



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:45 a.m., Sunday, January 28, 2024

## **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:** Lynn Cleppe, Paul Maass

**Greeters:** Jerry and Lynn Cleppe

**Media:** Cheryl Anspach

**Ushers:** Kathy and Mike Tomchek

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

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### **SONGS**

#### **Lord Reign in Me**

Over all the earth, You reign on high  
Every mountain stream every sunset sky  
Lord my one request, Lord my only aim  
Is that You'd reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word  
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord  
You mean more to me than any earthly thing  
So won't You reign in me again (*Chorus*)

**Lord reign in me, bring in Your power**  
**Over all my dreams and my darkest hour**  
**You are the Lord of all I am**  
**So won't You reign in me again**

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## This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

**This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me**

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
**(Chorus)**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
**(Chorus)**

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Chris**

## SONG

### I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Over the mountain and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when your love came down

**I could sing of your love forever (4x)**

Over the mountain and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me  
And I will open up my heart  
And let the Healer set me free  
I'm happy to be in the truth  
And I will daily lift my hands  
For I will always sing  
Of when your love came down

**I could sing of your love forever (4x)**

## 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.**

SONG

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord

You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore  
Every heart that is broken  
Great are You, Lord *(Chorus)*

**It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only**

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing  
Great are You, Lord *(Chorus)*

PRAYERS

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

**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

This I Believe

Our Father everlasting, the all-creating One  
God Almighty  
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son  
Jesus our Savior

**I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in You  
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high *(Chorus)*

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

## SOLO

## The Commission

## SONGS

## 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)**

## Our God

Water you turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like you

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, awesome in power  
Our God, our God

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## COMMUNION BLESSING

### 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

#### Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul (2x)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (2x)

### 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 are in desperate need of people to help with the media in worship. Some things to know: It's not as complicated as people might think. A lot is set up ahead of time. Being able to press a button is a requirement. Having used PowerPoint is beneficial. Talk to Pastor Chris or contact the church office if you can help. Training will be provided.

**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](http://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.

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

**Sun Jan 28**

**8:30am Worship S**  
 9:45am Altar Guild HR  
 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

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

**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

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

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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