

Hope



First Sunday of Advent
10:45 a.m., December 1, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Josh Gunderson

Altar Guild: Cindy Finn, Kris Wells

Communion: Mary Ellen Comp, Becky Hastings

Media: Jeff Froh **Reader:** Sue Mathews

Ushers: Dennis Leatherwood, DJ Leatherwood

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

**Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high
Who ordered all things mightily
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go (*Chorus*)

Oh, come, our Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by your drawing nigh
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight (*Chorus*)

ADVENT 1—LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us with hope, as we light this candle to keep watch for your arrival.

C: **The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.**

HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1)

O come all ye faithful joyful and triumphant
Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him, born the King of angels
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... A candle burns, the first marker of our Advent journey. As we set out, may we travel hopefully. As we set out, God of journeys, travel with us.

C: Amen.

SONG**Sing to the King**

Sing to the King who is coming to reign
 Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
 Life and salvation His empire shall bring
 Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

For His returning, we watch and we pray
 We will be ready the dawn of that day
 We'll join in singing with all the redeemed
 Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King
(Chorus)

Come let us sing a song
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus
He is all we need
Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King

GOSPEL READING**Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Pastor Tony****SONG****You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)**

You are holy (echo), You are mighty (echo)
 You are worthy (echo), Worthy of praise (echo)
 I will follow (echo), I will listen (echo)
 I will love you (echo), All of my days (echo)

You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings
 You are mighty God, Lord of everything
 You're the living God, You're my saving grace
 You will reign forever, ancient of days
 You're my Prince of Peace, And I will live my life for you

PRAYERS

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

**O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

Healing: Linda Hansen, heart procedure on 11/29
Al Wollschlager, cervical spinal surgery on 12/5

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Love incarnate, love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Noel

Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore (*Chorus*)

**Noel, Noel, Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel, The story of amazing love
The light of the world, given for us, Noel**



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- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

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 grape juice are available.

SOLO

Face of God

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I Give You My Heart

This is my desire to honor You
Lord, with all my heart, I worship You
All I have within me, I give You praise
All that I adore is in You

And I will live, and I will live for You
And I will live, and I will live for You
(Chorus)

**Lord, I give You my heart
I give You my soul, I live for You alone
Every breath that I take
Every moment I'm awake
Lord, have Your way in me**

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**

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.

SONG

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night *(Refrain)*

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.



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!

Poinsettia Donations: If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our sanctuary this Christmas season (\$12 each), please fill-out the form on the next page and place it in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office. You may also fill out the form online at <https://tinyurl.com/PoinsettiaALC> and pay online.

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. RSVP to Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

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. Please feel free to call or email Joan Birner, jbirner1@wi.rr.com, Ascension's Financial Secretary, and she can facilitate a change in your monthly online giving.

Road to Bethlehem: This special BLAST event will be Sunday, Dec. 8, between services.

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. Bring the cards to the church office.

Christmas Light Recycling: Burned out Christmas lights are always a problem. First, they annoy us when they don't light and secondly, they annoy us when we don't know how to dispose of them. We will again collect tree lights for proper recycling. Place them in the marked bin in the Donation Center. Creation Care will assure proper recycling.

AMEN Christmas Gathering and Long Underwear Collection: This year's Annual Men's Christmas Gathering and Long Underwear Collection for Hope Center is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Historic North Pillar Brewing Co., 212 E. North St., Waukesha. Drop-off much-needed long underwear (men's or women's) and enjoy Christian fellowship as we celebrate this special time in the church year. Pizza will be served at 6 p.m. We are asking for a \$15 donation per person to offset the cost. Please RSVP by text to Steve Boyer, 262-366-4078, ASAP so we have a head count for pizza. Donations may also be brought to church.

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 give a small donation to offset the cost of the coffee on Sunday morning and support 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.

Healing Hearts Meals: Ascension will provide a homemade meal of macaroni and cheese for Healing Hearts on Monday, Dec. 9. Some helpers will cook the mac & cheese casseroles on Monday afternoon at Ascension. We need help with recipe supplies, rolls, veggies, fruit and cookies to make the meal complete. Visit the sign-up if you can help, tinyurl.com/HH12-2024.

Supporting Children & Families in El Salvador: Ascension is collecting funds in December to send to San Jorge Church to purchase backpacks and shoes for the children in their community. \$20 will provide a backpack and \$40 will provide a pair of shoes. We are hoping to send funds to support forty children. We are also collecting to send funds for an end-of-the-year food basket for each family. The baskets are simple, but contain food basics that help ease hunger during the holiday. We hope to provide food baskets for forty families, at a cost of \$50 a basket. You can donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCSJES> or with a check that states "El Salvador" in the memo line.

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, jubilatechorale.org, or from Vicki Taylor.

December Newsletter: Read all about December at Ascension including pastoral reflections and ways to worship, grow and serve with Ascension, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
Sunday, Dec. 8	8:30a	10:45a
Acolyte	Eli Escobedo	Callum Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion	Marge Schroeder, Paul Wehmeier	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Bob and Karen Schmiechen	n/a
Media	Cheryl Werner	Jeff Froh
Reader	Jennifer Werner	Rick Dowling
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Cynthia and Mike Carlson

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



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If you would like to donate a poinsettia for our sanctuary this Christmas season (\$12 each), please fill-out this form and place in the offering plate along with your donation or return the form with your donation to the church office.

Thank you for helping make the sanctuary beautiful as we celebrate the birth of Jesus!

In celebration of Jesus' birth

To the glory of God

Donated in honor of

Donated in memory of

Donor:

Donation amount \$ _____

Please return the completed form along with your payment to the church office or place in the offering plate. You may also pay on our website and mark it "Poinsettia."

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 Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

5pm Children's Choir MR

5:45pm Youth Choir MR

6pm AMEN Christmas Party

Fri Dec 6

6pm Women's Bingo

Sat Dec 7

2pm CRASH CR

Sun Dec 8

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Journey to Bethlehem

9:45am Kringle pick-up

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

Tue Dec 10

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

Wed Dec 11

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Dec 12

6am Annunciation Worship EH

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

5:45pm Youth Choir MR

Sat Dec 14

**6pm Advent Concert
Worship S**

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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