



ASCENSION

Lutheran Church

20th Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m., Sunday, October 15, 2023

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Altar Guild: Jay and Robin Gallo

Communion: Diane and Rick Dowling, Becky Hastings

Greeters: Bob and Karen Schmiechen

Media: Joe Morgenroth

Usher: Mark Pichler

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to You
We turn to You
Hope is stirring, hearts are yearning for You
We long for you

**When we see You we find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears are washed away, washed away
Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus**

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to you
In Your kingdom broken lives are made new
You make us new (*Chorus*)

SONG

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us
Let it rise

Oh-oh-oh, let it rise

PRAYER

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.**

SONG

Your Name

As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your name

Jesus in Your name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your name (*Chorus*)

**Your name is a strong and mighty tower
Your name is a shelter like no other
Your name let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your name**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-10

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

One Thing Remains

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains (*Chorus*)

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love (*Chorus*)

PRAYERS

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

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

Thanksgiving: In celebration of Ruth Dewitz' 101st birthday

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep, we sing
Come, Lord Jesus, come (4x)

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- 2) Use the Vanco Giving app on your smartphone
- 3) Online at <https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC>
- 4) 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

O Come to the Altar

SONGS

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

**Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me**

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won (*Chorus*)

We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion
My salvation
Hallelujah (*Chorus*)

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble into darkness, I will call your name at night (*Chorus*)

COMMUNION BLESSING

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.

SONG

Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign	Build Your kingdom here
In our hearts again	Let the darkness fear
Increase in us we pray	Show Your mighty hand
Unveil why we're made	Heal our streets and land
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope	Set Your church on fire
Like wildfire in our very souls	Win this nation back
Holy Spirit come invade us now	Change the atmosphere
We are Your church	Build Your kingdom here we pray
We need Your power in us	

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.

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.

Upcoming 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 S
 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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