



Second Sunday after Epiphany
10:45 a.m., Sunday, January 14, 2024

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Marti Mustapich

Altar Guild: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Pat Boyer, Mary Kolberg

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Greeter: Sandie Pfeiffer

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Usher: Mike Rapp

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

God Who Saves

The light of the world shining in love
Taking the fall upon Your shoulders
You shattered the dark as You rose to life again

You are the way, the truth and the life
Your mercy has overcome our failings
The battle is won Jesus in love You reign

You're the God who saves
You're the hope of all
Reaching out Your hand
As your people call (2x)

Our savior has come let Your will be done
Your kingdom on earth as in the heavens
Our freedom is found, Lord, in no other name (*Chorus*)

Glory to God

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be, a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours, we sing (*Chorus*)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

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*)

GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will

see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

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**

PRAYERS

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

Comfort: For Connie Sedivy at the death of her mom, Norma

Healing: For Maxine Berdoll

God's Care: For Kathy Bue's brother-in-law, Bob, in palliative care for cancer
For Peter Passante's friend, Jillian and her mother

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains
(Chorus)

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid
There's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love **(Chorus)**

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

Goodness of God

SONGS

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find
(Chorus)

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes
(Chorus)

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?
**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won *(Chorus)*
We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion
My salvation
Hallelujah *(Chorus)*

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

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

Grace

Called and chosen when I was far away
You brought me into your family
Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away
Your loving kindness is life to me

'Cause it's grace, there's nothing I can do
To make You love me more
To make You love me less than You do
And by faith I'm standing on this stone
Of Christ and Christ alone
Your righteousness is all that I need
'Cause it's grace

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!

CRASH Cook-Off: CRASH students need your help to raise funds to attend the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer. We will be holding a Soup and Chili cook-off on Saturday, Jan. 27, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Buy your tickets or register your team this Sunday at the registration table after services. Contact Pastor Edwin, edwin@ascensionelca.org, with questions.

Adult Ed --The Chosen Video Series: Join us in watching this compelling video series beginning Monday, Jan. 29, 10 a.m. or 6 p.m., led by Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony. Each week we will begin with a brief introduction, watch the video, and make connections to the Biblical story along with discussing some reflection questions. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

El Salvador Trip Meeting: Ascension is returning to El Salvador this summer. We have our first informational today following late church. Contact Sarah Wehmeier Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org, with any questions.

Community Outreach Meeting: The Community Outreach Committee has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. to plan outreach activities for 2024. If you have an interest in outreach, please join us. New ideas are always welcome. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, or just show up for the meeting.

No Regrets 2024: Ascension men are invited to the men's No Regrets conference livestreamed at Ascension on Feb. 3. Register online, tinyurl.com/NoRegretsAMEN.

GriefShare Begins Feb. 6: GriefShare is a 12-week program led by Pastor Tony and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. beginning February 6 and concluding April 30. Through the use of video teaching and small group conversation, we seek to provide a safe and supportive space to provide care and encouragement that can be crucial to a person in grief. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or by call to the church office.

GriefShare Support: We're looking for volunteers to provide support with snacks and donations for GriefShare on Tuesday nights beginning Feb. 6. Maybe you can help? Please see the Sign-Up Genius <http://tinyurl.com/GriefSupport24> for dates and suggestions. Contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org, with questions.

Support DACA Recipients: The ELCA's Lutheran Office for Public Policy in Wisconsin invites you to visit Madison on Thursday, Jan. 25, to learn about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and four bills to help DACA recipients, and meet with State Senators and Assembly Representatives. More information and registration online <https://www.loppw.org/events/>.

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

Sun Jan 14

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
 10:45am Misa EH
 10:45am Worship S
 12pm El Salvador Meeting
 12pm Mutual Ministry HR
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 15

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

Tue Jan 16

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 6:30pm Comm. Outreach HR

Wed Jan 17

12pm Young at Heart WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Jan 18

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group CR
 5pm Children's Choir MR

Sat Jan 20

10:30am Knit Wits WH, K

Sun Jan 21

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
 10:45am Misa EH
 10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 22

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 7pm Jubilate S

Tue Jan 23

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Church Council HR
 7pm Holloway group CR

Wed Jan 24

1pm Bunco WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Jan 25

10am Al Anon CR
 11am Spanish class HR
 5pm Children's Choir MR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Jan 27

5pm CRASH Fundraiser

<u>Key</u>	
CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual/offsite</i>

Sun Jan 28

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST
 10:45am Misa EH
 10:45am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 29

10am Adult Ed HR
 6pm Adult Ed HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jan 30

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jan 31

6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Feb 1

10am Al Anon CR

Worship Support Schedule <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Jan. 21	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Zach Jahner	Ava Steinke
Altar Guild	Jim and Chris Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Melody and Paul Maass
Greeters	Ev and Kay Stone	Duane and Kelly Schoon
Media	Kurt Werner	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	<i>Needed</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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