



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., July 16, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Communion: Elaine Kilgore, Becky Pepper

Communion: Carol and Steve Spieker

Media: Brian Novotny

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Scot Werner

PRELUDE **Be Thou My Vision / Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**
settings by Paul Manz

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.

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

ELW 533

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

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

to Verses

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;

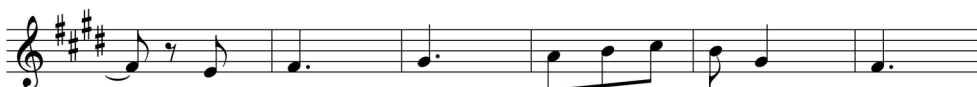


praise and glo-ry for - ev - er - more!

Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,



whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us



to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

Verse 2



2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo-ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

Verse 3



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us



peo-ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:1-9

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Jenni Sullivan, double mastectomy on July 19
Betterae Riekkoff

Care: For Linda Blodgett's sister, Cynthia, entering hospice care

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING All Things Bright and Beautiful / For the Beauty of the Earth
Michael Larkin

OFFERTORY We Praise You, O God (v. 1, 3)

ELW 870

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*




Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

Here is Bread

ELW 483

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major, J. S. Bach



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.

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

Young at Heart (55+): Join us on Wednesday, July 19 for a potluck lunch and games. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able.

July Newsletter: The July newsletter is online, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

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/ALCealrt> or contact the church office.

CALENDAR

Calendar online <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

Sun Jul 16

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Outdoor Worship

7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 17

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jul 18

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm Church council HR

Wed Jul 19

12pm Young at Heart WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 20

10am AI Anon CR

Sun Jul 23

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa MG

10am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 24

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jul 25

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jul 26

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 27

10am AI Anon CR

Key

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