



## Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:45 a.m., January 25, 2026

### Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolytes:** Zach Jahner, Audrey Roehl **Altar Guild:** Kathy and Mike Tomchek

**Communion:** Cathy Rapp, Amy Smith, Mike Tomchek

**Media:** Jeff Froh **Ushers:** Mark Pichler, Patrick Tkach

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### SONG

### A Christmas Hymn

Come now see the Lord of Heaven  
In a lowly manger laid  
King deserving of a throne room  
Born a poor powerless babe  
Oh the mystery, oh the wonder  
Somehow God is one of us  
Such is greatness in His kingdom  
He descended to our dust

Christ the Word holy expression  
Of the humbleness of God  
Herald of a prideless kingdom  
One of sacrificial love  
Mighty One who made the heavens  
Knelt to wash his brother's feet  
And the earth that He created  
He bestowed unto the meek

Come now church, let us adore Him  
Tune your heart to sing His grace  
Streams of mercy never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's redeeming love  
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of God's redeeming love

## SONG

I'll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain  
I'll praise when I'm sure  
Praise when I'm doubting  
I'll praise when outnumbered  
Praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in

**As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul  
Praise the Lord, oh my soul**

I'll praise when I feel it  
And I'll praise when I don't  
I'll praise 'cause I know  
You're still in control  
'Cause my praise is a weapon  
It's more than a sound  
Oh, my praise is the shout  
That brings Jericho down (*Chorus*)

## PRAYER

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Tony**

## SONG

### Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades  
You inspire songs of praise  
That rise from earth to touch Your heart  
And glorify Your name

**Your name is a strong and mighty tower  
Your name is a shelter like no other  
Your name let the nations sing it louder  
'Cause nothing has the power to save  
But Your name**

Jesus in Your name we pray  
Come and fill our hearts today  
Lord give us strength to live for You  
And glorify Your name (*Chorus*)

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has

come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

Pastor Tony

## SONG

### I Will Lift My Eyes

God, my God I cry out, your beloved needs You now  
God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt  
Your kindness is what pulls me up  
Your love is all that draws me in

**I will lift my eyes to the maker, of the mountains I can't climb  
I will lift my eyes to the calmer, of the oceans raging wild  
I will lift my eyes to the healer of the hurt I hold inside  
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You**

God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me  
And God right here, all I bring is all of me  
Your kindness is what pulls me up  
Your love is all that draws me in (*Chorus*)

## PRAYERS

*Please say, “Hear our prayer” and sing the above refrain after each petition.*

**God's Care:** For Denmark and Greenland

**Healing:** Janet Niebrugge

Linda Foss, PET scan and chemo treatment

Adrianna Dahms, knee surgery

Don Steinke, heart lung infection chronic

Chris Holloway's father, Bill Rudd, infection

Donna Savin's brother, Don, recovering from heart surgery

Mary, Deb Izu's friend

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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## OFFERING

### Christmas Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the child from Heaven  
Falling on their knees  
They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

**We bring an offering of worship to our King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord I bring an offering to You**

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
There is no shadow in Your presence  
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne  
Before the Holy One of Heaven  
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy  
Lord I come (*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.

## SOLO

### Light of the World

## SONGS

### Meet with Me

I'm here to meet with You	As I wait, You make me strong
Come and meet with me	As I long, draw me to Your arms
I'm here to find You	As I stand, and sing Your praise
Reveal yourself to me	You come, You come and You fill this place

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## Our God

Water you turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like you

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, awesome in power  
Our God, our God

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## SONG

### Everyday

**Everyday, it's You I live for**  
**Everyday, I'll follow after You**  
**Everyday, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Everyday, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word  
And I pray that I might come to know You more  
You will guide me in every single step I take  
Everyday I can be Your light unto the world

## SENDING

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

<b>Worship Support</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</a>		
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Eli Escobedo, Jakob Wagner	Camden Johnson, Lexi Lytle
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Schroeder	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
<b>Communion</b>	Marge Schroeder, <i>I volunteer needed</i>	Melody and Paul Maass, Gary Wipperman
<b>Greeters</b>	Sarah, Jonathan, Emily Boales, Karen Simington	<i>Always appreciated</i>
<b>Media</b>	Adam Boales	Anna Marien
<b>Ushers</b>	Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer, Todd Schroeder	Pat Boyer, Dennis Leatherwood

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**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.
- Church Council installation
- Children's Ministry: All JAM, BLAST, & JUMP families are invited between services today for a potluck brunch and family activity in West Hall
- See the table in the narthex to sign-up for AMEN's No Regrets conference on Feb. 7.

**Caminando Juntos (Walking Together):** This group will meet on Monday, Jan. 26, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss current events affecting communities and plan for education and support strategies for our members and neighbors.

**A Pastoral Message on Immigration Enforcement:** Please read Bishop Paul Erickson's letter on the synod website <https://milwaukesynod.org/immigration-enforcement-from-bishop-paul-erickson> about immigration enforcement. He shares some steps we can take to care of our neighbors during these tumultuous times.

**JOLT:** There will be no JOLT on Jan. 29.

**The Chosen Season 5:** Sign-up at the Welcome Center to let us know you'll join us for Season 5 of the Chosen starting Monday, Feb. 2, at either 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

**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 from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m. with dinner and then small groups by age. Find out more online [healingheartswisconsin.org](http://healingheartswisconsin.org) or contact them at 262-751-0874.

**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. See the table in the narthex today or RSVP to Alan Maehtle via email [amaehtle@gmail.com](mailto:amaehtle@gmail.com) or text to 262-422-8801. Please include name, phone number and email for registration confirmation.

**Many Ways to Give**



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

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

**Healing Hearts Meal Feb. 23:** We have three meal dates with a variety of opportunities to support this ministry for grieving families this spring. We need people to donate, cook and serve food. Please sign-up to help, <https://tinyurl.com/HHSpring26>.

**Blessing Bags for Homeless:** We will continue collecting Blessing Bags for the homeless throughout February. The bags will be given to the Hope Center, and some will be put in our Blessing Box. See the newsletter for more information or the signs in front of the Blessing Bag bin in the Donation Center. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, [shwehmeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehmeier@gmail.com), if you can help.

**Children's Ministry Food Pantry Collection:** Join the Children's Ministry as we collect food for the Food Pantry Serving Waukesha County! We are gathering specific items to be used during our Journey to the Cross event and need your help to fill our bins. We're collecting peanut butter, cereal, pasta, canned fruit/veg, and baby items (diapers, wipes, formula). Please donate by Sunday, Feb. 20. Drop items in the Children's Ministry Bin. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**Sun Jan 25**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Children's Ministry  
brunch WH

**10:45am Worship EH S**

1pm Private event S, N  
7pm AA WH

**Mon Jan 26**

11:30am Pastoral Assistants  
1pm Knit Wits HR  
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
6:30pm AMEN CR  
6:30pm Caminando Juntos HR  
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 Al Anon CR

**Sun Feb 1**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:30am CRASH Paczki Sales  
9:45am JAM S, BLAST WH,  
JUMP CR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

2pm Wild Church MG WH  
7pm AA WH

**Mon Feb 2**

10am/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

**Wed Feb 4**

6pm Handbells S  
7pm AA WH  
7:15pm Adult Choir S

**Thu Feb 5**

9:30am TGIT HR  
10am Al Anon CR

**Thu Feb 5 cont.**

1pm Hansen Mtg CR  
6pm JOLT EH

**Fri Feb 6**

5pm CRASH Bucks game

**Sat Feb 7**

8:30am No Regrets HR WH &  
Kit  
9am Jubilate rehearsal S

**Sun Feb 8**

**8:30am Worship S**

9:30am CRASH Paczki Sales  
N  
9:45am Hope Center presenta-  
tion HR

**10:45am Worship EH S**

7pm AA WH

**Mon Feb 9**

10am/6pm Chosen HR  
12pm Staff Mtg HR  
6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
6:30pm AMEN CR

# 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?***

- 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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