



*Lutheran Church*

**17th Sunday After Pentecost**

8:30 a.m., September 24, 2023

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Aidan Miller

**Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder

**Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

**Communion:** Elaine Kilgore, Becky Pepper, Marge and Todd Schroeder

**Greeters:** Nancy Cahen, Jim Koester

**Media:** Kurt Werner

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny

**PRELUDE**

**Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)**

*Benedetto Marcello*

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**

**Lord of Light (v. 1, 3, 4)**

**ELW 688**

**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 of Victory**

**p. 149**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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.

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 20:1-16**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

**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**

**Comfort:** For Amy Gilgenbach and family at the death of her father, Clifford  
For the Bice family at the unexpected death of Ryan's father


**God's Care:** For Arlene Davis' sister Rose, entering hospice  
For Michelle Shulfer

**Healing:** For Donna Savin and Nancy Link, covid  
For Kathy and Mike Tomchek, covid  
For Barb Kreft's sister, surgery for cancer  
With the Paczesny family for Antonia DeLeon, health problems during travel

**Thanksgiving:** For a beautiful day for the wedding of Adam and Danielle Kelsey on Sept. 16  
Harold and Arlene Kelsey, celebrating 50 years of marriage on Sept. 22

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**                      **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, *Karen Marroli*    Ascension Choir**

	<p><b>Many Ways to Give</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>QR code</i></li> <li>• <i>Vanco Giving app on your smartphone</i></li> <li>• <i>Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</i></li> <li>• <i>Check or cash (with or without envelope.)</i></li> </ul>
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**OFFERTORY**

**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

**ELW 184**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

## **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**

**p. 154**

### **HYMN**

**Now We Join in Celebration**

**ELW 462**

### **PIANO SOLO**

**Give Me Jesus, *setting by Anne Krentz Organ***

### **HYMN**

**Take My Life, That I May Be**

**ELW 685**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

**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.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

**Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

**ELW 669**

## **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Tocatta in e minor, *Johann Pachelbel***



**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!

**10:45a Worship at Green Meadows:** 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.

**Choirs Have Resumed:** Adult, Handbell and Children's (grades K-7) choirs have resumed. Please contact Vicki Taylor, [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org), if interested.

**CRASH Youth Gathering Registration:** Registration for the youth gathering has begun. Here is the registration form <https://tinyurl.com/CRASHGathering>. Please read it, print it, fill it out and give it to Pastor Edwin with \$150 for deposit. We will also have forms available in the church office. CRASH meets today at 6 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Edwin, [edwin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:edwin@ascensionelca.org).

**JOLT:** JOLT next meets on Thursday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m.

**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, GriefShare. 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](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org).

**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 all about Ascension and answer any questions.

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

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry needs ready-to-eat soup/pasta, canned proteins, whole grains, pasta sauce, soups, peanut butter, cereal, canned or refried beans.

*More announcements next page*

**Outreach for Hope Bike Ride Run Walk Registration Deadline:** Online registration closes Monday, Sept. 25 at 11:59 p.m.! After this deadline, we can't guarantee that you will get a box lunch or t-shirt at the event. Register for the ride, <https://outreachforhope.org/ride-run-walk>, this week and invite your friends and family to join you, too! If you can't ride, please consider a donation. See Ascension's team page, <https://tinyurl.com/ASCteamOFH>, to donate.

**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. Our Team name is TeamAscensionChurch. Each person registers individually and then joins the Ascension team. You can register for our team online <https://tinyurl.com/ANAMI2023>. Or if you can't walk, consider supporting a walker.

**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/>.

<b>Upcoming Worship Support Schedule</b>		
<i>See the complete schedule online <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a></i>		
<b>Sunday, Oct. 1</b>	<b>8:30a</b>	<b>10:45a at Green Meadows</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>		None
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gary Bauer	None
<b>Communion</b>	Jennifer and Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager	None
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Elder, Julie Kinunen	None
<b>Media</b>	Adam Boales	None
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	None

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

## Sun Sep 24

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST

**10:45am Worship S**

**10:45am Misa EH**

6pm CRASH CR

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 Al-Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

6pm JOLT EH

## Sat Sep 30

*OFH Ride Run Walk*

## Sun Oct 1

**8:30am Worship S**

**10:45am Worship @ Green Meadows**

7pm AA WH

## Mon Oct 2

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

## Tue Oct 3

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm AA WH

## Wed Oct 4

11:30am Staff Mtg

7pm AA WH

## Thu Oct 5

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

6pm JOLT EH

## Fri Oct 6

5pm Wedding Rehearsal S, WH

## Sat Oct 7

12pm Private event S

## Sun Oct 8

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am 3rd grade Stepping Stone WH

9:45am BLAST

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

12pm Potluck - Pastor Julio

7pm AA WH

## Mon Oct 9

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

7pm Jubilate S

## Tue Oct 10

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway group HR

### 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>

## Wed Oct 11

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

## Thu Oct 12

10am Al Anon CR

5pm Children's Choir MR

6pm JOLT EH

## Sun Oct 15

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST

9:50am New Member Class

**10:45am Misa EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

12pm Confirmation Mtg WH

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

## Mon Oct 16

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

## Tue Oct 17

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Church council HR

# 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.**



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