



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., July 23, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Mikael Wagner

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Communion: Julie Kinunen, Jennifer Werner

Media: Buck Houston

Prayer Station: Bonnie Thiesenhusen

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Brian Novotny

PRELUDE **Variations on “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”**

Lasky/Johnson

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

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: Faithful God, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare

and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (*v. 1*)

ELW 807

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

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: Jenni Sullivan, following surgery
Nikki Kandziora, following open heart surgery
Arlene Davis' daughter, Sheila, broken leg
Arlene Davis' friend, Jim, two broken vertebrae
Arlene Davis' friend, Marie, following a stroke
Joyce Hanson's brother, John, following a stroke
Kim Keller for Richard Badke, following heart surgery
Sheri Greger's cousins, Ed and Sara, following a motorcycle accident
Bill Riutta, respiratory infection

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

What Grace Is Mine, *Irish Melody*
arr. Lloyd Larson

Linda Elder, solo

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

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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 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

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HYMNS

In the Singing

ELW 466

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

ELW 550

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, *Johann Pachelbel*



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.

Bunco: Come and enjoy bunco with a fun group of people on Wednesday, July 26, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Free Covid Tests: Ascension has received a generous donation of Binax covid tests. If you need one for your family or yourself, pick-up one at the Welcome Center. Covid is still out there.

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.

Many Ways to Give Electronically



- 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*

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Sunday, Jul 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	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Sunday, Aug 6	8:30am	10am
Acolytes	Elsa Kinunen	Aidan Poling
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Beth and Tom Hoffmann	Becky Hastings, Mike Tomchek
Media	Adam Boales	
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	

CALENDAR

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

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

6:30pm Youth Gathering Mtg
HR

Wed Jul 26

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 27

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jul 30

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa en español EH

10am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 31

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 1

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Aug 2

11:30am Staff Meeting

7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 3

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Aug 4

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sun Aug 6

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa en español EH
10am Outdoor Worship MG

11am BBQ CY

7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 7

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 8

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6:30pm Partnership Mtg HR

Wed Aug 9

7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 10

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Aug 13

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa en español EH

10am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 14

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

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>

Tue Aug 15

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

7pm Church council HR

Wed Aug 16

12pm Young at Heart WH

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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