



Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., June 16, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Zach Jahner

Altar Guild: Chris and Jimmy Loos

Communion: Beth and Tom Hoffmann

Greeters: Mike Dian, Cathy Dugdale

Media: Adam Boales

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Scot Werner

PRELUDE

Rondeau, Jean-Joseph Mouret

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.

OPENING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

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.

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

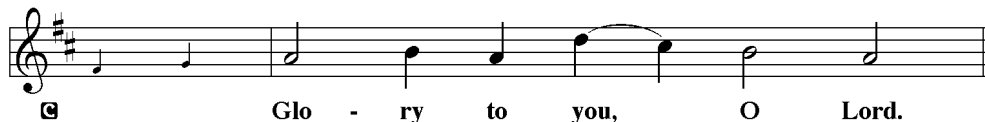
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter.

C:



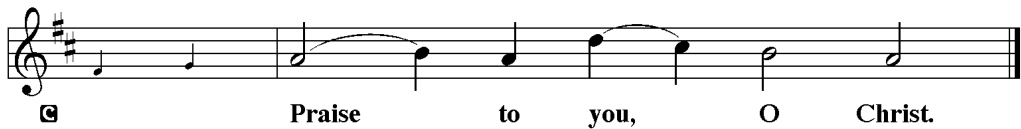
GOSPEL READING

Mark 4:26-34

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Nada Draeger and family at the death of her father, Wayne

Healing: Pat Boyer, skull fracture following a fall while on vacation
Beverly Humber, eye surgery
Don Malchow, heart surgery

Thanksgiving: Cynthia and Mike Carlson for the birth of a granddaughter, Lilliana
Jim and Linda Druml, 52nd wedding anniversary

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Like a River in My Soul, *Traditional Spiritual*
arr. Tim Osiek

Pastor Chris

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

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HYMNS

Let All Things Now Living, *arr. Sandra Eithun*

Bell Ensemble

Here Is Bread

ELW 483

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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 Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, *Dietrich Buxtehude*



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 if needed.

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.

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.

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!

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/ALCealrt> or contact the church office.

Reflections Blog: Too busy to read the entire newsletter? Browse our Reflections Blog for individual articles that might interest you! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>

Many Ways to Give

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



Dear People of Ascension,
I am overwhelmed with gratitude for your many kind and thoughtful words, lovely cards, and generous gifts on the occasion of my 40th anniversary on the church staff. I am so very grateful for the support and love I have received in the past and continue to receive on a regular basis. And I deeply appreciate your beautiful and inspirational singing in worship; I am uplifted with each and every hymn and song.
Gratefully,
Vicki Taylor

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

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

Sun Jun 23

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

Mon Jun 24

1pm Knit Wits HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jun 25

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Church council HR

Wed Jun 26

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 27

YAH Bus Trip
 10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jun 30

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

Mon Jul 1

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jul 2

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

Wed Jul 3

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 4 Independence Day

Office closed
 10am Al Anon CR

Fri Jul 5

Office closed

Sun Jul 7

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

Mon Jul 8

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

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

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

June 23	8:30a	10a outdoor
Acolytes	Linnea Kinunen	Joshua Gunderson
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Jennifer Werner	Mary Ellen Comp, Jeff Froh, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Karen Simington, Garnet Wolff	n/a
Media	Kurt Werner	<i>none needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Lauren Pichler, Mark Pichler

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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