



14th Sunday After Pentecost
8:30 a.m., September 3, 2023

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Communion: Sharon Coralline, Jennifer and Scot Werner

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
settings by Johann Pachelbel, Piet Post

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

ELW 796

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

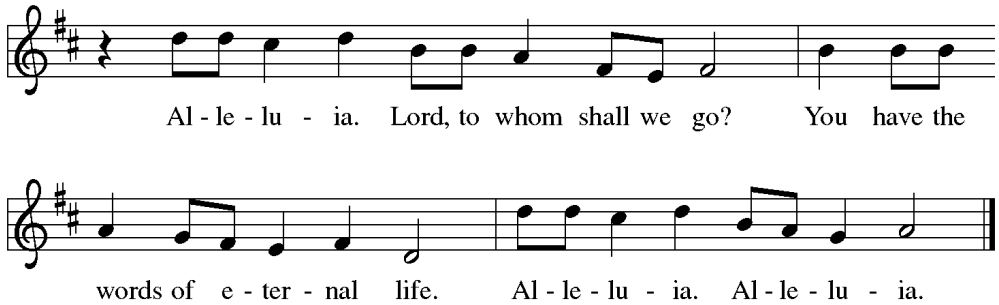
P: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow
your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

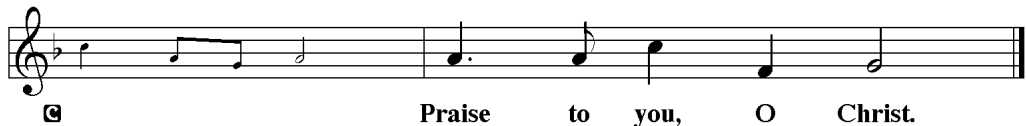
GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

ELW 802

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: For Sheri Greger's neighbor Jen, hospitalized in ICU
For Andrea Reinfeldt's mother-in-law, surgery for breast cancer
For Leonard Sedivy, upcoming surgery

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song
setting by Anne Krentz Organ



Many Ways to Give

- *QR code*
- *Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/DonateAscension*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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

Now the Silence

ELW 460

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

ELW 767

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.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

setting by David Lasky



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.

Coming Soon! New Giving Page: We're developing a new look for the donation page on our website. The new page will be more visually appealing and informative. Don't worry, if you're already using the donation page, your login will stay the same.

Bells & Choirs Resume: 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!"

Adult Ed: Join Pastor Tony Mondays at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. starting Sept. 18 for a book study of *Grace* by Max Lucado. Let Pastor Tony know if you need a book. The cost is \$10. The book is also available on Amazon. RSVP to the church office or Pastor Tony.

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: We are looking for volunteers who can offer their gifts during BLAST. If you can help, contact Karen Simington, angelks1@att.net, or Sheri Greger, gregersheri@gmail.com.



Welcome Home Sunday Sept. 10: The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a bilingual service followed by great food and a lot of fun. There is no charge but we will have a free will offering for the lunch. You can RSVP online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCseptwb> or at the table today. Please volunteer to help <https://tinyurl.com/welcome23volunteers>. There will be activities for all ages and a special event, including a dunk tank. You get to dunk a pastor! Children will be able to toss a ball for free. Adults will be asked to make a cash donation that will benefit one of our community partners: Hope Center, Food Pantry or Hawthorne School.

GriefShare: If you or someone you love is struggling after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend, we invite you to consider finding help and encouragement through Ascension's grief support ministry, GriefShare. GriefShare is a 12-week program led by Pastor Tony and meets on Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. beginning Sept. 12. Sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

Owning Grief: Everyone is invited on Thursday, Sept. 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m at Ascension, for guest speaker Gael Cullen discussing her book, *Owning Grief*. Contact Teri Quam, tquam61@gmail.com, or Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

Tend-a-Teacher: Our Back-to-School project this year is purchasing supplies for the teachers at Hawthorne Elementary. Here's a Google doc with the teachers' requests <https://tinyurl.com/TeacherSupplies23-24>. Donations, labeled with the teacher's name, can be dropped off at church. Be sure to change the status on the form to "purchase complete" to avoid duplication. You can also donate money through Ascension. If online, mark the "Other" field and include "Teacher supplies" in the memo.

Hawaiian & Maui Fire Relief: Donate online directly to the relief efforts via the ELCA site, <https://elca.org/>.

More announcements next page

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.

September Newsletter: The September 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/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, Sep. 10	10 a.m. Welcome Home - 1 service	
Acolytes	Max Stigler, Ava Steinke	
Altar Guild	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Marge Schroeder	
Communion	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Marge and Todd Schroeder	
Greeters	Sherry Hoelzl, Brett Kohnke, Linda Hansen, Carol Spieker, Steve Spieker	
Media	Brian Novotny, Cheryl Anspach	
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr	
Sunday, Sep. 17	8:30 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Acolytes	Mikael Wagner	Anna Marien
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg
Communion	Carol and Steve Spieker, Paul Wehmeier	Lynn Cleppe, Becky Hastings, Mary Kolberg
Media	Buck Houston	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mark Pichler

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

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

11a Lunch & Activities

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

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Sep 13

6pm Handbells S

7:15pm Adult Choir S

7pm AA WH

Thu Sep 14

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Sep 16

9am Buth visitation

11am Buth service

12pm Buth reception

Sun Sep 17

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 18

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Small Group WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

Tues Sep 19

7a AMEN Z

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Council HR

Wed Sep 20

12pm YAH WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 21

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al-Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

6pm JOLT EH

Sat Sep 23

9am Jubilate S

12:30pm KnitFest 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>

Sun Sep 24

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Worship S

10:45am Misa EH

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 25

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Small Group WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

Tues Sep 26

7am AMEN Z

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway Group H

Wed Sep 27

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 28

10am Al-Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

6pm JOLT EH

Sat Sep 30

OFH Ride Run Walk

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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