



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10 a.m., Sunday, July 30, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Mira Schaefer

Altar Guild: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

Communion: Lynn Cleppe, Becky Hastings

Media: Cheryl Anspach

Usher: Kathy and Mike Tomchek

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

His Love Endures Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good, He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever

By the grace of God, we will carry on

His love endures forever

Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us, forever, forever

You Shine

Why should I feel lost

When You made the heavens

Why should I feel afraid

When you put the stars in place

Why should I lose heart

When I know how great You are

Why should I give up

When Your plans are full of love

You shine

Brighter than the brightest star

Your love

Purer than the purest heart

You shine

Filling us with courage and strength

To follow You

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth, You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
Lord my one request, Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Over every thought, over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
You mean more to me than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again (*Chorus*)

**Lord reign in me, bring in Your power
Over all my dreams and my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again**

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: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your name

Jesus in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name (*Chorus*)

**Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name**

PRAYERS

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

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Oceans

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

**And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise my soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours, and You are mine**

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sovereign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now (*Chorus*)

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Savior (*Chorus*)

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*

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

Good, Good Father

SONGS

This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all-creating One
God Almighty
Through Your Holy Spirit
Conceiving Christ the Son
Jesus our Savior

**I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus**

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high (*Chorus*)

It Is You

As we lift up our hands
Will You meet us here
As we call on Your name
Will You meet us here
We have come to this place
To worship You
God of mercy and grace
It is You we adore
It is You praises are for
Only You the heavens declare
It is You, it is You

**Holy, holy is our God Almighty
Holy, holy is His name alone (2x)**

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

Grace

Called and chosen when I was far away
You brought me into your family
Free and forgiven, my guilt is washed away
Your loving kindness is life to me

‘Cause it’s grace, there’s nothing I can do
To make You love me more
To make You love me less than You do
And by faith I’m standing on this stone
Of Christ and Christ alone
Your righteousness is all that I need
‘Cause it’s grace

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

Sunday, August 6	8:30am	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, Aug 13	8:30am	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

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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