



Baptism of Our Lord
8:30 a.m., January 18, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

Acolytes: Howie Leatherwood, Joey Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Chris and Jimmy Loos **Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

Communion: Lauren Birner, Jennifer Werner **Greeters:** Mike Dian, Max Stigler

Media: Buck Houston **Ushers:** Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, arr. John Behnke**

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.**

OPENING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

ELW 310

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

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

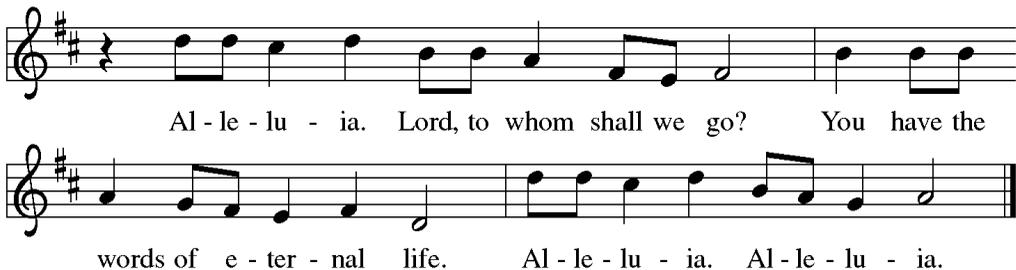
P: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

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. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

HYMNS	What Feast of Love	ELW 487
	Spirit of Gentleness	ELW 396
	Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized	ELW 304

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	O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright! (<i>v. 1, 4, 5</i>)	ELW 308
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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE	Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized <i>Johann Gottfried Walther</i>
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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!

- Worship at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.
- Noisy offering to support our Tanzanian Sister Parish.
- Farmers' Market & Brunch.
- BLAST & JUMP drop-in meeting during the farmer's market in the Children's Ministry office and the Conference Room.
- CRASH meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

January 2026 Newsletter: Read online all about this month at Ascension, including pastoral perspectives, events and ministries, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

JOLT: JOLT will meet on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. No JOLT on Jan. 29.

Children's Ministry Brunch: Join us for a cozy morning of good food and great company on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 9:45 a.m. We're hosting a Children's Ministry Potluck Brunch. All JAM, BLAST, & JUMP are invited, and there will be a special family challenge activity. Please bring a breakfast dish to share! Whether it's a savory egg bake, fresh fruit, or your famous cinnamon rolls, we can't wait to taste it. Sign-up for items online <https://tinyurl.com/CMbrunch26>. Questions to Ms. Sheri, Ms. Amy, or Pastor Tony. We can't wait to see you there!

Volunteers Needed: Help support our partners at Hawthorne Elementary School by volunteering at their final Friendship Dance on Friday, Feb. 6. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerHawthorne> if you can help. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Young at Heart Potluck & Music: Join the Young at Heart group (for people over 55) on Wednesday, Jan. 21, for a potluck lunch and music by a steel drum player offering a variety of music. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. On Jan. 28, there will be bunco from 1-3 p.m.

AMEN January Book Study: There's still time to join this study of John MacArthur's book "Hard to Believe." We will meet in the Hearth Room biweekly on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting is Jan. 27. Please contact Steve Boyer, 262-366-4078 (text msg best) or email boyersteve968@gmail.com.

E-Giving



- [Tinyurl.com/SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

More next page.

No Regrets 2026: AMEN is offering a small group presentation of this year's No Regrets Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church Hearth Room. The theme is "Surrender." Hot breakfast and refreshments will be served. This event is limited to 20 participants so signup now. RSVP to Alan Maechtle via email amaechtle@gmail.com or text to 262-422-8801. Please include name, phone number and email for registration confirmation.

Healing Hearts Sessions for Children and Families: Family grief support group sessions begin Monday, Feb. 2, for children, youth, and families who grieve loss due to death, divorce, addiction, incarceration, deportation, or military deployment. The sessions meet starting at 5:45 p.m. with dinner and then small groups by age. Find out more online healingheartswisconsin.org or contact them at 262-751-0874.

The Chosen Season 5: Join us beginning Monday, Feb. 2, for Season 5 of the Chosen, at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Please sign-up at the Welcome Center.

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

Sun Jan 18

8:30am Worship S

9:30am Farmer's Market

9:45am BLAST MR

9:45am JUMP CR

10:45am Worship EH S

5:30pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 19

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jan 20

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed Jan 21

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Jan 22

9:30am TGIT HR

10am AI Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

6pm JOLT EH

Sat Jan 24

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

Sun Jan 25

8:30am Worship S

9:30am CRASH Paczki Sales

9:45am Children's Ministry

Brunch

10:45am Worship EH S

1pm Private event S, N

7pm AA WH

Mon Jan 26

1pm Knit Wits HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

Tue Jan 27

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Boyer group HR

7pm Holloway Mtg HR

Wed Jan 28

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Jan 29

10am AI Anon CR

Sun Feb 1

8:30am Worship S

9:30am CRASH Paczki Sales

9:45am BLAST WH

9:45am JAM S

9:45am JUMP CR

10:45am Worship EH S

2pm Wild Church MG WH

7pm AA WH

Mon Feb 2

10am Chosen HR

6pm Chosen HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Feb 3

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Key

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

Worship Support <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Jan. 25	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Benji Earnest, Aubrey Olson	Zach Jahner, Audrey Roehl
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Jim Hahn, Julie Kinunen	Cathy Rapp, Amy Smith, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Greg and Sue Grams	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Cheryl Werner	Jeff Froh
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Mark Pichler, Patrick Tkach

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
- JAM, BLAST, JUMP (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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