



Lutheran Church

**In Celebration of the Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost and
The 3rd Anniversary of Pastor Tony's Ordination - 8:30 a. m., August 13, 2023**

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor* Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Maggie Miller

Communion: Marge and Todd Schroeder

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Media: Brian Novotny

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Prelude in Classic Style, Gordon Young

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Pastor Chris

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.

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.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast of Victory

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Psalms 85:8-13

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

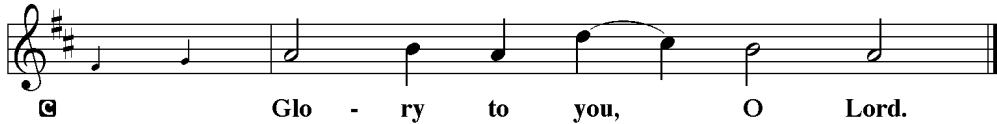


You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

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

C:



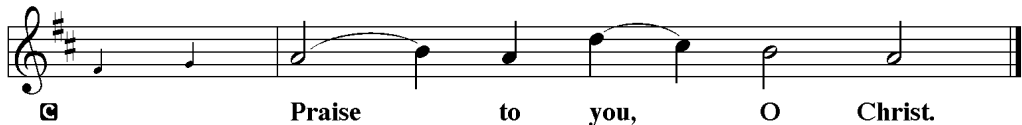
GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

ELW 773

A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

P: All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you have been entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

P: A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

P: *A reading from First Corinthians:* I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance

of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.
(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

P: Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you continue to tend this office, believing that the church’s call is God’s call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

Pastor Tony: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: The church in which you have been ordained confesses that the holy scriptures are the word of God and are the norm of its faith and life. We accept, teach, and confess the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds. We also acknowledge the Lutheran confessions as true witnesses and faithful expositions of the holy scriptures. Will you continue to preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

Pastor Tony: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you continue to be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Pastor Tony: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you continue to give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God’s love may be known in all that you do?

Pastor Tony: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to continue in the office of pastor to the people of Ascension and to all the world.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Lyn and Wayne Owens at the death of Lyn’s brother-in-law, Bob
For Linda Blodgett and family at the death of her sister, Cynthia

Healing: For Veda Schaefer, ear surgery
For Susan Otto’s cousin, Mandy, starting chemotherapy
For Kathy Hahn, beginning treatment for cancer

P: *Pastor Tony remember your charge:* care for God’s people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So discipline *yourselves* in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Pastor Tony: Amen.

P: And you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, will you continue to support Pastor Tony in his call to ministry at Ascension, as *messenger* of Jesus

Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *Pastor Tony* as a *servant* of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for *him*, help and honor *him* for *his* work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Then let it be a moment of praise to the glory of God that, on this 3rd anniversary of his ordination, Pastor Tony renews his promise to serve the people of God here at Ascension and the people of God renew their promise to honor Pastor Tony's call as we walk together to bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Hymn to Joy, arr. Jeanne Cotter

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.

LAMB OF GOD

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SOLO

Day by Day, Oskar Ahnfelt

Ryan Birner

HYMNS	Lord of All Hopefulness	ELW 765
	Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus	ELW 802

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	Lift High the Cross	ELW 660
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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE	Hornpipe, <i>G. F. Handel</i>
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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.

BLAST Begins! 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 and 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? If any of this sounds like you, we invite you to contact Karen Simington or Sheri Greger. 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!

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 p.m. here at Ascension for a project, sharing and dessert. On Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m at Ascension, join us for guest speaker Gail Cullen discussing her book *Owning Grief*. For questions, contact Teri Quam or Pastor Tony.

Youth Gathering 2024 Informational Meeting: Ascension youth who are entering grades 9 through 12 this fall have the opportunity to visit New Orleans and attend the life-changing 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering as we celebrate *Created to Be*, July 16 – 20, 2024. Students and guardians are invited to attend our information meeting on Sunday, Aug. 27, at 11:15 a.m. If you are interested in attending the gathering, but unable to attend the meeting, please contact Pastor Edwin.

Young at Heart (55+): Join this fun group of people Wednesday, Aug. 16, at noon for a potluck lunch and games. You'll also have the opportunity to sign-up for the next Young at Heart trip, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, to the Schauer Center for a tribute show featuring Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis followed by a meal at the Mineshaft. The total cost for the trip is only \$75 each.

August Newsletter: The August 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.

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
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point class (membership)

Please place in the offering plate.

CALENDAR ascensionelca.org/events

Sun Aug 13

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa 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

6:30pm Be Hopeful HR

7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 17

10am Al Anon CR

11am YAH bus trip

Sat Aug 19

12:30p Knit Wits WH

Sun Aug 20

8:30a Worship S

10a Worship MG

10a Misa EH

7p AA WH

Mon Aug 21

6:30p AA Small Group
HR

Tue Aug 22

7a AMEN Z

9:30a Women's Bible

CR

Wed Aug 23

1pm Bunco WH

7p AA WH

Thu Aug 24

10a Al-Anon CR

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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