



Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., June 2, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Simon Williams

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Communion: Linda Elder, Paul Wehmeier

Greeters: Nancy Cahen, Donna Savin

Media: Kurt Werner

Ushers: Jim Hahn, Bill Klippel

PRELUDE **Toccata on “O Worship the King”, Michael Burkhardt**

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Chris

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.**

OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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. Mark, the 2nd chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SERVICE OF TOWELING

Congratulations to the following graduating seniors: Isabella Acompanado, Jhonson Aparicio Castillo, Madelin Aparicio Villegas, Gabriella Heinemann, Abigail Knopf, Andrew Marien, Aliyah Parent, Hailey Pfahler, Cordelia Reinfeldt, Christopher Rymer, Noah Steinke, Chloe Stryker, Kurt Werner.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also, with you.

P: Dear friend(s), as you prepare to leave our community to begin the new journey set before you, we wish to bless you as we send you on your way and remind you of the welcome that awaits you each time you return to us.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: A reading from John, Jesus said, "So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14)

P: In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. When you came to this community, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and share in God's loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at Christ's holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you. And now today this congregation prepares to send you off to live and serve God's people with the Gospel of hope and salvation wherever your journey takes you.

Toweling of student(s).

P: People of God, do you promise to continue to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers and for the time we have shared with them. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: For Sarah Pehl's friend Zach, in need of a liver transplant

For Melody Maass' mother, Janice, hospitalized with heart issues after a fall

God's Care: For Carly Goetsch, nurse intern in Papua New Guinea where they are experiencing landslides

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING **Every Time I Feel the Spirit, African American Spiritual** **Piano Solo**
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

OFFERTORY **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful** **ELW 184**

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 **Around You, O Lord Jesus** **ELW 468**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence **ELW 490**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine **ELW 398**

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 **Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (v. 1, 3, 5)** **ELW 389**

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE **Break Forth Into Joy, J. S. Bach**



ASCENSION

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!

Read All About June at Ascension: Check out the June newsletter <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/> to read articles from the pastors, find out about summer worship plans and special activities, see graduate pictures and find out how you can serve with Ascension.

Vicki Taylor Reception: Join us today at 9:30 a.m. for a special reception to celebrate Vicki Taylor's 40th anniversary with Ascension.

Summer Worship Schedule: Join us for worship this summer on Sundays at 8:30 (English) and 10 a.m. (English and Spanish). Mark your calendar to join us for worship in the Memorial Gardens on Sundays, June 23, July 28, Aug. 11 and Sept. 1.

CRASH Youth Gathering Meeting: Today after second worship, we will have a **mandatory** meeting for those who are going to the Youth Gathering with their parents. We will provide all of the information about our trip. Lunch will be provided.

Young at Heart: Young at Heart will meet the second Wednesday of June (June 12) at noon for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Please note the date change as we normally meet on the third Wednesday.

Sing for a Sunday: Singers of all ages are invited to sing in an intergenerational choir on Sunday, June 23. We will meet for one rehearsal on Thursday, June 20 from 6-6:30 p.m., followed by singing in 8:30 worship on Sunday, June 23. The song can be easily learned by listening and all are welcome! Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, and say you'll join us!

Hope Center: Visit the Hope Center's Open House on June 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. There will be a dedication at 6 p.m. of the new location, 101 W. Broadway. You will be able to see the newly-renovated space and the programs that have expanded to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people in our community.

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.

Many Ways to Give

- *QR code*
- *Vanco Giving app*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*



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

Sun Jun 2

Senior Toweling
8:30am Worship S
 9:30a Vicki Taylor Reception
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 11am CRASH Youth Gathering Mtg WH
 1pm Private event S, N
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 3

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Jun 4

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 5

11:30am Staff Meeting
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 6

10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group HR

Sun Jun 9

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 10

Adventure Camp
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Jun 11

Adventure Camp
 7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 12

Adventure Camp
 12pm Young at Heart WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 13

Adventure Camp
 10am Al Anon CR

Sat Jun 15

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

Sun Jun 16

8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 17

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm Book Study HR

Tue Jun 18

7am AMEN zoom
 House Band S EH/WH HR
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 19

House Band S EH/WH HR
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 20

House Band S EH/WH HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group CR
 6pm Sing for a Sunday Rehearsal S

Fri Jun 21

House Band S EH/WH HR

Sat Jun 22

House Band S EH/WH HR

<u>Key</u>	
CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
N	Narthex (Lobby)
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

Worship Support Schedule <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

June 9	8:30	10:45
Acolytes	Aidan Miller	Grace Paczesny
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion	Marge Schroeder, Todd Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews, Teri Quam
Greeters	James Family	Natalie Mustapich, Jackie Bosanac
Media	Adam Boales	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Cynthia and Mike Carlson

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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