



19th Sunday After Pentecost

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

Worship Leadership

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Rev. Julio Chavez, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Altar Guild: Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Sharon Coralline, Julie Kinunen, Carol and Steve Spieker
Jennifer Werner

Greeters: Carol and Steve Spieker

Media: Brian Novotny

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

God of Grace and God of Glory, *Paul Manz*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

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

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your
Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Edwin

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 21st chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

[Jesus said to the people:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Edwin

HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

ELW 645

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 Arlene Davis at the death of her sister, Rose
For Arlene Davis at the death of her cousin, Henry Ebbinger
With Lynn Cleppe for Maddison at the death of her dad, Matt

Healing: For Jerry Cleppe's father, Phil, brain tumor diagnosis


Thanksgiving: Ruth Dewitz celebrating 101st birthday on 10/12 (Al Wollschlager's mother)

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

This is My Father's World, Elaine Hagenberg

Ascension Choir

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

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

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HYMNS

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW 595

Around You, O Lord Jesus

ELW 468

What Feast of Love

ELW 487

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 Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, *Paul Manz*



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!

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

JOLT & CRASH: JOLT meets Thursday, Oct. 12, 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.

Tanzania Lunches: It is time for our annual appeal to support the school children at our sister parishes in Tanzania. A little goes a long way to make a significant impact in the life of a child. The school lunch is often the only meal the children receive in their day. For just \$100, you can provide 1650 lunches. Our goal is to collect enough money for 214,500 meals this year. If we are successful, all 1100 students will receive lunch every day of the 195-day school year. Contribute now online, or with a check made out to Ascension, with Meru Lunches in the notes. <https://tinyurl.com/MeruLunch2023>

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.

Coffee Donations: Do you enjoy the coffee provided by the church after worship and at other church activities? If so, please consider a donation to Ascension's Mt. Meru coffee fund to help defray the expense. Money from coffee purchases go directly to the synod's Mt. Meru Coffee Project and then to the coffee farmers in Tanzania.

SOPHIA Community Breakfast: SOPHIA's annual Community Breakfast is Saturday, Oct. 14, from 9-11:30 at La Casa de Esperanza. Visit their website <https://www.sophiawaukesha.org/> to see all the details and to register. The online silent auction begins on Monday, Oct. 9. Use the QR code on the site to bid. Ascension was a founding partner of SOPHIA and our ongoing presence helps support social justice in an ever changing community and world. All are welcome.

Support CRASH Youth Gathering Trip: Please consider having pizza for dinner on Thursday, Oct. 19, from Noah's Pizza, 220 Oakton Ave., Pewaukee. The owners, one of our Latino families, will donate 20% of their sales that night to support Ascension youth with Youth Gathering expenses. 4-7 p.m., carry out only. (262) 696-8001.

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. On Oct. 22, we will welcome new members from the last year with a brunch between services.

2024 Budget Listening Session: Members are invited on Sunday, Oct. 22, after the 10:45 a.m. service to a listening session regarding the proposed 2024 church budget. The budget will be voted on at the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Nov. 12.

Fall Property Day: Join us on Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m., for the fall property clean-up. Bring your willing hands and tools to help us get the property ready for winter.

October Newsletter: Ascension's October newsletter is online <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

Get Connected: Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. We send out e-alerts weekly on Wednesday and occasionally for special notices. 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, Oct. 15	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Shelby Leatherwood	
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Becky Pepper, Steve and Carol Spieker	Becky Hastings, Diane and Rick Dowling
Greeters	Susan Koeferl, Maddie Goetter	Bob and Karen Schmiechen
Media	Buck Houston	Joe Morgenroth
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny	Mark Pichler

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

Sun Oct 8

8:30am Worship S

9:45am 3rd grade Stepping
Stone WH

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

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

Thu Oct 12

10am AI 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

Wed Oct 18

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 19

9:30am TGIT HR

10am AI Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

6pm JOLT EH

Sat Oct 21

9am Jubilate S

12:30pm Knit Wits WH

Sun Oct 22

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

9:50am New Member Brunch
WH

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

1pm Private event S

7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 23

10am Book Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm Book Study HR

7pm Jubilate 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>

Tue Oct 24

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

6pm GriefShare CR

7pm Holloway group HR

Wed Oct 25

1pm Bunco WH

6pm AA Open Mtg EH, WH

6pm Handbells S

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 26

10am AI Anon CR

Sun Oct 29

Confirmation

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

6pm CRASH

7pm AA WH

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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