



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., July 7, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Shelby Leatherwood

Altar Guild: Gary Bauer

Communion: Beth Hoffmann, Becky Pepper

Greeters: Niklasch Family

Media: Buck Houston

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Sofia Koenig, piano

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

To Be Your Presence

ELW 546

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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 6:1-13

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

A MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

P: All baptized Christians are called to share in Christ's ministry of love and service in the world, to the glory of God and for the sake of the human family and the whole creation. According to apostolic usage you have been entrusted with the office of word and sacrament in the one holy catholic church by the laying on of hands and by prayer.

P: A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23) Before almighty God, to whom you must give account, and in the presence of this assembly, I ask: Will you continue to tend this office, believing that the church's call is God's call to the ministry of word and sacrament?

Pastor Chris: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you continue to preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and these creeds and confessions?

Pastor Chris: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you continue to be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace? Will you pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Pastor Chris: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you continue to give faithful witness in the world through word and deed, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

Pastor Chris: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to continue in the office of pastor to the people of Ascension and to all the world.

C: Amen.

P: Pastor Chris remember your charge: care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So, discipline *yourselves* in life and teaching that you preserve the truth, giving no occasion for false security or illusory hope. Witness faithfully in word and deed to all people. Give and receive comfort as you serve within the church. And be of good courage, for God has called you, and your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Pastor Chris: Amen.

P: And you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, will you continue to support Pastor Chris in his call to ministry at Ascension, as *messenger* of Jesus Christ, sent by God to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *Pastor Chris* as a *servant* of Christ?

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

P: Will you pray for *him*, help and honor *him* for *his* work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Then let it be a moment of praise to the glory of God that, on this 24th anniversary of his ordination, Pastor Chris renews his promise to serve the people of God here at Ascension and the people of God renew their promise to honor Pastor Chris's call as we walk together to bear God's creative and redeeming love to all the world.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Melody Maass and family at the death of her mother Janice

Healing: For Nate, following a tragic diving accident


With Teri Quam for her daughter, Angie, diagnosed with breast cancer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision

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OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182

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	Come, Let Us Eat	ELW 491
	Spirit of Gentleness	ELW 396
	Jesus, Remember Me	ELW 616

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	O God beyond All Praising	ELW 880
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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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. We also have Busy Bags available in the lobby.

Pew Pads: Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend!

July Worship Schedule & More

- 10 a.m. (English) worship this weekend will be held in the Memorial Gardens, weather permitting.
- On July 14 and 21, we will have bilingual services at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- On July 28, the 10 a.m. (English) worship service will be held in the Memorial Gardens.
- 8:30 a.m. worship will be held as usual.
- You can view the Ascension worship (meetings and event) calendar online, <https://ascensionelca.org/events>.
- Are you helping in worship? Don't forget you can see the worship support schedule online, <https://tinyurl.com/worshpsupport>.

You're Invited! Lutheran Campus Ministries of Greater Milwaukee is refreshing their building at 3074 N. Maryland Ave., Milwaukee. Please consider helping on these Wednesday Workdays on July 10, 17, and 24 from 1 to 7:30 p.m. Any help for any amount of time would be appreciated! Sodas and snacks provided. Contact Nate Irvine, natejirvine@gmail.com, or Pastor Rachel Young Binter, pastorryb@gmail.com, with questions.

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.

Read All About July at Ascension: Check out the July 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.

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/>

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

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

Tue Jul 9

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jul 10

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 11

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Jul 13

MYLE (NOLA)

Sun Jul 14

MYLE (NOLA)

8:30am Worship S

10am Bilingual Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 15

CRASH-YG (NOLA)

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jul 16

CRASH-YG (NOLA)

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jul 17

CRASH-YG (NOLA)

12pm Young at Heart WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 18

CRASH-YG (NOLA)

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

Fri Jul 19

CRASH-YG (NOLA)

Sat Jul 20

CRASH-YG (NOLA)

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

Sun Jul 21

8:30am Worship S

10am Bilingual Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 22

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jul 23

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jul 24

1pm Bunco WH

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 25

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jul 28

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Worship MG

7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 29

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Jul 30

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jul 31

El Salvador trip

7pm AA WH

Key

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>

July 14	8:30a	10a
Acolytes	Ethan Sorkness	Ella Pfahler
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Jim Hahn, Marge Schroeder, Todd Schroeder	Mary Ellen Comp, Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews, Gary Wipperman
Greeters	Dick and Sharon Boward	Becky Hastings, Sandie Pfeiffer
Media	Kurt Werner	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	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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