



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Max Stigler

Altar Guild: Joan Birner

Communion: Carol and Steve Spieker

Media: Kurt Werner

Pianist: Kathy Johnson

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Beethoven, arr. Molly Ijames

Piano Duet

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

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705

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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

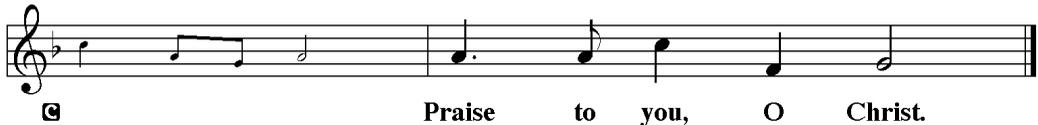
GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-53

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.” When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Michelle and Shawn Fitzpatrick, Bernie Doering and family at the unexpected death of son and grandson, Connor

For Paul Maass and family at the death of his mom, Vivian

For Jenni Steinke and family at the death of her dad, Jim

For Deb Izu’s sister Sandy at the death of her friend Margie

Healing: Bill Riutta, hospitalized with congestive heart failure

For Peter Passante’s friend’s granddaughter, surgery

Thanksgiving: Steve and Carol Spieker celebrating their 41st anniversary on July 31

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Cantilena, *G. F. Handel*

Anabelle Rook, bassoon

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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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

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HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways ELW 772

O Living Bread from Heaven ELW 542

COMMUNION BLESSING

CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise ELW 204

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

In Thee is Gladness ELW 867

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Nun lob, mein Seel, den Herren, *J. G. Walther*
(My Soul, Now Praise Thy Maker)



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.

AMEN BBQ: Join us for food and fellowship on August 6 after the 10 a.m. worship service. Please bring a dish to pass. Please also consider coming at 9:30 a.m. and helping set-up chairs and tables for outdoor worship.

Be HOPEful: Grief touches all of our lives. So does joy. If you would like to join others on the journey forward with grief and joy this group might be for you. Join us on Wednesday, August 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ascension for dessert, sharing and a project.

SOPHIA Multicultural Fair: Come to Cutler Park in Waukesha on Saturday, August 12 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and experience food, art, music and dancing from various ethnic groups in and around Waukesha County.

Partnership Meeting: Do you have a heart for our partnerships in El Salvador and Tanzania? You are invited to join us for our first post-pandemic face to face meeting as we reflect and plan for next steps in our partnerships on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please note that as our partnerships deepen, our leadership and the pastors have made it a goal for future partnership visits to El Salvador and Tanzania that all travelers will have at least a year of regular (at least 75%) participation in our partnership committee prior to travel. If you are interested in traveling in the future or interested in joining the committee, but unable to attend the August 8 meeting, please contact Sarah at sarah@ascensionelca.org.

Tutoring Re-imagined! Tutors and students (past and present), and anyone with an interest in the tutoring program, please join us on Monday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. for a chance to look at what worked well and what we may try in a new way. Our goal is for children and adults who truly need the program to be more easily involved. We have been blessed with dedicated tutors and leaders over the years and value your contribution to the discussion. Looking forward to what is ahead! Contact Shirley Wehmeier at shwehmeier@gmail.com.

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.

CALENDAR

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

Sun Jul 30

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa 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 Mtg HR
 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 EH
10am Outdoor Worship MG
 11am BBQ CY
 7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 7

6:30pm Rethink Tutoring HR
 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

<u>Key</u>	
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>

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

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

Sunday, August 6	8:30	10am Outdoor
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	
Sunday, August 13	8:30	10am
Acolytes	Maggie Miller	Anabelle Rook
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Communion	Marge and Todd Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Media	Brian Novotny	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mark Pichler

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*

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



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