



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

16th Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m., Sunday, September 17, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Anna Marien

Altar Guild: Lynn Cleppe, Mary Kolberg

Communion: Lynn Cleppe, Becky Hastings, Mary Kolberg

Media: Andrew Marien

Usher: Mark Pichler

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

God Is With Us Now

Everyone who longs for truth
Needing hope and strength renewed
Come and meet the Savior of the world
Everyone who longs inside
Desperate for the words of life
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

**God is with us now
His love rains down, His love reigns now
Saved by grace and power
His love rains down, His love reigns now
God is with us now**

Shackles (Praise You)

**Take the shackles off my feet so I can dance
I just want to praise You, I just want to praise You
You broke the chains now I can lift my hands
I just want to praise You, I just want to praise You**

Everything that could go wrong
All went wrong at one time
So much pressure fell on me
I thought I was going to lose my mind
I've been through the fire and the rain
Bound in every kind of way
But God has broken every chain
So let me go right now **(Chorus)**

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

SONG

Holy Is the Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

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SONG

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Every fear, has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise
Your great name**

All the weak, find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls, receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name
(Chorus)

PRAYERS

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

Healing: Deb Izu, covid

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

I Will Follow

**Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Who You love, I'll love
How You serve, I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow You
I will follow You**

All Your ways are good
All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone *(Chorus)*

Light unto the world
Light unto my life
I will live for You alone
You're the one I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone *(Chorus)*

**Many Ways to
Give**



- *QR code*
- *Vanco Giving app*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

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

Goodness of God

SONGS

Breathe

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me

**And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You**

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe
Your Holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread, this is my daily bread
Your very word, spoken to me (*Chorus*)

Step by Step

Oh God, You are my God	I will seek You in the morning
And I will ever praise You	I will learn to walk in Your ways
Oh God, You are my God	And step by step You'll lead me
And I will ever praise You	I will follow You all of my days

COMMUNION BLESSING

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PRAYER 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

Everyday

**Every day, it's You I live for
Every day, I'll follow after You
Every day, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Every day, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Every day I can be Your light unto the world

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



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.

Greeters: We're looking for people who can help on Sunday mornings and greet people. Please contact Jan Zastrow, janzastrow29@gmail.com, if you'd like to volunteer.

Children's Choir Resumes: Children's choir for grades K-6 begins on Thursday, Sept. 21, 5 to 5:40 p.m. Children are welcome to join in at any time during the year. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, to sign up.

Choir and Handbells: Ascension Choirs resumed rehearsals last week. 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!

Worship at Green Meadows Farm: Join us on Sunday, Oct. 1, for worship on the farm. Come join us for worship beginning at 10:45 a.m., enjoy a potluck lunch (sandwiches, chips, and water are provided), and spend the rest of your day enjoying the farm. Cost is \$15 per person (under 2 free). RSVP online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCFarm23>. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share (bring your own utensils). No electricity or coolers are available so plan accordingly.

BLAST Registration: The first BLAST class is today starting at 9:45 am. Please register online <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST23-24>.

CRASH: CRASH will meet today after the second service for orientation and lunch. See you!

Adult Ed: Join Pastor Tony on Mondays, at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. to study *Grace* by Max Lucado starting Sept. 18. Register online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCAdultEd> or contact Pastor Tony. Books are \$10 and can be obtained from Pastor Tony with prior notice.

JOLT Resumes: On Thursday, Sept. 21, 6-7 p.m. students entering grades 6-8 along with a parent/guardian meet for JOLT Registration and Information Night.

It's Here! Check out our new donation page! <https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC>.

GriefShare: If you or someone you love is struggling after a death of a loved one we invite you to consider finding help and encouragement through Ascension's grief support ministry, Grief-Share. GriefShare is led by Pastor Tony and meets Tuesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/GriefAscension> or contact Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org or 262-547-8518.

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.

Young at Heart (55+) Outing: Young at Heart is going to the Schauer Arts Center by motor-coach on Friday, Oct. 27, to see *One Night in Memphis*, a concert tribute to legendary Sun Records recording artists Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Elvis Presley. Dinner at the Mineshaft after the show will also be included. The total cost is only \$75! We will be signing people up and collecting money today at church. The last day to turn in money is Wednesday, Sept. 20, at our Young at Heart potluck.

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.

NAMI Walks Oct. 7: Take a stand and walk for mental health for all. NAMI Walks 2023 represents a powerful chance to publicly declare your commitment to mental health awareness, education, support, and for ending the stigma. Sign-up on the display in the narthex or visit namiwalks.org to register. Please tell Teri Quam, tquam61@gmail.com, if you are going.

Welcome Home Sunday: Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this special day a grand success. We thank the committee who worked tirelessly, the kitchen coordinators and volunteers, and those who donated food and the prizes for the bingo games. Newer members and long time members worked side by side prepping food, setting up, taking down while friendships formed. Thanks especially to Pastors Tony and Edwin for going into the dunk tank. It made the day so much more fun!

Membership: Interested in joining Ascension? Please indicate your interest by filling-out this online form <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers> or contacting the church office, 262-547-8518. We will have a brief, information session on Sunday, Oct. 15, at 9:50 a.m. to let you know about Ascension and answer any questions.

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

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule		
<i>See the complete schedule online https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</i>		
Sunday, Sept. 24	8:30am	10:45am
Acolytes	Aidan Miller	Joshua Gunderson
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Elaine Kilgore, Becky Pepper, Marge and Todd Schroeder	Mary Ellen Comp, Melody and Paul Maass
Greeters	Nancy Cahen, Jim Koestner	Iva Richards, Becky Hastings
Media	Kurt Werner	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

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

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

Sun Sep 17

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

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12pm CRASH WH

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 AI-Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

MR

6pm JOLT EH

Sat Sep 23

9am Jubilate S

12:30pm KnitFest WH

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

HR

Wed Sep 27

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 28

10am AI-Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir

MR

6pm JOLT EH

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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