



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

10 a.m., Sunday, July 16, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Kellen Johnson

Communion: Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg,

Altar Guild: Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg

Melody and Paul Maass

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.**

SONGS

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us
Let it rise
Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

**This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me**

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
(Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(Chorus)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Everything Glorious

The day is brighter here with You
The night is lighter than its hue
Would lead me to believe
Which leads me to believe

**You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
You make everything glorious
And I am Yours**

My eyes are small but they have seen
The beauty of enormous things
Which leads me to believe
There's light enough to see *(Chorus)*

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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

SONG

The Saving One

When mercy was revealed what selflessness and peace
My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me
His pardon for my sin; His bounty for my need
From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

**And Heaven can't contain the glory of the Son
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One
His love has made a way the grave is overcome
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One**

No fear can hold me down, nor darkness steal my joy
For blood has been poured out; the enemy destroyed
Death could not hold Him down; the cross was not enough
To steal away His throne, for He is God (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

Healing: Jenni Sullivan, double mastectomy on July 19

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Build My Life

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- 1) *QR code*
- 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*

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You

Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who you are and fill me with Your heart
and lead me in Your love to those around me (Repeat)

And I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken
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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.

SOLO

Hallelujah

SONGS

Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

**So give us clean hands
Give us pure hearts
Let us not lift our souls to another (2x)**

**And God let us be
A generation that seeks
That seeks Your face
Oh God of Jacob (2x)**

We bow our hearts
We bend our knees
Oh Spirit come make us humble
We turn our eyes from evil things
Oh Lord we cast down our idols (*Chorus*)

You are My All in All

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

**Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all (*Chorus*)

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 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

SONG

Make a Difference

Leader:

*You gave Your life to make a difference
You gave Your life to make a change
You welcomed all to Your table
You're telling us to do the same*

**I want my life to make a difference
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change**

Working side by side, no out or inside
Together we can make that change
With a few or many, with a lot or not any
Together we can make that change (*Chorus*)

Crossing the great divide,
Joy and peace will abide
Together we can make that change
Jesus is our peace all fighting will cease
Together we can make that change (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Sunday, July 23	8:30am	10am
Acolytes	Mikael Wagner	Cole Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Jane and Mark Collins
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Jennifer Werner	Jane Collins, Diane and Rick Dowling
Media	Buck Houston	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Brian Novotny	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Sunday, July 30	8:30am	10am
Acolytes	Max Stigler	Mira Schaefer
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker	Mary Ellen Comp, Mike Tomchek, Cathy Rapp
Media	Kurt Werner	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Paul Wehmeier	Mike Rapp

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.

CALENDAR

<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 Al 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 Al Anon CR

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall

Italics Virtual or offsite



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