



Baptism of Our Lord
10:45 a.m., January 18, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

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Communion: Kristy Olson-Schubert, Maelyn Olson, Cathy Rapp
Media: Cheryl Anspach **Ushers:** Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

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.**

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SONGS

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)

God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more
Well, come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms *(Chorus)*

The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save
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His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
Oh, the power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

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

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)*

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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

**Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God, yes I am
In my Father's house there's a place for me
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me
I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

Healing: For Steve Boyer, hip surgery on Jan. 20
For Marta Aparicio, surgery on Jan. 23
For Donna Savin's brother, Don, open heart surgery
For Tyler's dad's friend, Nik, recovering from a gunshot

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

One star burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise, Emmanuel
One child born in the stillness
Living within us, Emmanuel

**We're singing glory, glory
Let there be peace, let there be peace
Singing glory, glory
Let there be peace, let it start in me**

One voice speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel
One love brings us together
Now and forever, Emmanuel *(Chorus)*

Glory (Let There Be Peace)

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us *(repeat)*
(Chorus)

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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

How Many Kings

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SONGS

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains (*Chorus*)

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love (*Chorus*)

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You

COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign
In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray
Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your power in us

Build Your kingdom here
Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand
Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire
Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere
Build Your kingdom here we pray

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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.

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>.

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.

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 sign up 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.

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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 Al 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 BLAST WH
9:45am JUMP CR
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

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)
Italics Virtual or offsite

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

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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