



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m., November 16, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolytes: Callum Reinfeldt, Henry Schultz **Altar Guild:** Jay and Robin Gallo

Communion: Pat Boyer, Mary Ellen Comp, Cathy Rapp

Media: Jeff Froh **Ushers:** Mike Rapp, Patrick Tkach

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS / KNIT WITS BLESSING

SONG

Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with a sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me (*Repeat*)

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along (*Chorus*)

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SONG

This Is Our God

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

**This is our God, this is who He is,
He loves us
This is our God, this is what He does
He saves us
He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus**

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper

Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will
(Chorus)

Who pulled me out of that pit, He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin, Nobody but Jesus
Who pulled me out of that pit, He did, He did
Who paid for all of our sin, Nobody but Jesus
(Chorus)

He bore the cross, beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God, King Jesus

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

I Will Follow

**Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
I will follow You**

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone
(Chorus)

Light unto the world, light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone
(Chorus)

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will

hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

In the Mix in 2026

Pastor Chris

SONG

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
(Chorus)

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all**

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR ADRIANNA MARIE AND KAYLANI MAE DAHMS

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

P: Kevin and Tabitha, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Adrianna Marie and Kaylani Mae baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Adrianna Marie and Kaylani Mae to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people; bring them to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach them the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Adrianna and Kaylani grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: **We do.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Adrianna and Kaylani and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C: **We do.**

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P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I do.**

P: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Adrianna Marie, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Kaylani Mae, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please sing:

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Adrianna Marie and Kaylani Mae: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: Amen.

P: Adrianna Marie, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Kaylani Mae, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your lights so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new sisters, Adrianna and Kaylani, into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS

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

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all**

Comfort: For Pat Boyer at the death of her aunt and godmother, Charlotte
For Dorothy Huebner and family at the death of her great-great nephew,
Joseph (JoJo) Williams

Healing: For Janet Niebrugge, recovering from pneumonia
For Freda Goetsch's husband, Duane, hospitalized following an accident

Thanksgiving: For Nancy Haker celebrating her 93rd birthday on Nov. 15
For Kathleen Fischer celebrating her 94th birthday of Nov. 18

OFFERING

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won (*Chorus*)

We sing Hallelujah, You're my portion
My salvation, Hallelujah (*Chorus*)



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.

PRAYER STATION

If you desire private prayers of healing for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

SOLO

By Your Side

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SONGS

For All That You Have Done

Your grace will never be forgot
Your mercy all my life
Will be my soul's forever song
My story and my light

From mountaintop to valley low
Through laughter and through tears
Surely the goodness of my God
Will follow all the years

**For all that You have done, for us
For every battle won
We'll raise a song to bless Your heart
For all that You have done**

In all our failures and regrets
You've always led us home
Redemption's arm has raised us up
Our triumph in the storm
(Chorus)

In unity we'll stand as one
As family we'll go
Shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand
Into the great unknown
(Chorus)

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)

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

Old Church Choir

There's revival and it's spreading
Like a wildfire in my heart
A Sunday morning hallelujah
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it
There ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful
I've got a heart overflowing
'Cause I've been restored
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

When the valleys that I wander
Turn to mountains that I can't climb
Oh, You are with me, never leave me
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy
(Chorus)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'Til you find that gospel beat
'Cause He's all you'll ever need
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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Nov. 23	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Eli Escobedo, Ruby Olson	Claire Cruft, Ariya Jewett
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Darlene DiBrito, Julie Kinunen	Melody and Paul Maass, Amy Smith
Greeters	Nancy Cahen, Nancy Inzeo	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Cheryl Werner	Adam Boales
Reader	Jennifer Werner	Sue Mathews
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder, Paul Wehmeier	Brian Smith, <i>volunteer needed</i>



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!

Today at Ascension!

- **8:30 & 10:45 worship**
- **Annual Meeting** between services where members will vote for a new church council, the budget and see what's planned for 2026.
- **CRASH Kringle Sale:** Order kringles from CRASH students today. Kringle pick-up will be Dec. 7, just in time for holiday gatherings! CRASH students can sign-up <https://tinyurl.com/CRASHSign-up> to take a Sunday morning shift.
- **CRASH, 6 p.m.**

Calling All BLAST and JUMP Children! The presiding bishop of the ELCA has asked Ascension to host the recording of his first Christmas message to the national denomination. The set-up is a children's sermon sharing the message of the Christmas story. Bishop Curry will be with us on Wednesday, Nov. 19. It is our hope to have about 20 children to share in the children's sermon recording. We will have dinner from 5 to 5:45 p.m. and record from 6-7 p.m. If your child/ren would like to be a part of the event, let Pastor Chris know pc@ascensionelca.org. Dinner and treats will be provided.

JOLT meets for the last time in 2025 from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20.

Healing Hearts Meal: We still need a couple items for the Italian meal we're serving at Healing Hearts on Monday, Nov. 17. Also, looking ahead, we'll be serving a meal of chicken pot pie stew (crock pot) on Monday, Dec. 8. Please sign-up to help <https://tinyurl.com/HHfall25>.

SOPHIA's Immigration Task Force: SOPHIA's Immigration Task Force will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18, rather than the regular second week of the month. Anyone interested in learning more is welcome to attend.

Young at Heart: Join the Young at Heart group on Wednesday, Nov. 19, for a potluck lunch and games. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. A reminder for those going on the trip on Thursday, Nov. 20: Please be at church at 7:15 a.m. because the bus leaves promptly at 7:30 a.m. Please note that there will be no bunco in November. This was incorrect in the newsletter.

Children's Ministry Movie Night: Families are invited Friday, Nov. 21, at 6 p.m. for a movie night. Come and enjoy Elio and some popcorn! Please let us know if you can attend, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCMovie1125>. Popcorn will be provided!

More next page.

Caminando Juntos (Walking Together): This group provides support and develops friendships with our Latino Church family members. This is a great way to get to know our fellow members and walk with them through challenging times as we discuss current activities, goals and share ideas with each other. The group will meet on Monday, Nov. 24. at 6:30 p.m.

AMEN Christmas: Ascension men, join us for our annual AMEN annual Christmas celebration and long underwear drive! Feel free to invite others. This year we will gather at Tally's Tap and Eatery, S31W24661 W. Sunset Dr., Waukesha, on Monday, Dec. 15. Social hour will start at 5 p.m., buffet dinner starting at 6 p.m. Please remember to drop your long underwear donations in the bin at church or bring the night of the event. Cost for buffet dinner is \$30 per person. Please pay Steve Boyer in advance by Dec. 1. RSVP to Steve Boyer to confirm your spot no later than Nov. 21 via text msg to 262-366-4078 or email sboyer@HealthMarkets.com.

Soul Sisters Bingo: Join the Soul Sisters for a fun night of bingo, fellowship, and prizes! The event will take place at Ascension from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, in East Hall. This event is open to women of ALL AGES. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert and a wrapped gift (\$10 value). If you are interested, we will also be collecting donations of personal hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, diapers and wipes) as these are the most needed items at The Hope Center and the Waukesha Food Pantry. Please sign up online <https://tinyurl.com/bingo25A> to let us know you are coming. If you have any questions, please contact Ileen Marien, ileenMarien@gmail.com.

Angel Tree: Please visit the Angel Tree in the narthex for those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The gift cards will be given to Ascension members, Hawthorne School or Healing Hearts families who are in need. Select an angel off the tree and purchase a designated gift card. Place the gift cards in the box provided in the office. Help ensure that families have what they need for these special holidays.

Food Donations Needed: The need for food support is increasing at a great rate with the government shut down and the loss of benefits. Please pick up some extra food items to donate or make a cash donation for purchasing fresh food such as dairy, eggs, and meat. The Food Pantry can also use the cash for bulk dry goods purchases to make your donation go farther. For details on the specific needs for the Food Pantry, see their website waukeshafoodpantry.org or our Mission Outreach Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO>. Donations can be placed in the marked bins in the Donation Center.

The Blessing Box is getting heavy use and we need your help. Please place donated items in the marked bins in the Donation Center or put them directly in the Blessing Box (See posted list of what to donate). We cannot accept fresh items such as bakery, produce or refrigerated or frozen items.

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

Sun Nov 16

8:30am Worship S

9:30am CRASH Kringle Sales N

9:45am Annual Meeting S

10:45am Worship EH S

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 17

4:30pm Healing Hearts meal

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

Tue Nov 18

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

10:30am Boyer group HR

6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration Task Force WH

7pm Church council HR

Wed Nov 19

12pm Young at Heart WH

5pm Video recording EH/WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Nov 20

YAH - Jacob Henry Mansion

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Mtg CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

5:45pm Youth Choir S

6:30pm JOLT EH

Fri Nov 21

10am Cloverleaf Thanksgiving Program EH

6pm BLAST Movie Night

Sat Nov 22

9am Jubilate rehearsal S

4pm Private Event WH

Sun Nov 23

8:30am Worship S

9:30am CRASH Kringle Sales N

9:45am BLAST WH

9:45am JUMP CR

10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Mon Nov 24

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Nov 25

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm Handbells S

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Wed Nov 26

7pm AA WH

Thu Nov 27 Thanksgiving

Office closed

Fri Nov 28

Office closed

Sun Nov 30

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST WH

9:45am JUMP CR

10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Garden
MR	Meeting Room
N	Narthex (Lobby)
PR	Prayer Room
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<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?

- 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)

Please place in the offering plate.



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