

Christ the King
8:30 a.m., November 24, 2024

Worship Leadership
Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Aidan Miller
Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen
Communion: Julie Kinunen, Becky Pepper
Greeters: Bob and Jan Zastrow
Instrumentalist: Andrew Szymanek, trumpet
Media: Buck Houston
Reader: Darlene DiBrito
Service Musician: Kathy Johnson
Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Prelude in F Major, G. F. Handel
arr. Michel Rondeau

Andrew Szymanek

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

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: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and king forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. John, the 18th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

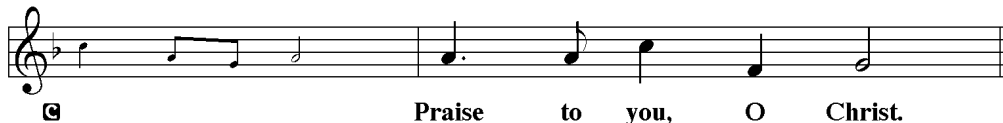
John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"

Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

ELW 413

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 scriptures; 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: For Christopher and Daron, open heart surgery

Comfort: For Marvin Goetter's daughter Stacey, following the death of her fiancé, Quinn
For Cynthia Carlson following the death of her brother Gale

Thanksgiving: For Kathleen Fischer's 93rd birthday
For Denis and Lauren Birgenheir at the birth of a daughter, Sophie

SHARING OF THE PEACE



Many Ways to Give Electronically

- *QR code*
- *VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW 490

The King Shall Come

ELW 260

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**Jesus Shall Reign****ELW 434****SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "O Worship the King", Michael Burkhardt

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Sunday, Dec. 1	8:30	10:45
Acolyte	Marta Aparicio	Josh Gunderson
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Darlene DiBrito, Jennifer Werner	Becky Hastings, Melody and Paul Maass
Greeters	Cheryl and Jennifer Werner	n/a
Media	Adam Boales	Jeff Froh
Reader	Sheri Greger	Sue Mathews
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jim Hahn	Dennis and DJ Leatherwood



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!

CRASH Kringle Sale: Today is your last chance to purchase kringles to support CRASH's service trip to the Appalachian region of Kentucky. Kringle pickup will be Dec. 8.

Healing Hearts: Ascension is serving a chili supper for the Healing Hearts Waukesha program participants tomorrow, 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 struggles.

No Bunco: Just a reminder that there is no bunco in November due to the holiday.

Church Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28-29.

Advent Book Study: Pastor Chris is leading a 4-week study beginning Monday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on the book *The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, and the Ongoing Complexity of Hope* by Kelley Nikondeha. Welcome the season of Advent with reflection, candlelight, song, and study. Books are \$20 and will be available for pick-up on Sunday, Dec. 1. RSVP to Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org, to reserve a book.

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. Your commitment to support the ministry and mission of Ascension is a faithful response 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. If it is easier to do so, please feel free to contact Ascension's Financial Secretary Joan Birner, jbirner1@wi.rr.com, 262-547-8814, and she can facilitate a change in your monthly online giving.

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.

AMEN Christmas Gathering and Long Underwear Collection: This year's Annual Men's Christmas Gathering is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Historic North Pillar Brewing Co., 212 E. North St., Waukesha. Bring your donation of long underwear (men's or women's) for Hope Center and enjoy Christian fellowship as we celebrate this special time in the church year. Please RSVP by text to Steve Boyer, 262-366-4078, by Monday, Nov. 25, so we have headcount for pizza. Pizza will be served at 6 p.m. We are asking for a \$15 donation per/person to offset the cost. Long underwear donations may also be brought to church if you're not attending.

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, 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. Ascension is proud to be a founding member of this project and a top seller of this special coffee. Don't forget to put some money in the basket to help us support coffee farmers in Tanzania!

Food Pantry and Blessing Box: As you do your grocery shopping this coming week, remember those who are in need. Bring your food donations to church and put them in the marked bins in the Donation Center. We are seeing a much heavier use than during the summer months.

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, <https://www.jubilatechorale.org/>, or from Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

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

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

Sun Dec 1

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

Mon Dec 2

10am Advent Book Study HR, S
6pm AMEN CR
6pm Advent Book Study HR, S
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Dec 3

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

Wed Dec 4

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

Thu Dec 5

9:30am TGIT HR
10am AI Anon CR
1pm Hansen Group HR
5pm Children's Choir MR
5:45pm Youth Choir MR
6pm *AMEN Christmas Party*

Fri Dec 6

5pm Women's event EH WH

Sat Dec 7

2pm CRASH Kringle sorting

Sun Dec 8

8:30am Worship S
9:45am Journey to Bethlehem
9:45am Kringle pick-up CR
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
7pm AA WH

Mon Dec 9

10am Advent Book Study HR, S
5pm Healing Hearts Dinner
6pm AMEN CR
6pm Advent Book Study HR, S
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Key

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

Please place in the offering plate.



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