



18th Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., October 1, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Communion: Jennifer and Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager

Greeters: Linda Elder, Julie Kinunen

Media: Adam Boales

Service Musician: Kathy Johnson

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer

PRELUDE Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart, *arr. Hayes*

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

Now the Feast and Celebration



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of
 God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia

Congregation:
 Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then

I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, *arr. Hayes*



Many Ways to Give

- *QR code*
- *Vanco Giving app on your smartphone*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*
- *Check or cash (with or without envelope.)*

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

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



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS

In the Singing

ELW 466

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

Day by Day

ELW 790

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

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Old-Time Religion with Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
arr. Hayes



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.

JOLT & CRASH: JOLT meets Thursday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. CRASH next meets Sunday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. Confirmation students (9th graders) and families should watch for a letter from Pastor Tony about confirmation this year.

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.

Pastor Visit: Join us for a potluck on Sunday, Oct. 8, after the 10:45 service to welcome Pastor Julio, who is visiting from El Salvador. Please bring a dish to pass.

School Lunches for Tanzania: We hope to collect enough money in the month of October to provide all 1100 children and teachers with lunch for the 195-day school year. Because of the drought and world-wide high food prices, we need to raise \$18,576. For \$100, all of the students and teachers in our three partner schools will have a day and a half of lunch. It is only \$16.84 to feed a child for the year. Give in-person on Sundays or online <https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC>.

NAMI Walks Oct. 7: Take a stand and walk for Mental Health for All. NAMIWalks 2023 represents a powerful chance to publicly declare your commitment to mental health awareness, education, support, and for ending the stigma. You can register for our team online <https://tinyurl.com/ANAMI2023>. Or if you can’t walk, consider supporting a walker.

Healing Hearts Meals: Ascension will be serving supper for families at Healing Hearts Waukesha, one of our partner programs, on Monday, Oct. 16. Your help and fantastic chili is needed! Please use this Sign-Up Genius, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCHealingmeal>, to volunteer. Contact Teri Quam, tquam61@gmail.com, with questions.

Upcoming Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
Oct. 8	8:30am	10:45am
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Marge Schroeder	Jane Collins, Sue Mathews, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Steve and Carol Spieker	Lynn and Jerry Cleppe
Media	Brian Novotny	Andrew Marien
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	

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 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 Private event S, WH

Sat Oct 7

12pm Private event S

Sun Oct 8

8:30am Worship S
9:45am 3rd grade Step-
ping 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

Wed Oct 11

6pm Handbells S
7pm AA WH
7:15pm Adult Choir S

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>



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