



Lutheran Church

12th Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., August 20, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Rev. Karen Pahl, *Pastor*

Acolyte: Anna Marien

Altar Guild: Joan Birner

Communion: Sharon Coralline, Linda Elder, Jennifer Werner,
Beth and Tom Hoffmann

Media: Buck Houston

Service Musician: Kathy Johnson

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner

PRELUDE

His Eye Is on the Sparrow, *arr. Schrader*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (*v. 1, 4, 6*)

ELW 886

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as
disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may
be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Karen Pahl

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 15th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Karen Pahl

HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

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: Pastor Chris, surgery
Jo Buth, hospitalized
Benicio Aparicio, Pastor Edwin's father, hospitalized
Kathy Hahn, treatment for cancer


SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING **This Little Light of Mine, *Spiritual*** **Scott Greger, 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.

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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

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

Taste and See

ELW 493

(soloist sings verses; all sing refrain)

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Blessed Assurance, arr. Putnam



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.

Outdoor Worship: Join us at 10 a.m. today for worship in the Memorial Gardens, weather dependent. Enjoy how God's beautiful creation can enhance your worship experience. Bring a chair. Consider also helping us setup at 9:30 a.m.

Bells & Choirs Resume: Bells will be ringing and choirs will be singing! Music ensemble rehearsals resume Wednesday, Sept. 6, for the Ascension Choir and Ascension Ringers, and Thursday, Sept. 21, for Children's Choir. Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, for more information or to say "yes!"

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. 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, or Sheri Greger, gregerheri@gmail.com.

Bunco: Join this fun group of people Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 1-3 p.m. for bunco, a dice game.

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. 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, tquam61@gmail.com, or Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

Youth Gathering 2024: Ascension youth entering grades 9 through 12 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. following the conclusion of 10 a.m. services. If you are interested in attending the gathering, but unable to attend the meeting, please contact Pastor Edwin, Edwin@ascensionelca.org.

Hawaiian & Maui Fire Relief: Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires in Maui and Hawaii. Donate online directly to the relief efforts via the ELCA site, <https://elca.org/>, or by check/cash to Ascension marked "Fire Relief."

More announcements next page

Tend A Teacher: Most teachers spend a lot of money out of their own pocket to start the school year. Teachers from low income schools like our partners at Hawthorne tend to spend even more. Watch for the Sign-Up Genius about how you can support teachers as they get ready for the school year.

Welcome Home Sunday: September 10 is our second Welcome Home Sunday. Do you know someone that you haven't seen in worship or at an activity for a while? Do you know someone who is looking for a church home? Plan to invite them to a welcoming Sunday of worship (One service at 10 a.m.), good food, activities, games, and great fellowship. As the song says, "All are welcome in this place."

Outreach for Hope Ride-Walk-Run: Check out Ascension's team page, <https://tinyurl.com/ASCteamOFH>, for the Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk, scheduled for Sept. 30. Want to join us in Dousman, Grafton, Kenosha or Milwaukee on Sept. 30? See the Outreach for Hope website, ofhrrw.org, to learn more about the event and to register. You may also view the display in the narthex or speak to team captain Beth Hoffmann.

Free Covid Tests: If you need a Covid test for your family or yourself, pick-up one at the Welcome Center. Covid is still out there.

August Newsletter: The August newsletter is online, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

Reflections Blog: Too busy to read the entire newsletter? Browse our Reflections Blog for individual articles that might interest you! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>.

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.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, August 27	8:30	10am
Acolytes	Grace Paczesny	Cole Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Brian Novotny	Diane and Rick Dowling
Media	Kurt Werner	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jim Hahn	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

CALENDAR <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

Sun Aug 20

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Outdoor Worship MG
 7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 21

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 22

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Aug 23

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 24

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Aug 26

9am Jubilate S

Sun Aug 27

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa MG
10am Worship S
 11:15am Youth Gathering Mtg
 WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 28

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 29

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Aug 30

7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 31

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Sep 3

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship MG
 7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 4 Labor Day

Office closed
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Sep 5

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Sep 6

11:30am Staff Meeting
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15 pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 7

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 6:30pm Be HOPEful

Sun Sep 10

10am Welcome Home Worship
 (bilingual) S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 11

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 7pm Jubilate S

Tue Sep 12

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Sep 13

6pm Handbells S
 7:15 pm Adult Choir S
 7pm AA 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>

Thu Sep 14

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Sep 15

1pm Hansen Group HR

Sat Sep 16

12:30pm Knit Fest WH

Sun Sep 17

8:30am Worship S
10:45am Misa EH
10:45am Worship S
 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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