



## 26th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., November 17, 2024

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Shelby Leatherwood

**Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

**Communion:** Sharon Coralline, Al Wollschlager

**Greeters:** Julie Kinunen, Joyce Krueger

**Media:** Cheryl Werner

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner

**PRELUDE**

**O God beyond all Praising, *setting by David Lasky***

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / BLESSING OF THE HATS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**ELW 843**

**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.

**KYRIE**

### **Refrain**

*Assistant:*

*Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,




Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)


*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

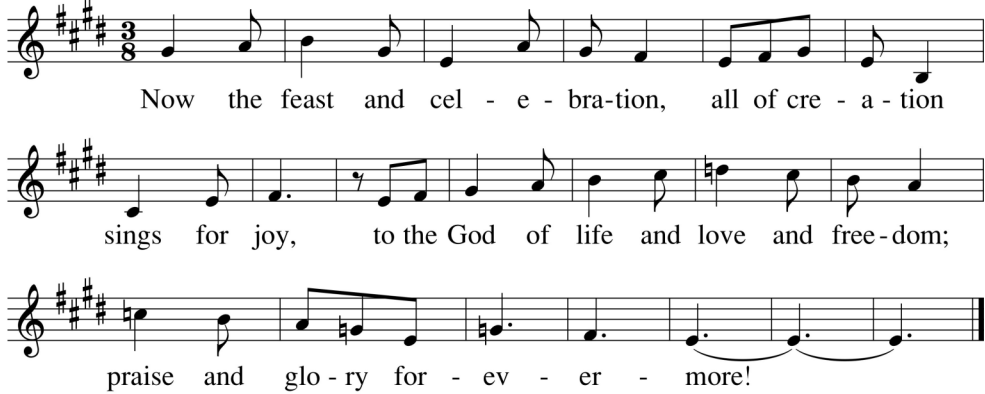


God. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

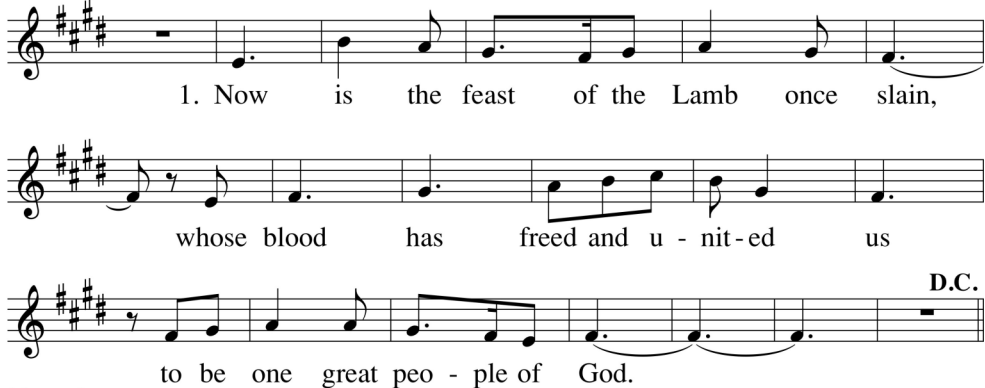
## Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain




Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1




1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

Verse 2



2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us



peo-ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**


**PRAYER**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**


**Pastor Chris**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Congregation:*




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we



go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

*Optional Repeat*



life. Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:11-32

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Chris**

## HYMN

**Christ, Be Our Light**

**ELW 715**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** For the Maass' infant grandson, George, upcoming kidney surgery

**Comfort:** For the Murray family at the death of Becky

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

**Be Not Afraid, Craig Courtney**  
*(based on Isaiah 43:1-4)*

**Ascension Choir**

## 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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HYMNS

**In the Singing**

**ELW 466**

**When Peace like a River**

**ELW 785**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**ELW 802**

## 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.**

### CLOSING HYMN

**Sing to the Lord of Harvest**

**ELW 694**

### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**Psalm XVIII (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)**

*Benedetto Marcello*



# 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 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!

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be held today between services to elect 2025 council, approve the budget, and hear from church leaders about 2024.

**2025 Commitment Cards:** If you have not yet turned in your 2025 commitment card or entered your commitment online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCpledge>, please consider doing so before the end of November. Even if you are unsure as to the total financial offering you would share to tell the story of God's love in the world, your signature on a card and your commitment to support the ministry and mission of Ascension is a faithful commitment in responding to all that God has done and is doing in your life and through our church.

**2025 Online Giving:** We understand that several of you have inquired about increasing your monthly electronic offering and have found the website difficult to navigate. In truth, our giving platform does not make it easy to change a recurring monthly offering. If it is easier to do so, please feel free to call or email Joan Birner, [jbirner1@wi.rr.com](mailto:jbirner1@wi.rr.com), Ascension's Financial Secretary and she can facilitate a change in your monthly online giving.

**JOLT:** Jolt meets Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Please note the later time!

**CRASH Kringle Sale:** Please consider purchasing kringles from our CRASH students as they begin fundraising for this summer's service trip to the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Kringle pickup will be Dec. 8.

**Angel Tree:** Visit the Angel Tree in the lobby and choose an angel to donate gift cards for the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha to be given to parents for children's gifts and for toys for Ascension's Toddler Town.

**Healing Hearts With Chili:** Help! Ascension will be serving a chili supper for the Healing Hearts Waukesha program participants on Monday, Nov. 25. See the Sign-Up Genius (<https://tinyurl.com/HHChili2024>) to find out how you can support families going through a time of loss or other struggles.

**Serving the Servers:** As a special Thanksgiving project, Mission Outreach will be holding a cookie bake on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then delivering the cookies and thank you notes to the local police and fire stations. Please sign-up online (<https://tinyurl.com/ServingNov2024>) to show how thankful we are for those who protect and serve us.

**Long Underwear Collection:** AMEN is collecting mens/womens long underwear for local shelters. Place donations in the yellow bin in the narthex.

**Bingo Night for the Women of Ascension:** Join us on Friday, Dec. 6, 6 to 8 p.m. for a night out with the ladies! Bring a \$10 wrapped gift and an appetizer or dessert to share. There will be prizes, food and fun! Please sign-up to bring something, <https://tinyurl.com/Dec6Bingo>. Contact Ileen Marien, [ileenmarien@gmail.com](mailto:ileenmarien@gmail.com), with questions.

**Mt. Meru Coffee:** Consider purchasing coffee for your holiday gatherings from Ascension's Mt. Meru Coffee Project. If what you'd like isn't available in the cabinet, please fill-out the order form. Your order will be ready for pick-up at church just a few days later. Don't forget to put some money in the basket to help us support coffee farmers in Tanzania! Last week, we collected only \$2.75!

**Clothes for the Cold:** Outreach for Hope's annual Clothes for the Cold drive is back! You can easily give online (<https://outreachforhope.org/clothes-for-the-cold>). Each \$10 gift up to our \$4000 fundraising goal means one more coat for our Ministry Partners to share with neighbors in need across the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA.

**Jubilate Chorale Joy & Wonder:** The Jubilate Chorale will present their Christmas concert, Joy and Wonder, on Saturday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brookfield, and on Sunday, Dec. 8, 3 p.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Wauwatosa. Tickets are available online at [jubilatechorale.org](http://jubilatechorale.org) or from Vicki Taylor, [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org).

**Reflections Blog:** Too busy to read the entire newsletter? Browse our Reflections Blog for individual articles that might interest you! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>

**Get Connected:** Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. We send out e-alerts weekly on Wednesday and occasionally for special notices. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

### Many Ways to Give



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

## 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.**

## CALENDAR

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

### **Sun Nov 17**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Blast

9:45am Annual Mtg S

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

### **Mon Nov 18**

6pm AMEN CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

### **Tue Nov 19**

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

7pm Church council HR

### **Wed Nov 20**

12pm Young at Heart

WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### **Thu Nov 21**

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

5pm Children's Choir

MR

5:45pm Youth Choir

MR

6:30pm JOLT EH

### **Fri Nov 22**

11am Cloverleaf EH

### **Sun Nov 24**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Blast

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

### **Mon Nov 25**

*5pm Healing Hearts meal*

6pm AMEN CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

### **Tue Nov 26**

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### **Wed Nov 27**

7pm AA WH

### **Thu Nov 28**

Thanksgiving Day

Office closed

### **Fri Nov 29**

Office closed

#### **Key**

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Garden
N	Narthex (Lobby)
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>



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