



Lutheran Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m., August 11, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Josh Gunderson

Altar Guild: Marge Schroeder

Communion: Linda Elder, Marge Schroeder

Greeters: Payne Family, Becky Pepper

Media: Buck Houston

Pianist: Kathy Johnson

Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

Usher: Todd Schroeder

PRELUDE

This Little Light of Mine, *arr. Mark Hayes*

Piano Duet

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

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

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: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

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. John, the 6th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

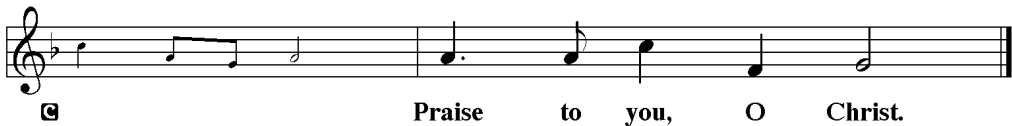
John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." Then the Jews began to complain about him

because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven

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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 Tony: 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 Tony: 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 Tony: 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 Tony: 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 Tony remember your charge: care for God's people, bear their burdens, and do not betray their confidence. So, discipline *yourself* 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 Tony: Amen.

P: And you, assembled as the people of God and speaking for the whole church, will you continue to support Pastor Tony 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 Tony* 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 4th anniversary of his ordination, Pastor Tony renews his promise to serve the people of God here at Ascension and the people of God renew their promise to honor Pastor Tony'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


Thanksgiving: With Jerry and Elaine Kilgore celebrating their 59th wedding anniversary
With Arlene and Harold Kelsey for birth of great-granddaughter, Sequoyia Joy
With Paul Eggers for Joe, successful kidney transplant

God's Care: For Sandra and Bill Klippel as Sandra enters is her last days of life

Healing: Carol Friedrichsohn, hospitalized
For Linda Elder's son-in-law Mike, hospitalized with major infection

Comfort: For Chris and Barry Holloway at the death of Barry's mother, Marilyn Tripodi

SHARING OF THE PEACE

	Many Ways to Give Electronically
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• QR code• VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone• Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC• Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

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**Come, Let Us Eat**

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*Ashokan Farewell, Jay Ungar*Dave and Jaime
Dringenburg**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

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.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, *setting by Paul Manz*



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!

Tanzania School Lunches: Our partners in Tanzania are in urgent need of money for lunches for students in the schools. We are starting this fundraiser early so we can send some money with the synod wire transfer in early September. We will continue this project until we meet the needs of all 2587 students and 29 teachers. Currently, \$4.44 will buy lunches for a full year for a student. Donations may be made online, through the offerings, or via check or credit card at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. More info: <https://ascensionelca.org/tanzania-school-lunches/>.

Lost & Found: Did you leave something behind from one of our many activities? A Tupperware or maybe a sweater? Please look on the Lost & Found table to collect your item(s).

BLAST Registration: Welcome Back! We are kicking off our BLAST ministry with a Backpack Blessing and Breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 8. Our first BLAST will be on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 9:45 a.m. Please register using the BLAST Registration Google form, <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST2024-25>, by Aug. 30 for children to receive a special gift. We are excited to see all of you! Questions? Please contact Ms. Karen, angelks1@att.net, Ms. Sheri, gregersheri@gmail.com, or Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

Young at Heart Bus Trip: Sign-up has begun for the trip to the Clauson Family Christmas Show on Nov. 7. The cost is \$90 and includes bus ride, lunch and the show. Contact Celeste Defenbaugh at 262-370-4522 or by email dcdefen@gmail.com to sign up. Or come to the next Young at Heart potluck on Aug. 21, 12 p.m. Bring a dish to pass if you are able.

Many Ways to Give

- *QR code*
- *Vanco Giving app*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*



Blessing Box: The Blessing Box is empty and there is nothing in the Donation Center bins for the Blessing Box or for the Food Pantry. Please pick up something when you are shopping this week and help us help those in need. If you are buying for the Blessing Box, please observe the weather cautions identified in the August newsletter. Donations can be put directly in the Box or in the marked blue bins in the Donation Center.

SOPHIA Multicultural Fair: SOPHIA is hosting their 3rd Annual Multicultural Fair at Frame Park on Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy this free admission event and get to know the many cultures represented in the Waukesha area. There will be international food, arts and crafts, music and dancing, resources and so much more.

Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk: It's time to prepare for the 2024 OFH Family Ride Run Walk on Saturday, Sept. 21. Join Ascension's team for a morning of road and trail bike rides, walking and running routes, followed by a picnic lunch and fellowship. Register online, <https://ofhrrw.softr.app/my-registration-info> (make sure to select Ascension Waukesha's team). Please register by Aug. 23 if you want a t-shirt with your team name on it. The Preferred Registration deadline is Sept. 11. After this date, we cannot guarantee a t-shirt or lunch. If you want to support this fundraiser but can't attend, donate to Ascension's team, <https://outreachforhope.kindful.com/?campaign=1294681>.

Read All About August at Ascension: Check out the monthly newsletter <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/> to read articles from the pastors, find out about special activities, and find out how you can serve with Ascension.

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

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
 10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Group CR

Sat Aug 17
10am Multicultural Fair
 12:30pm Knit Wits HR

Sun Aug 18
8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 19
 5:30pm ES picnic MG WH
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 20
7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Church council HR

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

Wed Aug 21
 12pm Young at Heart WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 22
 10am Al Anon CR

Sun Aug 25
8:30am Worship S
10am Misa EH
10am Worship S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 26
 1pm Knit Wits HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 27
7am AMEN zoom
 9am Carlson Mtg HR
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

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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