



20th Sunday After Pentecost
8:30 a.m., Sunday, October 15, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Joan Birner

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson

Communion: Becky Pepper, Carol and Steve Spieker

Greeters: Susan Koeferl, Maddie Goetter

Media: Buck Houston

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Brian Novotny

PRELUDE **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, settings by J.G. Walther, Paul Manz**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** **ELW 858**

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** **p. 149**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM **The Lord is My Shepherd, Allen Pote** **Ascension Choir**

CHILDREN'S TIME / KINDERGARTEN BIBLES **Pastor Chris**

FIRST READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

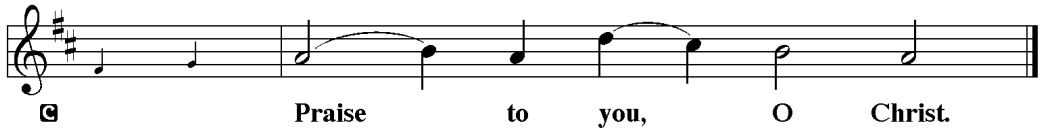
C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: For Sheri Greger's friend, Jen, in ICU


Thanksgiving: In celebration of Ruth Dewitz' 101st birthday

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision, *arr. Kyle Webber*

Ascension Ringers

	<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>
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Merciful Father,

C: **We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

p. 154

HYMNS**Now We Join in Celebration****ELW 462****Come, Let Us Eat****ELW 491****Here Is Bread****ELW 483****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.**

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 Holy 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.**

CLOSING HYMN**Sent Forth By God's Blessing****ELW 547****SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE**Holy God, We Praise Your Name, *Flor Peeters***



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.

Kindergarten Bibles: Today the following children receive their Kindergarten Bibles in worship: Julian Froh, Elanur Ince, and Alisson Quiñónez Castro.

Tanzania School 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 online tinyurl.com/MeruLunch2023 today!

3rd Grade Stepping Stone: Third grade students and their parents will join Pastor Tony in West Hall today 9:45 a.m. to learn about the Bible.

Confirmation students (9th graders) and a parent meet following the 10:45 services today.

CRASH meets tonight at 6 p.m.

Children's Choir: Children's choir will meet next week Thursday, Oct. 19.

Help! Healing Hearts Meal: We still need some food items and servers for the Healing Hearts supper we are serving on Monday, Oct. 16. Please use this Sign-Up Genius, tinyurl.com/ALChealingmeal, to volunteer. Contact Shirley Wehmeier, shwehmeier@gmail.com, with questions.

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.

Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Oct. 22	8:30am	10:45am
Acolyte		Mira Schaefer
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Al Wollschlager	Lynn Cleppe, Melody and Paul Maass
Greeters	Mike and Sherry Hoelzl	Craig and Tamie Greenwood
Media	Kurt Werner	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

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.

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

Membership: We will have a brief information session today at 9:50 a.m. about joining Ascension. Please come if you're interested in finding out more about our church! We will also have a new member breakfast between services on Sunday, Oct. 22.

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/>.

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

Sun Oct 15

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST

9:45am 3rd gr. Step. Stone WH

9:50am New Member Class HR

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

5pm Healing Hearts

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 Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

*4pm CRASH Fundraiser Noah's
Pizza*

5pm Children's Choir MR

6pm JOLT EH

Fri Oct 20

4pm Estudio del libro LM

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 en español EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Listening Session

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

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

Key

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

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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