



13th Sunday After Pentecost
8:30 a.m., August 27, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Kathy Johnson, *Service Musician*

Acolyte: Grace Paczesny

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Communion: Julie Kinunen, Brian Novotny

Media: Kurt Werner

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

PRELUDE **For the Beauty of the Earth / This Is My Father's World**, *arr. Wolaver*

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.

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

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 16th chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERVICE OF BAPTISM FOR SAMUEL ARROW LEVERENTZ

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: Emily and Jennifer, do you present Samuel Arrow for the sacrament of holy baptism?
Sponsors: We do.

P: Charles and Geri, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Samuel Arrow baptized into Christ?
Parents: We do.

P: As you bring Samuel Arrow 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 Samuel grow in the Christian faith and life?

C: We do.

P: Emily and Jennifer, 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 Samuel: 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 Samuel 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: Samuel Arrow, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Samuel Arrow: 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: Samuel Arrow, 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 Samuel into the family of God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Give Me Jesus, Spiritual

Scott Greger, Don Malchow



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Pastor Edwin and the entire Aparicio family at the death of his father, Benicio
For the family and friends of Jo Buth at her death on Wednesday

Healing: Susan Renken, upcoming heart surgery
For Sarah Boales' father, Mike, recovering from pneumonia

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

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

Amazing Grace, arr. Hudson

piano

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

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW 820

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, arr. Bergquist



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: We welcome Samuel Arrow Leverentz in baptism today at the 8:30 a.m. service. Samuel's parents are Charles and Geri Leverentz. Samuel's sponsors are Emily Leverentz and Jennifer Leverentz.

Choir and Handbells: Ascension Choirs resume rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 6. The Ascension Ringers Handbell choir meets from 6-7:10 p.m., and the Ascension Choir rehearses from 7:15-8:15. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, to join!

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: 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, gregersheri@gmail.com.

ELCA 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 **today** 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.

Be HOPEful: Join us on the journey forward with grief and joy. On Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Ascension, everyone is invited to join us for guest speaker Gael Cullen discussing her book, *Owning Grief*. For questions or to RSVP, contact Teri Quam at tquam61@gmail.com or Pastor Tony at tony@ascensionelca.org.

Welcome Home Sunday Sept. 10: Stop at the table in the narthex to let us know you're coming or RSVP online at <https://tinyurl.com/ALCseptwb>. There is no charge, just a free will offering for lunch but we do need to know an approximate number to plan for food. At the registration table you can also pick up a special Welcome Home Sunday card to give to someone you would like to invite. The day will be filled with joy at the 10 a.m. bilingual service followed by a delicious lunch and many activities for all ages. Be sure to check out the Sign-Up Genius, <https://tinyurl.com/welcome23volunteers>, to tell us how you would like to help. There are a lot of opportunities to serve in easy ways and get to know others in the church.

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. We are making an effort to show our support for all that they do by responding to their needs for classroom supplies. Details will be coming shortly as we get closer to the start of school.

Hawaiian & Maui Fire Relief: Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Pacifica Synod and other partners to provide for immediate needs and recovery amid the widespread destruction. Donate online directly to the relief efforts via the ELCA site, <https://elca.org/>, or by check/cash to Ascension marked “Fire Relief.”

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.

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.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule <i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, Sept. 3	8:30am	10am Outdoor
Acolytes	Shelby Leatherwood	<i>One Needed</i>
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Jennifer and Scot Werner	Mary Ellen Comp, Becky Hastings
Media	Adam Boales	
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	
Sunday, Sept. 10	10:00am—Welcome Home	
Acolytes	Max Stigler, Ava Steinke	
Altar Guild	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Marge Schroeder	
Communion	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Marge and Todd Schroeder	
Media	Brian Novotny, Cheryl Anspach	
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr	

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

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

Sun Aug 27

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa MG

10am Worship S

11:15am Youth Gath.

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 AI Anon CR

Sun Sept 3

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Worship MG

7pm AA WH

Mon Sept 4

Labor Day—Office

Closed

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

Tue Sept 5

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

Wed Sept 6

11:30am Staff Mtg HR

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sept 7

9:30am TGIT HR

10am AI Anon CR

6:30pm Be HOPEful

Sat Sept 9

9am Welcome Home

Committee WH, K

Sun Sept 10

**10am Bilingual Wor-
ship S**

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
N	Narthex
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall

Italics Virtual or offsite



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