



23rd Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., November 16, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolytes: Benji Earnest, Jakob Wagner **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos
Communion: Becky Pepper, Paul Wehmeier **Greeters:** Beth and Tom Hoffmann
Media: Buck Houston **Pianist:** Kathy Johnson **Ushers:** Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, *settings by John Behnke, Paul Manz*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! **ELW 413**

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 **p. 149**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy.
Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through
what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Chris**

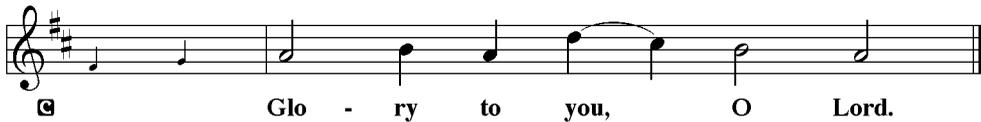
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C:



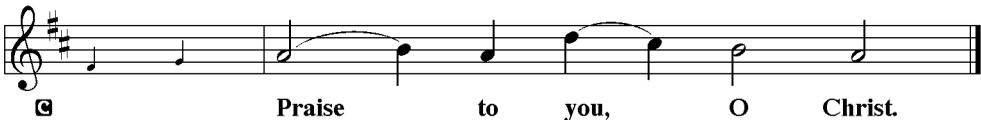
GOSPEL READING

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:



SERMON

In the Mix in 2026

Pastor Chris

HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW 661

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 on Nov. 18

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, *Molly Ijames*

Piano Duet



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- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

KNIT WITS BLESSING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 471

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising, *David Lasky*

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.

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 (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?

- 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)



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