



All Saints Sunday

10:45 a.m., November 3, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

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Ushers: Dennis Leatherwood, DJ Leatherwood

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

The New Song We Sing

You are the God who reconciles
The wayward heart through Christ
The old has gone, the new has come
We are reconciled by love
We are reconciled by love

**And this is the new song we sing
To the King of Heaven
This is the new song we bring
After all You've given
We stand before You redeemed
As your children
This is the new song we sing**

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: We gather this day to remember those who lit our lives with joy.

C: **We gather to remember those who touched our lives with tenderness.**

P: For those whose loss fills us with longing.

C: **We remember their names and give thanks for their lives.**

P: We remember those who loved us without condition or constraint.

C: **And those who stood by us holding us in both joy and sorrow.**

P: We remember those who would not let us stand still.

C: **And those whose cheered us on towards new ideas and new adventures.**

P: We remember those who traveled before us.

C: **And those who showed us courage.**

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P: We remember those who showed us how to live in love.

C: And those who showed us how to die in faith and hope.

P: Holy God, you share with us the faithfulness of saints — past, present, and future at your table. Teach us to live our days wisely. We give you thanks for all your faithful people who have passed through death this year and now live in your eternal care:

Jewel Schaefer	Betterae Riekkoff	Susan Ziegert
Nancy Link	Kathleen Hahn	Beverly Sweetland
Mary McGoun	Sara Doyle	Donna Passolt
James Scheftner	José Noé Aguilera Delgado	Kenneth Berdoll

P: Lord God, hear our prayers this day, as we remember your saints, strengthen us in the adventure of following you through this world, until we come to the place where suffering and death will be no more. We ask all of this in the name of the One who promises never to turn his face from us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We speak the names of these saints in our lives to remember, to celebrate, to renew their memory within us that we would let our lives be inspired by their example and the light of their memory chase away the shadows of our grief. So come, light a candle this day, in remembrance and in celebration of all that God promises to us.

C: Thanks be to God.

PRAISE BAND

To the Table

SONG

Breathe

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me
(*Chorus*)

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You

PRAISE BAND

Finally Home

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scrip-

tures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SONG

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*)

GOSPEL READING

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

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SONG

The Saving One

When mercy was revealed what selflessness and peace
My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me
His pardon for my sin; His bounty for my need
From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

**And Heaven can't contain the glory of the Son
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One
His love has made a way the grave is overcome
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One**

No fear can hold me down, nor darkness steal my joy
For blood has been poured out; the enemy destroyed
Death could not hold Him down; the cross was not enough
To steal away His throne, for He is God (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me**

Healing: Pat Boyer, receiving a pacemaker
Ruth Dewitz, hospitalized for illness
For Melody and Paul Maass' infant grandson George, kidney issues
For Shirley Novotny's great-grandson Damien, serious injuries from an accident

Comfort: For the Carleton family following the death of Dave Carleton's mother Millie

Thanksgiving: For Peter Passante's friend Monika, making progress in her treatment program

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

**Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

King of all days so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)



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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.

SOLO

All My Hope

SONGS

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*)

Above All

Above all powers, above all Kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were there before the world began
Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what you're worth

**Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall, and thought of me...
Above all**

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.

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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

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength
You are faithful You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer everything

**Raise your hands all you nations
Shout to God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high**

Where You send us God, we will go
You're the answer we want the world to know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Nov 3

All Saints Day

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Blast

9:45am Who Is My Neighbor CR

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Private Reservation

7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 4

10am Chosen Study HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Nov 5

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Nov 6

11:30am Staff Meeting HR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Nov 7

9:15am Young at Heart trip

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

5pm Children's Choir MR

5:45pm Youth Choir MR

6:30pm JOLT EH

Sat Nov 9

9am Adult Choir S

12:30pm Handbells S

Sun Nov 10

CRASH Kringle Sales

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Budget Forum CR

9:45am Blast

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH



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 if needed. There are also Busy Bags available in the lobby.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

2025 Proposed Church Budget is available at the Welcome Center. This will provide an opportunity to be informed as to how your offerings are spent on staffing, program ministry, maintenance, and giving outside our walls. A budget forum is scheduled with the Church Council for Sunday, Nov. 10, at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room to answer any questions.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17, between services to elect 2025 council, approve the budget, and hear from church leaders about 2024.

2025 Commitment Cards: How is God inviting you to celebrate our ministry and prepare for the future in 2025? Please fill-out the 2025 commitment card or submit your commitment online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>, prayerfully considering what God might be leading you to offer back to God through the mission and ministry of Ascension. If you give online, please consider increasing your monthly offering if it has been a while since you set-up your online giving.

Who Is My Neighbor Meeting Today: If you are interested in immigration and refugee resettlement and how to live out your faith in response, please join us today between services in the Conference Room. Contact Joan Mikecz, joanmikecz@sbcglobal.net, if you have questions.

Sing for a Season: Sing with the Ascension Choir for the Advent/Christmas season. Rehearsals are from 7:15-8:15 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20, and Dec. 4 and 11 (Tuesday on Nov. 26); and Saturday, Nov. 9, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The choir will sing for the Advent Concert Worship services. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

New Youth Choir: We're beginning a new Youth Choir for students in grades 6-12 on Thursday, Nov. 7, 5:45-6:30 p.m. This is a short-term commitment with rehearsals in November and December. The Youth Choir will then sing for the Advent Concert Worship. To sign-up, please contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

Children's Choir: Children's Choir for children in grades K-5 returns on Thursday, Nov. 7, 5 to 5:40 p.m. Children's choir will rehearse on Nov. 7, 14, 21 and Dec. 5 and 12 and will sing for the Advent Concert Worship services on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m. Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, to join.

Angel Tree: The Thursday Afternoon Nurture Group will be sponsoring an angel tree this year for Waukesha Clearing Council Christmas gifts. The tree will be put up this Thursday. We will be collecting gift cards for different stores and giving them to parents for their children at Christmas. We will also be collecting gift cards to purchase toys for Ascension's Toddler Town.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *cont.*

Concert to Benefit Healing Hearts: The annual Waukesha Area Symphonic Band concert benefiting Healing Hearts is Sunday, Nov. 10, at 3 p.m. at Shattuck Hall, Carroll University. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 or at the door for \$15. To purchase advance tickets, see the event online at healingheartswisconsin.org/events-2/, or contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com.

Hawthorne Help: We are still looking for a couple of people to help first graders with basic math skills. Help is needed Monday through Friday from 11:40-12:40 a.m. Volunteers can choose one day to help or sign up-to go on a regular schedule. If you can help, contact Pastor Edwin, edwin@ascensionelca.org.

Tutoring Revised: We have been receiving requests for help with learning English from non-members. What a wonderful chance to provide a renewed outreach opportunity! We will work with tutors and potential students to find the times that best match their schedules. Resources and guidance on how to work with the students will be provided. We are willing to work with your schedule. Please contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

ELCA Hunger Project: Please share what you did to observe 50 years of the ELCA Hunger Project on Ascension's Mission Outreach Facebook page. Did you donate money or food? Skip a meal or dessert and share the money you saved? Focused your prayers on being thankful for the blessing of having enough food? ELCA Hunger programs help us all be part of the promise of living in a just world where all are fed. If this area of ministry is something you are interested in helping with leadership, please contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com.



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