



# ASCENSION

*Lutheran Church*

**14th Sunday After Pentecost**  
10 a.m., Sunday, September 3, 2023

## **Worship Leadership**

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*  
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

**Acolyte:** Grace Paczesny

**Altar Guild:** Cindy Finn, Kristine Wells

**Communion:** Mary Ellen Comp, Becky Hastings

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SONGS**

### **God Who Saves**

The light of the world shining in love  
Taking the fall upon Your shoulders  
You shattered the dark as You rose to life again

Our savior has come let Your will be done  
Your kingdom on earth as in the heavens  
Our freedom is found, Lord, in no other name  
*(Chorus)*

**You are the way, the truth and the life**  
**Your mercy has overcome our failings**  
**The battle is won Jesus in love You reign**

**You're the God who saves**  
**You're the hope of all**  
**Reaching out Your hand**  
**As your people call (2x)**

### **Because of Your Love**

As we come into Your presence  
We remember every blessing  
That You've poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises  
For compassion so amazing  
Lord we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven  
Because of Your love, our hearts are clean  
We lift You up, with songs of freedom  
Forever we're changed, because of your love

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

## SONG

### Sing to the King

Sing to the King who is coming to reign  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring  
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King

For His returning, we watch and we pray  
We will be ready the dawn of that day  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed  
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King  
(Chorus)

**Come let us sing a song  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus  
He is all we need  
Lift up a heart of praise  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus  
Sing to the King**

## 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

## SONG

### All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing  
Come, Lord Jesus, come (4x)

## PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the previous refrain after each petition.

**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

#### Our God

Water you turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like you

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God, You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, awesome in power  
Our God, our God

## 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 grape juice are available.

## SOLO

**There's a Rainbow at the End of Every Storm**

### Many Ways to Give Electronically



- 1) *QR code*
- 2) *Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone*
- 3) *Online at [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)*
- 4) *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

## SONGS

### King of My Heart

Let the King of my heart be the mountain where I run  
The fountain I drink from; oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide  
The ransom for my life; oh, He is my song

**You are good, good, oh (4x)**

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails  
The anchor in the waves; oh He is my song  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins  
And the echo of my days; oh He is my song (*Chorus*)

**You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down (4x)**

### Way Maker

You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, moving in our midst  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, working in this place  
I worship You, I worship You

**You are Way Maker, miracle worker,  
promise keeper  
Light in the darkness,  
My God, that is who You are  
You are Way Maker, miracle worker,  
promise keeper  
Light in the darkness,  
My God, that is who You are**

You are here, touching every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, healing every heart  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, turning lives around  
I worship You, I worship You  
You are here, mending every heart  
I worship You, yeah, I worship You, Lord  
(*Chorus*)

Even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
And even when I don't see it, You're working  
Even when I don't feel it, You're working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
You never stop, You never stop working  
(*Chorus*)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### PRAAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Lord God, you call your servants into the world to follow where you lead. Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us. Day by day, guide us and give us what is needed, friends to cheer our way, and a clear vision to which you call us. By your Spirit, be present in our journeys, that we may travel with the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## 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.

## SONG

### Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign	Build Your kingdom here
In our hearts again	Let the darkness fear
Increase in us we pray	Show Your mighty hand
Unveil why we're made	Heal our streets and land
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope	Set Your church on fire
Like wildfire in our very souls	Win this nation back
Holy Spirit come invade us now	Change the atmosphere
We are Your church	Build Your kingdom here we pray
We need Your power in us	

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Upcoming Worship Support Schedule

*See the complete schedule online <https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport>*

<b>Sunday, Sep. 10</b>	<b>10 a.m. Welcome Home - 1 service</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Max Stigler, Ava Steinke
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Marge Schroeder
<b>Communion</b>	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Marge and Todd Schroeder
<b>Greeters</b>	Sherry Hoelzl, Brett Kohnke, Linda Hansen, Carol Spieker, Steve Spieker
<b>Media</b>	Brian Novotny, Cheryl Anspach
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr



**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:** We worship today in the Memorial Gardens. Please enjoy how God's beautiful creation enhances your worship experience.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:angelks1@att.net), or Sheri Greger, [gregersheri@gmail.com](mailto:gregersheri@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:tquam61@gmail.com), or Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto: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.



**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.

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

**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](http://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/ALCealrt> or contact the church office.

## Are You Visiting?

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

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

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***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

<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 Bath visitation**

**11am Bath service**

**12pm Bath reception**

### **Key**

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>



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