



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., Sunday, October 23, 2022

Worship Leadership Today

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Associate Pastor*
Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Joan Birner, *Altar Guild*
Kathy Johnson, *choir accompanist*
Becky Pepper, Paul Wehmeier, *communion*

Brian Novotny, *media*
Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, *ushers*
Elaine Kilgore, *usher*

PRELUDE Variations on “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation,” *Johnson/Lasky*

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 our thoughts and in our actions, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We do not welcome others the way we desire to be welcomed. We do not seek justice for others even as we seek justice for ourselves. We do not love others the way we believe you love us. 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

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.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Psalm 84:1-7

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you. Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way. Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water. They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Pastor Tony

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will

rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

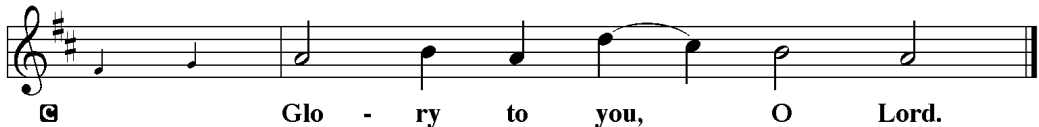


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

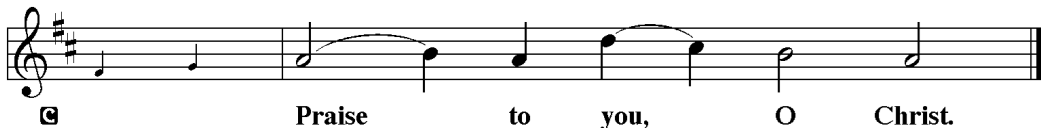
GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:9-14

[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Just As I Am, without One Plea

ELW 592

In the Singing

ELW 466

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 597

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising, *setting by David Lasky*



Children Are God's Gift: We are a noisy church. We happily celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break if needed.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

New Members: Today, we welcome new members into our congregation: Stefanie Escobedo and Elijah; Adam and Jessica Miller and Maggie, Aidan, and Logan; and Ann Marie Marlow.

Donate Today: Donate using the Vanco Giving app, online at <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>, or with the QR code to the right.



New Member Meet & Greet: Are you a new member here at Ascension? New members from 2019 to 2022 are invited to join us for a meet & greet (and snacks!) between services today in West Hall.

The Blessing Tree: The Friday Women's Nurture Group will again sponsor the Blessing Tree for those in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will collect for the Burmese refugees, the Latino Ministry, and Be the Village (Chosen). A tree will be set up in the narthex with leaves that will tell you what is needed. The tree will be up until Friday, Nov. 18.

CRASH: CRASH meets today, Sunday, Oct. 23, at 6 p.m.

Hope Center Donations: This Halloween, Hope Center is asking partners to treat them to their most needed items: coffee, powdered cream, individual bags of chips, Nutri-grain bars, oatmeal, sugar, Hefty to-go trays.

Healing Hearts Benefit Concert: Healing Hearts, one of our community partners, is again one of the recipients of the benefit concert hosted by Waukesha Area Symphonic Band. This year's concert is "Play Me a Story" and will be at Carroll's Shattuck Auditorium on Sunday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 or \$10 in advance. If you would like one of the advance tickets for \$10, contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com.

Blessing Box: With the onset of colder weather, please be cautious about donating items that are in containers that may burst if they freeze. Place non-perishable food items directly in the box or if the box is full, place them in the marked bins in the Donation Center. We are emphasizing basic food items to make a meal or parts of a meal and cannot accept fresh produce or bakery items.

Meru Coffee: Shop directly from the Meru cabinet. Payment envelopes are in the cabinet or you can pay online, <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>. If your item isn't in stock, you can order using the form in the cabinet or by email to Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

See the complete schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>.

Sunday, Oct. 30	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Max Stigler	Ava Steinke
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	Jane and Mark Collins
Communion	Carol Spieker, Steve Spieker	Rick Dowling, Becky Hastings, Mike Wilkinson
Media	Kurt Werner	Braedon Metzger
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Mike Rapp

CALENDAR

See the full calendar and a list of events on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

Sun Oct 23

8:30am Worship S

9:45am New Members WH

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración EH

10:45am Worship S

1:30pm Private event MG

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 24

10am The Book of Joy HR

1pm Knit Wits HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN YR

6:30pm The Book of Joy HR

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

Tue Oct 25

7am AMEN Zoom

9:30am Women's Bible HR

6pm GriefShare YR

7pm Holloway Group HR

Wed Oct 26

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA Open Meeting EH/
WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Oct 27

10am Al Anon YR

Sun Oct 30 Reformation

8:30am Worship S

9:50am BLAST WH

10:45am Adoración EH

10:45am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 31

10am The Book of Joy HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN YR

6:30pm The Book of Joy HR

Tue Nov 1

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible HR

6pm GriefShare YR

Wed Nov 2

11:30am Staff meeting HR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

Thu Nov 3

9am YAH - Fireside

9:30am TGIT HR

Key

EH East Hall HR Hearth Rm

S Sanctuary WH West Hall

YR Youth rm

Italics — virtual or offsite

Thu Nov 3 cont.

10am Al Anon YR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

Fri Nov 4

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Nov 5

9am Choir S

12:30pm Handbells S

Sun Nov 6 All Saints

8:30am Worship S

9:30am Reception (Edwin)

9:50am BLAST

10:45am Adoración EH

10:45am Worship S

11:45am Latino Lunch WH

1pm Private Event S

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH



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