



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Third Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., June 18, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Associate Pastor*

Edwin Aparicio, *Pastoral Intern*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Colin Knopf

Altar Guild: Jim and Kathy Hahn

Communion: Jim Hahn, Jennifer Werner

Media: Brian Novotny

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Scot Werner

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

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 \dagger and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize

ELW 575

Mathias Amorsen, trumpet

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

p. 147

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

p. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of 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?

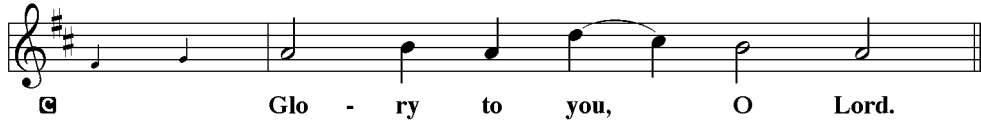


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

C:



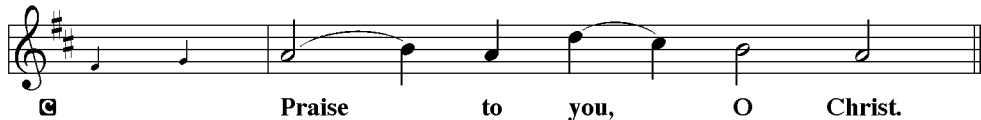
GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW 526

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE


Healing: Donna Madison, surgery
Marvin Goetter, chemo affecting liver
Michelle Shulfer, injections and therapy for knee
Janet Dudzek, healing for her grandson
Janet Dudzek, healing for friend after surgery
Cissy Gieringer, following surgery

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

The Chariot Spiritual
American Spiritual, arr. Donald Moore

Choral Ensemble

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OFFERTORY**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful****ELW 184****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.

PRAYER STATION

If you desire private prayers of healing for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

LAMB OF GOD**p. 154****HYMNS****What Feast of Love****ELW 487****I Love to Tell the Story****ELW 661****We All Are One in Mission****ELW 576****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 Holy 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

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

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

March, G. F. Handel



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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.

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

Welcome Brunch: You're invited to a potluck brunch at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, to welcome the El Salvador delegation to Ascension!

Young At Heart (55+) Trip: Over 55? You're invited to the Young at Heart trip to the Dancing Horses Theater on Thursday, Aug. 17. For the cost of \$75, enjoy a bus ride, box lunch, and a show. Sign-up in church on Sunday, June 18, or at the next Young at Heart meeting on June 21.

Waukesha K-9 Unit Visits Young at Heart June 21: The Young at Heart group meets on the third Wednesday of each month for a potluck and to play cards and games. On June 21, there will be a presentation and demonstration by the Waukesha K-9 Unit. Bring a dish to pass for the potluck at noon. The presentation will be at 12:45 p.m. followed by cards and games.

Sing for a Sunday! Join us to *Sing for a Sunday* on June 25 at the 8:30 service. Singers of all ages are invited to take part in an intergenerational ensemble. We will meet for one rehearsal on Wednesday, June 21, from 6 to 6:30 pm. The song is easily learned and all are welcome! Email Vicki Taylor to sign up and sing with us.

Potluck Picnic: You're invited to a potluck picnic with our visitors from El Salvador on Saturday, June 24, at 5 p.m. here at Ascension. Help us share our Wisconsin hospitality!

Ordination and Installation of Edwin Aparicio: The ordination and installation of Edwin Alexander Aparicio Ortez will be here at Ascension on Sunday, June 25, at 3:30 p.m. A dinner reception will follow the worship service.

Needed for Partnership Visit: We are preparing to host the delegation from El Salvador and you are invited to contribute towards the welcome kits we provide. More info at <https://tinyurl.com/welcomekit23>.

Get Connected: Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

June Newsletter: The June newsletter is now online. <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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- 2) *Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone*
- 3) *Online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

Worship Support Schedule <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Sunday, June 25	8:30am	10am
Acolytes	Max Stigler	Hailey Pociask
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Becky Pepper	Diane and Rick Dowling, Lynn Cleppe
Media	Buck Houston	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Sunday, July 2	8:30am	10am outdoor
Acolytes	Grace Paczesny	Maggie Miller
Altar Guild	Jim and Kathy Hahn	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Beth and Tom Hoffmann, Brian Novotny	Mary Ellen Comp, Becky Hastings, Lynn Cleppe, 1 needed
Media	Kurt Werner	
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	

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

Sun Jun 18

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Outdoor Worship MG

7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 19

El Salvador delegation arrives

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jun 20

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

10:30am Welcome Potluck

Wed Jun 21

12pm Young at Heart / K-9 demo WH

6pm Sing for a Sunday rehearsal

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 22

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Jun 23

6pm HOPE Potluck

Sat Jun 24

5pm Picnic for El Salvador delegates

Sun Jun 25

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa en español EH

10am Worship S

3:30pm Ordination

7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 26

El Salvador delegation departs

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jun 27

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Heath rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Wed Jun 28

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 29

Tanzania Mission Trip Begins

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jul 2

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa en español EH

10am Outdoor Worship MG

11am BBQ CY

7pm AA WH

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?

- 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.



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