



*Lutheran Church*

**15th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m., September 1, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

**Acolyte:** Linnea Kinunen

**Altar Guild:** Julie Kinunen

**Communion:** Linda Elder, Jennifer Werner

**Greeter:** Sharon Coralline

**Media:** Adam Boales

**Service Musician:** Diane Skrobis

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

**Usher:** Al Wollschlager

**PRELUDE**

*Arioso, J. S. Bach*

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**We Praise You, O God**

**ELW 870**

**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. 140**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL READING

**Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. “For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

**Pastor Chris**

## HYMN

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

**ELW 810**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended**

into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


**Healing:** Drene Briski, surgery for broken shoulder  
Barb Garman, surgery for broken hip

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

**The Weaving, Dave Schmitt**  
*adapted from a poem by Corrie ten Boom*

**Jeff Britton**

	<p><b>Many Ways to Give Electronically</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QR code</li><li>• VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone</li><li>• Online at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/SupportALC">tinyurl.com/SupportALC</a></li><li>• Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</li></ul>
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### OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### 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.

## LAMB OF GOD

Jesus the Lamb, *Jeff Britton*

Je-sus the Lamb Je-sus Lamb of God you take all a -  
10 way all a - way the sins of all peo-ple Je-sus the Lamb Je-sus Lamb of  
18 God you take all a - way all a - way the sins of all peo-ple Je-sus the Lamb  
27 Je-sus Lamb of God Pour your sweet mer-cy on us Je-sus the Lamb  
35 Je-sus Lamb of God you take all a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us  
43 all Grant us all your peace

## HYMNS

**Here Is Bread**

**ELW 483**

**Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

**ELW 512**

**You Are the Way**

**ELW 758**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## 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**

**Blessed Assurance**

**ELW 638**

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Rigaudon, *Andre Campra***



# 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!

**Read all about September at Ascension!** <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

**School Lunches for Tanzania:** Donate today to help supply school lunches for our sister parish schools in Tanzania. See Sarah Wehmeier de Aparicio in the narthex to contribute via Square, write a check and mark "Tanzania lunches" in the memo line, or donate online.

**Ascension's 75th Anniversary:** Join us in celebrating our 75th Anniversary Sept. 13-15. On Friday, Sept. 13, we will celebrate in the Memorial Gardens with a concert and appetizer event. Drinks will be provided. Please bring an appetizer to share. On Sunday, Sept. 15, we will worship with one celebration service at 10 a.m. After worship, we will celebrate with a catered brunch. Buy your ticket for the brunch today. The cost for the brunch is \$20 for an adult and \$10 for a child, under 3 are free. If you can help with set-up on Friday or Saturday, please let the church office know, [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org) or 262-547-8518.

**Calling All Women of Ascension!** There is a new Women's Ministry starting this fall! Women of all ages are invited to join us for our first outing at Grassway Organic's Pizza Farm in East Troy, Sept. 27, 5-8 p.m. We will meet at the farm for fellowship, food, and music. The cost is \$20. Sign-up is required and can be done between services today. In the event of rain, we will move our gathering to an indoor venue. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the pastors' wives (Ileen, Sarah, or Lori).

**Office Closed Sept. 2:** The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day.

**Adult and Handbell Choirs Resume Sept. 4:** People ages high school through adult are welcome to join us Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m. in the sanctuary for the Ascension Choir. People ages high school through adult are welcome to join us Wednesdays, 6-7:15 p.m., in the sanctuary for Ascension Ringers Handbell Choir. Contact Director of Music Ministries Vicki Taylor, [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org), for more information or to sign-up for these opportunities.

**BLAST:** We kick-off BLAST with a Backpack Blessing and Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 8. Our first BLAST will be on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9:45 a.m. Don't forget to register! <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST2024-25>. Questions? Please contact Ms. Karen, [angelks1@att.net](mailto:angelks1@att.net), Ms. Sheri, [gregersheri@gmail.com](mailto:gregersheri@gmail.com), or Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org).

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**Memorial Gardens Clean-Up:** Join Ron Marien on Saturday, Sept. 7, starting at 8 a.m. to help prepare the Memorial Gardens for our special anniversary weekend and activities.

**Back to School Collection:** In partnership with Hawthorne Elementary, we are once again collecting school supplies for Hawthorne Elementary. We're collecting on Sundays, Sept. 8 and 15 the following items: large backpacks, 1-inch binders, Over-the-ear chord headphones, dry erase markers (5 count), highlighters, 1 pkg of 3 glue sticks, gallon-size and sandwich-size Ziploc bags, Playdoh, Kleenex, crayons, colored pencils, #2 pencils, black felt tip pens, a full change of clothing for a student, hand sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, pencil pouch with three holes for binder, plastic folders with holes for binder, regular folders. Look for the bin in the Donation Center.

**Who Is My Neighbor?** Join members of the Greater Milwaukee Synod Immigration and Refugee Task Force on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. here at Ascension to learn more about the realities of migrants and refugees. You will be able to learn facts and fiction about immigration and ask questions. You'll also discover who is your neighbor and find ways faithful believers can develop a plan to act out our faith. We also like to be good hosts to our guests by offering coffee/water and simple snack foods. Please sign-up to help <https://tinyurl.com/AscWho>.

**Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk Sept. 21:** Join Ascension's team for a morning of road and trail bike rides, walking and running routes, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship, on Saturday, Sept. 21. Register online <https://ofhrrw.softtr.app/my-registration-info> (make sure to select Ascension Waukesha's team). We still need volunteers to help us with set-up, check-in, t-shirt distribution, rest stops, lunch distribution, clean-up, and more at all four event sites. Registration deadline is Sept. 11. If you want to support this fundraiser but can't attend, donate to Ascension's team <https://outreachforhope.kindful.com/?campaign=1294681>.

**HELP! Donations Needed!** Donations are needed for the Food Pantry and the Blessing Box. With school starting, there is an increase in need for donation of food, household and school supplies, and after school snacks. Please place donations in the marked bins in the Donation Center or directly in the Blessing Box.

<b>Worship Support Schedule</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport</a>		
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>8:30a</b>	<b>10a</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Mikael Wagner	Kellen Johnson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg
<b>Communion</b>	Sharon Coralline, Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Teri Quam, Gary Wiperman
<b>Greeters</b>	Garnet Wolff - Carol Houston	
<b>Media</b>	Buck Houston	Anna Marien
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Cynthia and Mike Carlson

## 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?***

- 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 class (membership)

**Please place in the offering plate.**

## CALENDAR

### **Sun Sept 1**

**8:30am** Worship S  
**10am** Misa EH  
**10am** Worship MG  
7pm AA WH

### **Mon Sep 2**

Office closed  
6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

### **Tue Sep 3**

7am *AMEN* zoom  
9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

### **Wed Sep 4**

11:30am Staff Meeting  
6pm Handbells S  
7pm AA WH  
7:15pm Adult Choir S

### **Thu Sep 5**

9:30am TGIT HR  
10am Al Anon CR  
1pm Hansen Group HR

### **Sat Sep 7**

9am GMS Immigration  
and Refugee Event

### **Sun Sep 8**

**8:30am** Worship S  
9:45am BLAST Break-  
fast WH  
**10:45am** Misa EH  
**10:45am** Worship S  
7pm AA WH

### **Mon Sep 9**

6pm AMEN CR  
6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH  
7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

### **Tue Sep 10**

7am *AMEN* zoom  
9:30am Women's Bible  
CR

### **Wed Sep 11**

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

### **Thu Sep 12**

10am Al Anon CR

### **Fri Sep 13**

6pm Anniversary Event  
WH MG

### **Sun Sep 15**

**10am Celebration  
Worship (bilingual) S**  
11:15am Anniversary  
Brunch  
7pm AA WH

#### **Key**

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



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