



**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
8:30 a.m., August 6, 2023

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*  
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*  
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Elsa Kinunen

**Media:** Adam Boales

**Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr,

**Communion:** Beth and Tom Hoffmann

Jeff Rohrer

**PRELUDE**

**Rondeau, Jean-Joseph Mouret**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Praise and Thanksgiving**

**ELW 689**

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

**This Is the Feast of Victory**

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Chris**

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 32:22-31**

[At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him,

“Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### 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.

### GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 14:13-21**

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR PAUL ROBERT BIRGENHEIR**

P: Praise and thanksgiving be to our God our maker, source of all blessing. In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name. Here at this font, we hear God's promise. Here, in the presence of water and God's Word, moments of life-changing grace enter into the world.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: David and Eliz, do you present Paul Robert for the sacrament of holy baptism?  
Sponsors: We do.

P: Denis and Lauren, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Paul Robert baptized into Christ?  
Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Paul Robert to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to worship to hear the Word of God and to share in holy communion; teach him the Lord's prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the Bible, the living Word; and tend him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Paul grow in the Christian faith and life?

**C: We do.**

P: David and Eliz, God has led you to this moment. You have been invited to tend this miracle of life in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church. Do you promise to encourage Paul: to walk alongside him as he grows in his faith and in his relationship with God?  
Sponsors: We do.

P: People of God, do you promise to support Paul and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

A: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil, his empty promises and all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I do.**

A: With all the faithful who came before us we dare to confess our faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **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.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again. At this font, holy God, we praise you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Paul Robert, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Please sing:*

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through the gift of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Paul Robert: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C: **Amen.**

P: Paul Robert, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our God in heaven. Brothers and sisters, please welcome our new brother Paul into the family of God.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Comfort:** For the Fitzpatrick family at the death of Connor

**Healing:** Michelle Shulfer, mild concussion after fall  
Al Wollschlager, upcoming knee replacement surgery  
Peter Passante, broken wrist, colonoscopy


**Thanksgiving:** For Iva Richard's son Jon, in remission from cancer

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

**Amazing Grace, arr. Lloyd Larson**

**Ascension Ringers**

	<b>Many Ways to Give</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>QR code</i></li><li>• <i>Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone</i></li><li>• <i>Online at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension">tinyurl.com/DonateAscension</a></i></li><li>• <i>Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</i></li></ul>

### 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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#### SOLO

**I'll Fly Away, Albert Brumley**

**Don Malchow**

#### HYMNS

**Break Now the Bread of Life**

**ELW 515**

**We Come to the Hungry Feast**

**ELW 479**

#### 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**

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**ELW 543**

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, *setting by Paul Manz***

<b>Upcoming Worship Support Schedule</b>		
<i>See the complete schedule online <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a></i>		
<b>Sunday, August 13</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10am</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Maggie Miller	Anna Marien
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
<b>Communion</b>	Marge and Todd Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
<b>Media</b>	Brian Novotny	Joe Morgenroth
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mark Pichler
<b>Sunday, August 20</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10am Outdoor</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Anna Marien	Hailey Pociask
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jim and Kathy Hahn	Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg
<b>Communion</b>	Jim Hahn, Linda Elder	Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg,
<b>Media</b>	Buck Houston	
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	



**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.

**Baptized Today:** At the 8:30 service, we welcome Paul Robert Birgenheir in baptism. Paul's parents are Denis and Lauren. Sponsors are Eliz and David Segar.

**AMEN BBQ:** Join us for food and fellowship today after the 10 a.m. worship service. Please bring a dish to pass. Please also consider helping set-up chairs and tables for outdoor worship.

**BLAST Registration Now Open:** We are excited to welcome everyone home as we launch BLAST ministry on Sunday, Sept. 10, along with a backpack blessing. BLAST online registration, <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST23-24>, is now open. We can't wait to welcome everyone back!

**BLAST Volunteers Needed:** Can you give an hour of your time? Do you love reading? Are you crafty or like to prepare crafts? Do you love to sing? We are looking for volunteers who can offer their gifts to remind our BLAST children how much they are loved and how much God loves them! If any of this sounds like you, we invite you to contact Karen Simington, [angelks1@att.net](mailto:angelks1@att.net), or Sheri Greger, [gregersheri@gmail.com](mailto:gregersheri@gmail.com).

**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, Aug. 16, 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, Aug. 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 Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. as we reflect and plan for next steps in our partnerships. Please note that as our partnerships deepen, our leadership and the pastors have made it a goal for future partnership visits that all travelers will have at least a year of regular 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 Aparicio, [sarah@ascensionelca.org](mailto: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, Aug. 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, [shwehmeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehmeier@gmail.com).

## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

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***How did God invite you here?***  
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### ***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

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

### **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 AI 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

### **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

### **Thu Aug 17**

10am AI Anon CR

*11am YAH bus trip*

### **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>



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