



19th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., September 29, 2024

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Simon Williams
Altar Guild: Gary Bauer
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson
Communion: Carol and Steve Spieker
Communion: Sharon Coralline, Bonnie Thiesenhusen
Greeters: Sarah Boales, Jonathan, Emily
Media: Adam Boales
Ushers: Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

All Glory Be to God on High
settings by J. G. Walther, J. S. Bach

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

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: Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: **Amen.**

ANTHEM

Amazing Grace
arr. Lloyd Larson

Ascension Ringers

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 9th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. “For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.


PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Lisa Olson, knee surgery
Linda Elder for James, heart transplant
Craig Greenwood for his mom, Joy, surgery

SHARING OF THE PEACE**OFFERING**

Come Down, O Love Divine
Vaughan Williams, arr. Raney

Ascension Choir

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

PRAYER STATION

If you desire private prayers of healing for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the prayer space where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

LAMB OF GOD

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HYMNS

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

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.**

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

Toccata in e minor, Johann Pachelbel

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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. 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!

The Gift of Prayer: You may notice a new addition to our sanctuary space. To the right of the altar, we have created a prayer space. This week, we'll be offering private prayers in this space during communion.

Third Grade Stepping Stone: Third grade students and parents are invited to join Pastor Tony today between services in West Hall for our 3rd Grade Stepping Stone program where we will explore God's love in bible stories and activities.

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 today at 9:45 a.m. If you can't make today's meeting, please fill-out the new member interest form online, <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>.

Confirmation Meeting: 9th grade students and parents will meet with Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony today at noon to share lunch and learn about the confirmation program here at Ascension. If you're planning for your son or daughter to be confirmed this year, please attend the meeting along with your student. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

Green Meadows Farm Oct. 6: Everyone is invited to Green Meadows Farm to celebrate worship with our BLAST families and Latino community on Sunday, Oct. 6. Registration is required. Register online, <https://tinyurl.com/RSVPgreen>. The cost is \$15 per person (under 2 free) and includes sandwich, drinks and petting farm. Please also sign-up for a dish to pass, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCGreen24>. Please register and pay today at the Welcome Center.

Oct. 6 Notice: There will be no second service at Ascension on Oct. 6. The 8:30 service will be held as usual.

Anniversary Display: Please take your photos home today from the anniversary display.

JOLT & CRASH: JOLT meets next at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 3. CRASH will next meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6.

AMEN Book Study: All men of Ascension are invited to AMEN's book study of Max Lucado's *What Happens Next* Mondays at 6 p.m. Contact Al Maechtle, amaechtle@gmail.com, to join in.

Many Ways to Give



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

Adult Ed - The Chosen: Join Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony as we dive back into this popular video series for review and discussion on Mondays, 10 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Partnership Meeting: Whether your interest is armchair travel or you are planning to travel with us in the summer of 2025 or 2026, please join us for our next El Salvador / Tanzania committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Sarah Wehmeier Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org.

Who Is My Neighbor? Our SOPHIA Team will lead Ascension members on the next step of the synod discussion on this important topic at a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hearth Room. If you have questions about understanding immigration and refugee resettlement and how to live out your faith in response, you are invited to attend whether you were at the synod event or not. We will learn together and prayerfully discuss our next steps. Contact Joan Mikecz, joanmikecz@sbcglobal.net, with questions.

HELP -- Donations Needed! Donations are needed for the Food Pantry and the Blessing Box. There is an increase in need for donation of food, household, personal care and after-school snacks. Please place donations in the marked bins in the Donation Center or directly in the Blessing Box.

Hope Center Matching Gift Challenge: A generous donor has issued a mid-year \$100,000 matching gift challenge. Make a donation now until the end of September and your donation will be matched. If you pay via check, be sure to put match in the memo line. Send to Hope Center, 101 W Broadway, Waukesha, WI 53186, or give online <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/hope-center-inc-waukesha-wi>. All proceeds will go to new building expenses.

NAMI Walks: Join the Ascension Team on Saturday, Oct. 5, to walk for NAMI at the Milwaukee County Zoo beginning at 9:30. Sign-up or donate online <https://www.namiwalks.org/participant/teamascensionchurch>.

Missing Out on News from Church? Some email providers (Yahoo, AOL, Hotmail) routinely block emails from Ascension. If you use one of these providers, please add our email domain ascensionelca.org as a safe sender in your program.

Read all about October at Ascension! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

Worship Support Schedule https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
Oct. 6	8:30a	10:45a Offsite
Acolytes		<i>None needed</i>
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	<i>None needed</i>
Communion	Jennifer and Scot Werner	<i>None needed</i>
Greeters	Steve and Carol Spieker	<i>None needed</i>
Media	Buck Houston	<i>None needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	<i>None needed</i>

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

Sun Sep 29

8:30am Worship S

9:45am 3rd Grade Bible
WH

9:45am BLAST S

9:45am New Member
Conversation HR

10:45am Misa EH

10:45am Worship S

12pm Confirmation Mtg
WH

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 30

10am Chosen Study HR
6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen Study HR
6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

Tue Oct 1

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

6:30pm Partnership Mtg
CR

Wed Oct 2

11:30am Staff Meeting

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 3

9:30am TGIT HR

10am AI Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group HR

6pm JOLT EH

6:30pm SOPHIA Immi-
gration Meeting HR

Sat Oct 5

9:30am NAMI Walks

Sun Oct 6

8:30am Worship S

**10:30am Worship at
Farm (bilingual)**

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 7

10am Chosen Study HR

6pm AMEN CR

6pm Chosen Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group
WH

Tue Oct 8

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible
CR

Wed Oct 9

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Key

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



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