



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Christ the King

10:45 a.m., Sunday, November 26, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Bly Dringenburg

Altar Guild: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

Communion: Melody and Paul Maass,
Anna Marien

Greeters: Ileen Marien, Anna and Hadley

Media: Andrew Marien

Ushers: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

Come, Lord Jesus, come (4x)

Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

For His returning, we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King
(Chorus)

**Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King**

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

Better Is One Day

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (*Repeat*)**

How lovely is Your dwelling place
Oh Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
Here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I see beneath the shadow of Your wings

READING

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods. In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours. The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

Stronger

There's love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There's truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

**You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ has risen
Jesus You are Lord of all (2x)**

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR JAMES THEODORE CALI

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: Becky and Joel, do you present James Theodore Cali for the sacrament of holy baptism?

Sponsors: We do.

P: Ali and Ted, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have James Theodore baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring James Theodore to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend him in faith and prayer, so that he 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 James grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Becky and Joel, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage James: to walk alongside him as he grows in his faith and in his relationship with God?

Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support James and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do.

A: 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.

A: 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.

A: 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.

A: 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.**

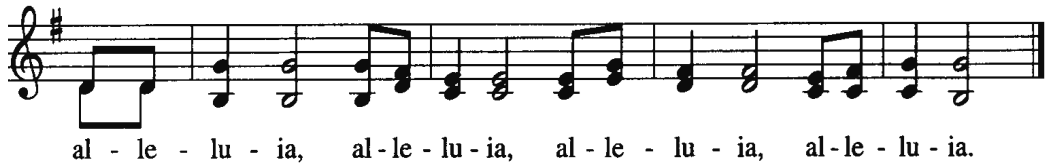
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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: James Theodore Cali, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

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

**You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ has risen
Jesus You are Lord of all**

Comfort: For Donna Savin and friends of Nancy Link at her death on Monday
Healing: For Sheri Greger's cousin, Thomas, brain mass and upcoming surgery
For Sharon Coralline's brother-in-law, Jay, return of cancer

OFFERING

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your name

**Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name**

Jesus in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name **(Chorus)**

Many Ways to Give



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- 2) *Vanco Giving app*
- 3) *Online at*
[tinyurl.com/
SupportALC](http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)
- 4) *Via text to*
262-214-3681 with
the amount

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

Good, Good Father

SONGS

Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

You are Way Maker
Miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker
Miracle worker, promise keeper
Light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord
(Chorus)

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
And even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
(Chorus)

I Will Lift My Eyes

God, my God I cry out, your beloved needs You now
God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt
Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in

I will lift my eyes to the maker, of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the calmer, of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the healer of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me
And God right here, all I bring is all of me
Your kindness is what pulls me up
Your love is all that draws me in *(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

God Is on the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know, I know, I know, I know

God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move in many mighty ways
God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
God is on the move on the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets us free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know, I know, I know, I know (*Chorus*)

I see a generation standing on the Truth
In each and every nation God is on the move (*Chorus*)

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!

Baptized: We welcome James Theodore Cali in baptism today at the 10:45 a.m. service. James' parents are Ali and Ted Cali. Big brother is Connor. James' sponsors are Joel Cali and Becky Dickow.

Advent Worship: Join us on Wednesday, Nov. 29, at 6:30 p.m. for a beautiful worship service as we enter into the season of Advent and the patient expectation of the unfolding story of God's saving work among us in the coming of a Savior. We will gather around the music of Holden Evening Prayer.

Deck the Halls: Join us Saturday, Dec. 2, at 9:30 a.m. as we prepare the church campus for Advent and Christmas.

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 narthex. Please donate 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.

CRASH Kringle Fundraiser: This Sunday is the last day 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.

Journey to Bethlehem is an interactive and fun event celebrating Advent and the Christmas story for BLAST students and parents in grades 4k - 5th grade. A combination of story and craft activities immerses participants deeper into the Christmas story. Come experience the timeless story of the birth of Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 3, in between services.

Children's Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, Dec. 17, during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. It will be here before we know it! Children are encouraged to keep practicing the songs at home and are also invited to consider participating in a costumed role for the program. There are many roles available and even include some for children who would like to read part of the Christmas story. The sign-up can be found here <https://tinyurl.com/ChildrensProgram23>.

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. If you are planning on walking in the parade, here are the line-up instructions, <https://ascensionelca.org/parade-instructions>.

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 by Dec. 7.

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 purchase or order.

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. Hunger has no season.

The Jubilate Chorale: The Jubilate Chorale presents “*Song in the Night, Christmas with Jubilate and Friends*” accompanied by harp, strings, and brass. Tickets available 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.

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Poinsettia Donations



If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our sanctuary this Christmas season (\$12 each), please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office.

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

In celebration of the birth of Jesus

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of

Donated in memory of

Donor: _____

Donation amount \$ _____

Please return the completed form along with your check to the church office

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Dec. 3	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Simon Williams	Marti Mustapich
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Rick and Dianne Frowein	Mike and Joan Mikecz
Media	Buck Houston	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler

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

Sun Nov 26 Christ the King

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

10:30am Link visitation

12pm Link funeral

1:15pm Link reception

5pm Children's Choir MR

Sat Dec 2

9:30am Deck the Halls

7:30pm Jubilate Concert

Sun Dec 3 Advent 1

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Journey to Bethlehem

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

3pm Christmas parade

3pm Jubilate Concert

7pm AA WH

Mon Dec 4

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Dec 5

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

Wed Dec 6

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Dec 7

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

12pm Staff Spanish class

1pm Hansen Group HR

5pm Children's Choir MR

Sat Dec 9

10am Annual Gingerbread

Build Habitat for Humanity

**6pm Advent Concert Wor-
ship S**

Sun Dec 10 Advent 2

9:30am Advent Concert

Worship S

10:30am Brunch K

10:45am Misa EH

4:45pm CRASH Progressive

Dinner K, WH

7pm AA WH

Mon Dec 11

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Amen CR

Tue Dec 12

**5:30am Anunciation/
Anunciación EH WH**

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Dec 13

11:30am Staff Meeting

7pm AA WH

Thu Dec 14

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Dec 16

9am Children's Rehearsal S

**6pm Las Posadas EH, WH,
parking lot**

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>

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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