



*Lutheran Church*

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 a.m., September 8, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

**Acolyte:** Michael Wagner

**Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder

**Communion:** Sharon Coralline, Marge Schroeder

**Greeters:** Carol Houston, Garnet Wolff

**Media:** Buck Houston

**Pianist:** Kathy Johnson

**Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

**Usher:** Jeff Rohrer

**PRELUDE**

**Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

*settings by Pachelbel, Burkhardt*

**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

Earth and All Stars

ELW 731

### 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

This Is the Feast

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### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer 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. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

## GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



## SERMON

Pastor Tony

## HYMN

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** For Tom Hoffmann, hospitalized  
For Greg Milleville, surgery

**Thanksgiving:** For Peter Passante’s friend, Alyssa, recovering from a snake bite

**God’s Care:** For Peter Passante’s friend, Monika

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, *arr. Molly Ijames*



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- 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.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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## **PROPER PREFACE**

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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## **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**

**Now the Silence**

**ELW 460**

**Healer of Our Every Ill**

**ELW 612**

**We Come to You for Healing, Lord**

**ELW 617**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **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.**

**CLOSING HYMN****Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing****ELW 886****SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE****Rondeau, *Jean-Joseph Mouret***



**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. There are also 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!

**Worship Time Change and Schedule:** Today, the late worship services (English and Spanish) move to 10:45 a.m. On Sunday, Sept. 15, we will have one service 10 a.m. as we celebrate our 75th anniversary. We'll resume the usual September worship schedule of services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. on Sept. 22.

**Baptized:** We welcome Audrey Alaia Aparicio Quintanilla in baptism today at the Spanish service. Audrey's parents are Benedicto Aparicio and Claudia Vanessa Quintanilla. Audrey's sponsors are Arlensiu Garcia Novelli and Jose Elias Garcia Joven.

**BLAST Breakfast & Backpack Blessing:** BLAST parents, students, and anyone interested in children's faith formation are invited to join us today between services at 9:45 a.m. for breakfast and a glimpse into the new and exciting changes ahead for Ascension's Children's Ministry. Parents, please remember to register in-person or online your kids for BLAST <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST2024-25>. There is no fee to participate.

**Choirs Resumed!** Contact Director of Music Ministries Vicki Taylor, [vicki@ascensionelca.org](mailto:vicki@ascensionelca.org), for more information or to sign-up for these opportunities. The choirs meet on Wednesday nights. Handbells are at 6-7:15 p.m., followed by choir at 7:15-8:15 p.m.

**Back to School Supplies:** We are once again collecting school supplies for Hawthorne Elementary. See the bin in the Donation Center for what we're collecting.

**Adult Ed:** Join Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony as we dive back into the Chosen video series for review and discussion. We begin on Monday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Sign-up at the Welcome Center. You can easily jump between morning and evening based on your schedule.

**JOLT Kick-Off:** JOLT begins on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. with a Student/Parent Orientation Meeting. Show up at 6 p.m. and run the Registration Race! Nametags, forms, pictures, \$40 fee (by check or credit card), and of course a couple of games with prizes. We will get to know each other as well as talk through the year ahead for JOLT and what confirmation looks like at Ascension. Questions? Email Pastor Chris, [pc@ascensionelca.org](mailto:pc@ascensionelca.org).

**CRASH (Grades 9-12):** Our first meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 22, after the second service. Parents and students are invited to the meeting, enjoying a light lunch together as we share information about the program and also about our mission trip in June 2025. We'll also have registration forms available. Questions, contact Pastor Edwin [edwin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:edwin@ascensionelca.org) or 262-547-8518.



## 75th Anniversary

Please buy your tickets today for the catered anniversary brunch on Sunday, Sept. 15.

Consider digging out old photos to share for the special weekend. You can bring framed and labeled pictures to the church office starting next week. Volunteers will set-up the display.

### Anniversary Weekend Schedule

**Friday, Sept. 13:** Free concert and appetizer event, 6 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share.

**Saturday, Sept. 14:** Tanzania Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. Coffee and other breakfast treats will be provided.

**Sunday, Sept. 15:** Worship 10 a.m. followed by catered brunch. Buy your tickets today!

**New Member Conversation:** Interested in learning more about Ascension and/or joining? Meet the pastors for an informal question and answer session about all things Ascension at 9:45 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 29 or Oct. 13. RSVP to the office [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org), 262-547-8518, or fill-out the new member interest form online, <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>.

**Young at Heart (55+):** Join Young at Heart on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at noon for an entertaining accordion show by Richard Boll and a potluck. Bring a dish to pass if you're able.

**Calling All Women of Ascension!** Women of all ages are invited to join us for an outing to Grassway Organic's Pizza Farm in East Troy, Sept. 27, 5-8 p.m. We will meet at the farm for fellowship, food, and music. The cost is \$20. Sign-up is required. See the table in the lobby.

**Tanzania Prayer Breakfast:** On Saturday, Sept. 14, we will gather at 7:30 a.m. on a Zoom call with our friends in Tanzania and others in the Diocese of Meru in Tanzania and the Greater Milwaukee Synod for a time of shared prayers. We will have coffee and other breakfast treats available. Let Sarah Aparicio know if you have any questions.

**Double Match Day for the Food Pantry:** Shop at Meijer on Saturday, Sept. 14, and purchase a \$10 Simply Give gift card and Meijer will double match your donation.

**Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk:** Join Ascension's team on Saturday, Sept. 21, for this fun family fundraising event. Register online <https://ofhrrw.softr.app/my-registration-info> (make sure to select Ascension Waukesha's team). Registration deadline is Sept. 11. We still need volunteers to help us with set-up, check-in, t-shirt distribution, rest stops, lunch distribution, clean-up, and more at all four event sites. If you want to support this fundraiser but can't attend, donate to Ascension's team (<https://outreachforhope.kindful.com/?campaign=1294681>).

**El Salvador Sharing Session:** Join the delegates from our recent trip to our sister parishes in El Salvador for a sharing session between services on Sunday, Sept. 22, in East Hall. Hear the stories of hope as the country rebuilds. Learn about the next steps in our partnership.

## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***How did God invite you here?***

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### ***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 Sep 8**

#### **8:30am Worship S**

9:45am BLAST Break-fast WH

#### **10:45am Misa EH**

#### **10:45am Worship S**

7pm AA WH

### **Mon Sep 9**

6pm AMEN CR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

### **Tue Sep 10**

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

### **Wed Sep 11**

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### **Thu Sep 12**

10am Al Anon CR

### **Fri Sep 13**

6pm Anniversary Event WH MG

### **Sat Sep 14**

7:15am Tanzania Prayer Breakfast HR WH

### **Sun Sep 15**

#### **10am Celebration**

#### **Worship (bilingual) S**

11:30am Brunch

7pm AA WH

### **Mon Sep 16**

10am Chosen HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

### **Tue Sep 17**

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

7pm Church council HR

### **Wed Sep 18**

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

### **Thu Sep 19**

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

6pm JOLT Kick-off

### **Sat Sep 21**

*OFH Ride Run Walk*

9am Jubilate rehearsal S

12:30pm Knit Wits HR

### **Sun Sep 22**

#### **8:30am Worship S**

9:45am Blast

#### **10:45am Misa EH**

10:45am Worship S

12pm CRASH

7pm AA WH



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