



Lutheran Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., July 28, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

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PRELUDE

Meditation, *Jacob Arcadelt*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Holy God, you gather us together as your people.

Maggie: We are created to be brave in the face of our fears.

P: Help us. Remind us of your mercy. Hear our broken words...

Ryan: For the days we are afraid to show up

C: Forgive us.

P: For the days we are afraid to speak up.

C: Forgive us.

Kurt: For the days we are afraid to welcome someone others have ignored.

C: Forgive us.

P: For the times we are afraid to tell our own story or listen to someone else tell theirs.

C: Forgive us.

Maggie: For the times we are afraid to be honest.

C: Forgive us.

P: For the times when we are afraid to challenge what is accepted.

C: Forgive us.

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P: For the times we are afraid to follow you.

C: **Forgive us.**

P: Dear friends... God created you to be loved, to tell the truth, to be free to live the full ness of this life God offers to you. By God's grace you have been saved from every broken promise, every assumption of privilege, every ignored invitation. In the name of Jesus † your sins are forgiven.

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

OPENING HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

ELW 835

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

Cheryl: who rose from the dead

P: the love of God...

Aidan: who created us to be hope in a broken world

P: and the communion of the Holy Spirit

Joel: who inspires our hearts to life

P: be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

p. 140

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Lord God, you remind us that we are not alone in this world. You search us and know us. You invite us to remember that you see us and love us and call us by name. You are our light and salvation, why should we be afraid? You invite us to let our light shine and to use our freedom in you as an opportunity to serve others. You remind us of your example of turning over tables by getting in the way of injustice, oppression, and pain. Create us to be all that you desire for the world that we might follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

FAITH WITNESS

Jhonson Aparicio

CHILDREN'S TIME

CRASH

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.

READING

Psalm 139:1-14

Jesus O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

P: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

CRASH

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

EL SALVADOR DELEGATION COMMISSIONING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Please sing "Sanctuary" following each petition.

P: Let us pray... Created to be loved by God, transformed by the hope of the resurrection and the friendship of the Holy Spirit, let us pray... Holy God, you create us to be your people. You search us and know us and call us by name. We come, this day, with the joys and challenges that surround us in this life. We are thankful for new friendships and moments of re-connection with others, with ourselves, and with you. Thank you for creating us to be brave in the face of our fears. Hear our prayers, O God, and remind us...

C: **That we are created to be your hope in the world.**

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and
D A F#m/A Em/A D A G Em7 F#m/A A7 D

true; With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

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P: You are always ready to welcome us and expect us to come as we are now, today, in this moment. You invite us to come to you without the masks we wear for the world. You welcome us despite our mistakes, missteps, misjudgments, and misunderstandings. You encourage us to reveal our authentic selves so that we may live in the fullness of your creative glory. Help us to speak when others are silent. Help us to meet the needs others ignore. Thank you for creating us to be authentic in a world that offers mask and mirror to deceive us and each other. Hear our prayers, O God, and remind us...

C: That we are created to be your hope in the world.

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for You**

P: Gracious God, you create us to be free. By your death on the cross and your resurrection you give us freedom to not do anything we want to do, but you create us to be free to serve each other with love. Without the world's rules or obligations or expectations, we are free to live our lives for you. By your love, you free us to be everything you want us to be. Thank you for creating us to be free from all that holds us back for your promise of life. Hear our prayers, O God, and remind us...

C: That we are created to be your hope in the world.

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for You**

P: You call us to follow your example of disruption, that we might learn a new and better way to live in this world together. Out of your deep love for us, you disrupt the old systems of corruption, racism, sexism, and greed to awaken in us the recognition of the worth and dignity of each person created in your image. Thank you for creating us to be disruptive at tables where injustice and inequality are revealed. Hear our prayers, O God, and remind us...

C: That we are created to be your hope in the world.

**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
And with thanksgiving
I'll be a living sanctuary for You**

P: Thank you for the gift of this week. Thank you for new friends and experiences. We are moved by the power of your Spirit working in New Orleans and in each of us. You are a God of resurrection and new life. Help us to dream beyond this week and imagine our lives fully created in your image. Teach us to follow your example that in you we are created to be brave, living authentic lives, serving freely, following in your foot steps of disruption, sending us out to be disciples reflecting your love to all the world. In the name of Jesus we pray...

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, moving in our midst
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, working in this place
I worship You, I worship You

**You are Way Maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are
You are Way Maker, miracle worker
Promise keeper, light in the darkness
My God, that is who You are**

Way Maker

You are here, touching every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, healing every heart
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, turning lives around
I worship You, I worship You
You are here, mending every heart
I worship You, I worship You (*Chorus*)

Even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
And even when I don't see it, You're working
Even when I don't feel it, You're working
You never stop, You never stop working
You never stop, You never stop working
(Chorus twice)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world; for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells. Born of Mary,

C: Jesus creates us to be.

P: Eating with sinners,

C: Jesus creates us to be brave.

P: Guiding his children,

C: Jesus creates us to be authentic.

P: Visiting the sick,

C: Jesus creates us to be free.

P: Dying on the cross,

C: Jesus creates us to be disruptive.

P: Rising from the dead,

C: Jesus creates us to be disciples.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

HYMNS	Let Us Break Bread Together	ELW 471
	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	ELW 773
	Praise and Thanksgiving	ELW 689

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

Maggie: Let us pray... Lord God, we who do new things, sometimes feel afraid,

C: So make us brave

Andrew: We who live this life as a full gift from you, are often challenged,

C: So make us authentic.

Maggie: We who serve others, sometimes are held back,

C: So make us free.

Andrew: We who trouble the systems of this world as it is, invite anger.

C: So make us disruptive.

Maggie: Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world that we may tell the story of your love.

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

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

SENDING

Jhonson: You are created to be brave.

Bella: You are created to be authentic.

Andrew: You are created to be free.

Kurt: You are created to be disruptive.

Andrew: Now send us out created to be your disciples in the world.

Kurt: That we may tell the story of your love.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune, *John Stanley*



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. There are also Busy Bags available.

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

Prayers:

Comfort: For the family and friends of Bev Sweetland following her death last week
With Linda Druml for her friend Kathy, at the death of her mother, Betty

Healing: Joyce Dahl, hospitalized
Ted Baehmann, stroke
Lorraine Bird, Arlene Davis' sister, stroke
Linda Elder's great-nieces Payton and Belle, car accident

Thanksgiving: With the Spiekers for 42 years of marriage on July 31st

AMEN Cookout Today: Join us for a cookout after the outdoor second service today. Please bring a dish to pass. AMEN will provide the grilled meat options.

Handbell Concert: All are welcome to attend a free handbell concert on Thursday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 20275 Davidson Rd., Brookfield. The concert comes at the conclusion of a 4-day handbell workshop for area musicians, including Ascension ringers Steve and Carol Spieker.

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.

CALENDAR

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

Sun Jul 28

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Worship MG

11am Cookout 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

Thu Aug 1

El Salvador Trip

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

Fri Aug 2

El Salvador Trip

**10:30am Uglam Funer-
al S**

Sat Aug 3

El Salvador Trip

Sun Aug 4

El Salvador Trip

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

10am Worship S

7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 5

El Salvador Trip

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

Tue Aug 6

El Salvador Trip

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

Wed Aug 7

El Salvador Trip

7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 8

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Aug 11

8:30am Worship S

10am Misa EH

**10am Outdoor Worship
MG**

7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 12

6:30pm AA Sm Group

WH

Tue Aug 13

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

Wed Aug 14

7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 15

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR



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