



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
10:45 a.m., February 1, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

Acolytes: Camden Johnson, Lexi Lytle **Altar Guild:** Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion: Melody and Paul Maass, Gary Wipperman
Media: Anna Marien **Ushers:** Pat Boyer, Dennis Leatherwood

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

God Who Saves

The light of the world shining in love
Taking the fall upon Your shoulders
You shattered the dark as You rose to life again

**You are the way, the truth and the life
Your mercy has overcome our failings
The battle is won Jesus in love You reign**

**You're the God who saves
You're the hope of all
Reaching out Your hand
As your people call (2x)**

Our savior has come let Your will be done
Your kingdom on earth as in the heavens
Our freedom is found, Lord
In no other name (*Chorus*)

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

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SONG

You Are So Good to Me (You Are Beautiful)

You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in Heaven
You are so good to me, You heal my broken heart
You are my Father in Heaven

You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song
You are beautiful my sweet, sweet song
And I will sing again

You ride upon the clouds, You lead me to the truth
You are the Spirit inside me
You ride upon the clouds, You lead me to the truth
You are the Spirit inside me (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:1-12

P: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are those who mourn,
C: for they will be comforted.

P: Blessed are the meek,
C: for they will inherit the earth.

P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
C: for they will be filled.

P: Blessed are the merciful,
C: for they will receive mercy.

P: Blessed are the pure in heart,
C: for they will see God.

P: Blessed are the peacemakers,
C: for they will be called children of God.

P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Stand in Your Love

When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (3x)**

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
Oh, I won't be shaken, no I won't be shaken (*Chorus*)

There's power that can
Break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name
Power in Your name

**My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love (5x)**

PRAYERS

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

Comfort: For the family and friends of Bill Klippel at his death

God's Care: For Bill Rudd (Chris Holloway's father), entering hospice
For Mike and Tyler Karlson friend's Nik, hospice
For the residents of Minneapolis/St. Paul

Healing: Beth Hoffmann, cancer
Becky Pepper, shoulder surgery

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

It Is You

As we lift up our hands, will You meet us here
As we call on Your name, will You meet us here
We have come to this place, to worship You
God of mercy and grace, it is You we adore
It is You praises are for, only You the heavens declare
It is You, it is You

**Holy, holy is our God Almighty
Holy, holy is His name alone (2x)**

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, please receive communion and proceed to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and offer a prayer.

SOLO

Preach

SONGS

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now
(Chorus)

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours, and You are mine**

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior (Chorus)

It's the song of the redeemed
Rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven
Drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation
A love song born of a grateful choir

He Reigns

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

Let it rise above the four winds
Caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground (Chorus)

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

You Are Good

I want to scream it out, from every mountain top
Your goodness knows no bounds
Your goodness never stops, your mercy follows me
Your kindness fills my life, your love amazes me

**And I sing because you are good
And I dance because you are good
And I shout because you are good
You are good to me (2x)**

SENDING



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.
- JAM—East Hall, BLAST—West Hall & JUMP—Conference Room at 9:45 a.m.
- Wild Church 2 p.m. West Hall

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

Love Your Church, Love Your World: Chose a heart from the sanctuary window to show your love for Ascension and the work we do in the wider world. Return the heart with your donation.

CRASH Paczki Sale: Reserve your paczki for Mardi Gras! Paczki pick-up will be on Tuesday, Feb. 17. CRASH students, please sign-up to help <https://tinyurl.com/PaczkiSale>.

CRASH Bucks Game: CRASH students who are going to see the game, please meet at church at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6, in the Conference Room for some food before the game.

Healing Hearts: 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.

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.

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. Breakfast and refreshments will be served. This event is limited to 20 participants. RSVP to Alan Maechtle, amaechtle@gmail.com or text 262-422-8801. Please include name, phone number and email.

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.

Many Ways to Give



Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC

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Via text to 262-214-3681
with the amount

Blessing Bags: We will continue collecting individual snacks and personal care items for Blessing Bags for the homeless through February. The bags will be given to the Hope Center, and some will be put in our Blessing Box. Contact Shirely Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, with questions.

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. 22. Drop items in the Children's Ministry box in the lobby.

Healing Hearts Meal: Our next Healing Hearts meal is Monday, Feb. 23. We're looking for people to donate food, to cook food and to serve food. Please sign-up online if you can help. <https://tinyurl.com/HHSpring26>.

Sing for a Season: Sing for a Season is back! Join the Ascension Choir and sing for the Lenten season and/or Holy Week. Rehearse with us on Tuesdays from 7:15-8:15 p.m., Feb. 24 through March 24; sing for Palm Sunday, March 29, Maundy Thursday, April 2, Good Friday, April 3, and Easter Sunday, April 5. Interested singers are invited and welcome to join in for 4-5 rehearsals and sing with us on whatever dates work best. Email vicki@ascensionelca.org with questions and to sign-up.

Children's Choir: The Ascension Children's Choir returns for our spring session on Wednesdays from 5:15-6 p.m. beginning Feb. 25 through March 25. Please note the change to Wednesdays; rehearsals will take place immediately prior to Lenten Soup Suppers and worship services. All children in grades K-5 are welcome to join us! Email vicki@ascensionelca.org with questions and to sign up.

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

Hope Center News & Guest: Tonya Lyons, the new Director of the Hope Center, will be our guest on Sunday, Feb. 8, between services in the Hearth Room. She will update us on all the changes with the new building and the hopes and plans for the future.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Feb. 8	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Hadley Marien, Elsa Romme	Ella Pfahler, Henry Schultz
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Darlene DiBrito, Jennifer Werner	Brad Pipe, <i>2 volunteers needed</i>
Greeters	Dick and Sharon Boward	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Buck Houston	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Cynthia and Mike Carlson

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.

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

Sun Feb 1

8:30am Worship S

9:30am CRASH Paczkis

9:45am JAM EH, BLAST
WH, JUMP CR

10:45am Worship EH S

2pm Wild Church 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

1pm Hansen Mtg CR

6pm JOLT EH

Fri Feb 6

2:30pm Klippel visitation

3:30pm Klippel service

4:30pm Klippel reception

5pm CRASH Bucks game

Sat Feb 7

8:30am No Regrets HR

WH Kit

9am Jubilate rehearsal S



ASCENSION
Lutheran Church

Sun Feb 8

8:30am Worship S

9:30am CRASH Paczki

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9:45am Hope Center
presentation 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

Tue Feb 10

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

10:30am Boyer group

6:30pm SOPHIA Immi-
gration Mtg WH

7pm Holloway mtg HR

Wed Feb 11

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Feb 12

10am Al Anon 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>

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