



**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany**

8:30 a.m., January 28, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Linnea Kinunen

**Altar Guild:** Julie Kinunen

**Communion:** Sharon Coralline, Julie Kinunen

**Greeters:** Sharon Coralline, Susan Koeferl

**Media:** Adam Boales

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

**Usher:** Paul Wehmeier

**PRELUDE**

**Chaconne, Louis Couperin**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise**

**ELW 310**

**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.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This Is the Feast**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

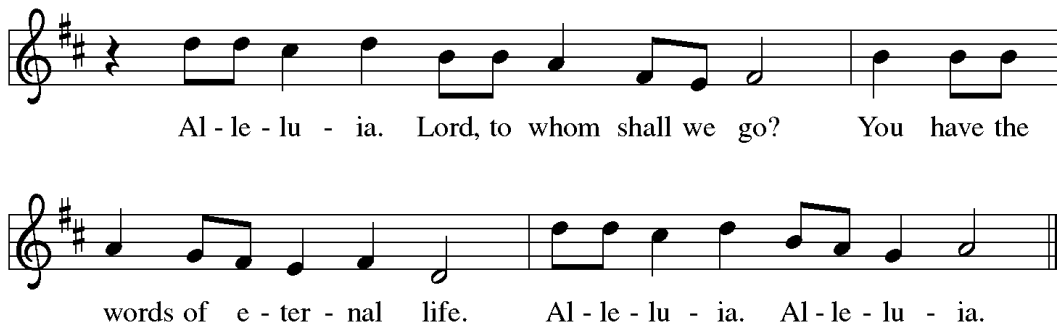
**P:** Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Chris**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

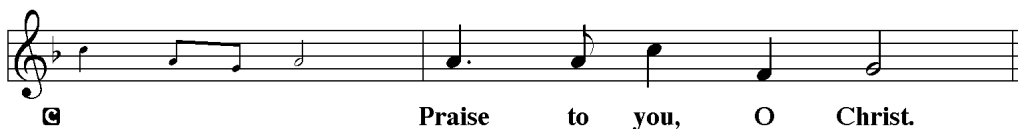
## GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:21-28

[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

Pastor Chris

## HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Comfort:** For Pastor Makenge and his family at the death of his grandmother and prayers for safety as his family travels across Tanzania for her funeral  
For friends and family of Mary McGoun following her death

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

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

*Arr. Cathy Moglebust*

### **Ascension Ringers**



#### **Many Ways to Give Electronically**

- *QR code*
- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at [tinyurl.com/SupportALC](http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

**C:** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

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### HYMNS

**Around You, O Lord Jesus**

**ELW 468**

**We Come to You for Healing, Lord**

**ELW 617**

**O God of Mercy, God of Light**

**ELW 714**

### 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.**

### INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

**President:** Amanda Payne

**1st Vice President:** Scott Greger

**2nd Vice President:** *Pending*

**Secretary:** Adam Boales

**Treasurer:** Amy Knaub

**At-Large Board Members:** Lauren Birner, Mike Dian, Jim Hahn, Jonathon Koenig, Brett Kohnke, Becky Pepper

**Director of Ministries:** Kelly Hoeg

**Director of Operations:** Cynthia Carlson

### 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

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**ELW 886**

### SENDING

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, *setting by Paul Manz***



# 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!

**First Communion Stepping Stones:** Preparation for first communion begins for 4th grade students and their families in February. Classes will take place during BLAST on Feb. 4, 11, and 18. Watch for the email/mailing with details. Contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org), with questions.

**Statements & Commitment Cards:** Watch for your 2023 statements in the mail and return the enclosed 2024 commitment card. Commitments may also be filled-out online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>.

**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. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.

**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](https://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. 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](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org), with questions.

**Healing Hearts Meal:** Our next meal for Healing Hearts is Monday, Feb. 19. We will be providing a soup supper. Please see the available slots in the Sign-Up Genius <http://tinyurl.com/HHFeb24> and click on your selection for volunteering or donating. Food should be brought to Ascension by 3 p.m. Servers will be done by 6:15 p.m.

**Blessing Box:** During the very cold winter weather days, please put only packaged/dry goods in the Blessing Box (mac and cheese, rice and beans, granola bars, cereal). Bottles and cans can freeze and then explode in the box.

**Save the Date!** The Food Faith and Farming Network Winter Farmer's Market is at Ascension on March 10. There will be a lot of opportunities to participate. This is a great event to invite friends to join you at Ascension.

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

## Sun Jan 28

**8:30am Worship S**  
 9:45am Altar Guild 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  
 1pm Hansen Group HR  
 5pm Children's Choir MR  
 6pm JOLT EH

## Sat Feb 3

9am Amen No Regrets

## Sun Feb 4

**8:30am Worship S**

## Sun Feb 4 cont.

9:45am BLAST  
 9:50am Stepping Stone 1st  
     Communion WH  
**10:45am Misa EH**  
**10:45am Worship S**  
 12pm Dia de la Candelaria WH  
 7pm AA WH

## Mon Feb 5

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

## Tue Feb 6

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 6pm GriefShare CR

## Wed Feb 7

11:30am Staff Meeting  
 6pm Handbells S  
 7pm AA WH  
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Thu Feb 8

10am Al Anon CR  
 5pm Children's Choir MR  
 6pm JOLT EH

## Sat Feb 10

Together in Mission, all rooms

### Key

CR      Conference rm  
 EH      East Hall  
 HR      Hearth rm  
 N        Narthex  
 S        Sanctuary  
 WH      West Hall  
*Italics   Virtual or offsite*

## Sun Feb 11

**8:30am Worship S**  
 9:45am BLAST  
 9:50am Stepping Stone 1st  
     Communion WH  
**10:45am Misa EH**  
**10:45am Worship S**  
 7pm AA WH

## Mon Feb 12

10am Adult Ed HR  
 6pm Adult Ed HR  
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
 6:30pm Amen CR  
 7pm Jubilate S

## Tue Feb 13

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 6pm GriefShare CR  
 6pm Handbells S  
 7pm Holloway group HR  
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Feb. 4	8:30a	10:45a
<b>Acolyte</b>	Shelby Leatherwood	Lexi Lytle
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
<b>Communion</b>	Becky Pepper, Marge Schroeder	Becky Hastings, Cathy Rapp
<b>Greeters</b>	Julie Kinunen, Maddie Goetter	Bob and Karen Schmiechen
<b>Media</b>	Todd Schroeder	Andrew Marien
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mark Pichler



## 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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