



**25th Sunday After Pentecost**  
10:45 a.m., Sunday, November 19, 2023

**Worship Leadership**

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

**Acolyte:** Ella Pfahler

**Altar Guild:** Jay and Robin Gallo

**Communion:** Pat Boyer, Mary Ellen Comp, Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

**Greeters:** Sue Mathews, Sandie Pfeiffer

**Media:** Andrew Marien

**Usher:** Mike Rapp

**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.

## SONGS

### Because of Your Love

As we come into Your presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord we've come to give You thanks for all  
You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up, with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed, because of your love

### House of the Lord

We worship the God who was  
We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors  
He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory

**There's joy in the house of the Lord**  
**There's joy in the house of the Lord today**  
**And we won't be quiet**  
**We shout out Your praise**  
**There's joy in the house of the Lord**  
**Our God is surely in this place**  
**And we won't be quiet**  
**We shout out Your praise**  
**We shout out Your praise**

We sing to the God who heals  
We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
He hung upon that cross  
Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away  
*(Chorus)*

We were the beggars  
Now we're royalty  
We were the prisoners  
Now we're running free  
We are forgiven, accepted  
Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise  
*(Chorus)*

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

## SONG

### You Shine

Why should I feel lost  
When You made the heavens  
Why should I feel afraid  
When you put the stars in place  
Why should I lose heart  
When I know how great You are  
Why should I give up  
When Your plans are full of love

**You shine**  
**Brighter than the brightest star**  
**Your love**  
**Purer than the purest heart**  
**You shine**  
**Filling us with courage and strength**  
**To follow You**

## 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: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Chris**

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## SONG

### Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones  
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own  
When brokenness and pain is all I know  
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

**My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love (3x)**

Shame no longer has a place to hide  
I am not a captive to the lies  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind  
Oh, I won't be shaken, no I won't be shaken  
(Chorus)

There's power that can break off every chain  
There's power that can empty out a grave  
There's resurrection power that can save  
There's power in Your name power in Your name

**My fear doesn't stand a chance  
When I stand in Your love (5x)**

## PRAYERS

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

**Healing:** 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 last round of 16 months of chemo

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### Hosanna

I see the King of glory coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes  
I see His love and mercy washing over all our sin  
The people sing, the people sing

**Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest**

I see a generation rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith, with selfless faith  
I see a new revival stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees, we're on our knees (Chorus)

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Many Ways to Give



- QR code
- Vanco Giving app
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

## 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.

## 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.

## SOLO

### **I Will Rise**

## SONG

### **Cornerstone**

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In every high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)

**Christ alone, cornerstone  
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all**

## SONG

### **God Is Able**

God is able, He will never fail  
He is almighty God  
Greater than all we seek  
Greater than all we ask  
He has done great things

God is with us  
God is on our side  
He will make a way  
Far above all we know  
Far above all we hope  
He has done great things (*Chorus*)

**Lifted up, He defeated the grave  
Raised to life, our God is able  
In His name, we overcome  
For the Lord, our God is faithful**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## BENEDICTION

### SONG

### Old Church Choir

There's revival and it's spreading  
Like a wildfire in my heart  
A Sunday morning hallelujah  
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?  
It's the rhythm of a gospel song  
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it  
There ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul**  
**I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful**  
**I've got a heart overflowing**  
**'Cause I've been restored**  
**There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**  
**No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**

When the valleys that I wander  
Turn to mountains that I can't climb  
Oh, You are with me, never leave me  
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy (*Chorus*)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need  
Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
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Singing in my soul  
I've got a sweet salvation  
And it's beautiful  
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'Cause I've been restored  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

### 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.

**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 through Nov. 26 to buy kringles to support CRASH students attending the 2024 Youth Gathering. Kringle pick-up will be Dec. 9 and 10, at the Advent Concert Worship. Contact Pastor Edwin with questions.

**Healing Hearts Meal 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. 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 donations to create birthday bags that will be donated to local shelters. Please donate the following items: 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.

**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 from 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.

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## 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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.**

**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 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**

### **Sun Nov 19**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

4pm HH Meal Prep 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

### **Tue Nov 21 cont.**

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 Thanks- giving**

Office closed

### **Fri Nov 24**

Office closed



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