latino Ministries

MG Memorial Gardens

N Narthex

S Sanctuary

WH West Hall

*Italics Virtual or offsite*

**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

# Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***How did God invite you here?***

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## ***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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