



## **Baptism of Our Lord**

8:30 a.m., January 12, 2025

### **Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Mikael Wagner

**Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

**Communion:** Marge and Todd Schroeder, Jennifer and Scot Werner

**Greeters:** Becky Pepper, Sarah Boales, Emily and Jonathan

**Media:** Adam Boales

**Reader:** Darlene DiBrito

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager

## **PRELUDE**

**Lobt Gott, ir Christen allzugleich**, *settings by J. G. Walther*  
(Praise God, You Christians, All Together)

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P:** Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**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****p. 147****HYMN OF PRAISE****Glory to God in the Highest****p. 148****PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through 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****Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the staff.

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the staff.

**SERMON**

**Pastor Chris**

**HYMN**

**Be Not Afraid**

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the way. You shall

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are written below the staff.



**Refrain**



**Verse 2**



Verse 3

3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king - dom shall be  
theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for  
one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in -  
sult and hate you all be-cause of me,  
bless-ed, bless-ed are you! **D.S.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Comfort:** For Linda Hansen's daughter-in-law Shannon, at the death of her father

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

**Walk in the Light**  
*Traditional, arr. André Thomas*

**Ascension Choir**

### OFFERTORY

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**

**ELW 186**

## 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** **p. 154**

<b>HYMNS</b>	<b>Come, Let Us Eat</b>	<b>ELW 491</b>
	<b>Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters</b>	<b>ELW 445</b>
	<b>Go, My Children, with My Blessing</b>	<b>ELW 543</b>

**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** **We Know That Christ Is Raised** **ELW 449**

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise, Johann Pachelbel*

<b>Worship Support</b>		
<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Aidan Miller	Ava Steinke
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
<b>Communion</b>	Darlene DiBrito, Becky Pepper	Mary Ellen Comp, Teri Quam, Becky Hastings
<b>Greeters</b>	Niklasch family	
<b>Media</b>	Cheryl Werner	Cheryl Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jim Hahn	Mike Rapp



**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!

**Read about January at Ascension:** Find out how you can worship, grow serve at Ascension in 2025! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

**Phone Number Change:** Our phones are working! Due to network changes in our area, you now have to dial a 1 and the area code first.

**CRASH Souper Bowl Fundraiser:** Let's huddle up for the Souper Bowl! Join us for soup and fellowship on Saturday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m. We are looking for teams to make soup and for individuals to donate desserts for our silent auction. Stop by our table in the narthex today for tickets or team sign-up! See Scott Greger or Pastor Edwin with any questions.

**No Regrets @ Ascension:** AMen Ministry is offering Elmbrook Church's No Regrets men's conference here at Ascension in a small group format on Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participation will be limited to 20 participants to enhance the small group setting. There is no charge but registration is required. To register, email Al Maechtle, [amaechtle@gmail.com](mailto:amaechtle@gmail.com), subject: "No Regrets Small Group" and include your name and phone number. Breakfast and snacks will be served. The theme this year is *Rescued by God*. Tickets to participate at the Elmbrook Church location are available through Elmbrook: [www.noregretsconference.org/elmbrook-church-site/](http://www.noregretsconference.org/elmbrook-church-site/).

**JOLT:** JOLT will next meet on Thursday, Jan. 16 and 30, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. (back to the usual time). There will be **no JOLT** on Thursday, Jan. 23.

**Young at Heart (55+):** Young at Heart will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15, at noon for lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to pass if you're able.

**The Chosen:** Join the pastors for The Chosen, Season 3, on Mondays at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. We started this week but you can catch up and join us next week.

**SOPHIA Immigration Meeting:** Ascension will host a meeting of the SOPHIA Immigration Task Force in the Conference Room on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us.

**Blessing Box:** We're repairing the doors on the Blessing Box. In the meantime, please put your donations in the bin in the Donation Center. This time of the year, donations often decrease but the need is still high. With the colder weather, please be aware that not all items will survive extremes in temperature. If the temperature drops below freezing for several days, canned and jarred foods can break, so please do not put them in the box. Boxed food in its original package, dried food, hygiene items, winter scarves or mittens, school supplies, and cleaning items are all appropriate during the cold months. We cannot accept anything not in the original packaging.

## 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?***

- ☐ Weekly e-alert
- ☐ 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)

## CALENDAR [ascensionelca.org/events/](http://ascensionelca.org/events/)

### Sun Jan 12

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Blast

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

### Mon Jan 13

10am Chosen HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

7pm Jubilate S

### Tue Jan 14

*El Salvador trip ends*

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

6:30pm Immigration  
Task Force CR

### Wed Jan 15

12pm Young at Heart  
WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### Thu Jan 16

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

6pm JOLT EH

### Sat Jan 18

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

### Sun Jan 19

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Blast

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

### Mon Jan 20

10am Chosen HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

### Tue Jan 21

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

7pm Church council  
HR

### Wed Jan 22

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### Thu Jan 23

10am Al Anon CR

### Sat Jan 25

9am Jubilate 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
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>



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