



**19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:45 a.m., September 29, 2024

**Worship Leadership**

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*  
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*  
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

<b>Acolyte:</b> Marti Mustapich	<b>Communion:</b> Sue Mathews,
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews	Gary Wipperman
<b>Communion:</b> Diane and Rick Dowling, Mary Kolberg	<b>Media:</b> Cheryl Anspach
	<b>Ushers:</b> Dennis Leatherwood, DJ Leatherwood

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SONG**

**His Love Endures Forever**

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King	Forever God is faithful
His love endures forever	Forever God is strong
For He is good, He is above all things	Forever God is with us
His love endures forever	Forever, forever
Sing praise, sing praise	
From the rising to the setting sun	
His love endures forever	
By the grace of God, we will carry on	
His love endures forever	
Sing praise, sing praise	

**SONG**

**Today Is the Day**

I'm casting my cares aside	I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my past behind	I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus	I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours	I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more	Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have	Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good	In store for me is good, is good <b>(Chorus)</b>
<b>Today is the day you have made</b>	I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
<b>I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)</b>	And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
<b>And I won't worry about tomorrow</b>	I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
<b>I'm trusting in what You say</b>	And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
<b>Today is the day</b>	<b>(Chorus)</b>

## PRAYER

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

## SONG

### All Who Are Thirsty

All who are thirsty, all who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep, we sing

**Come, Lord Jesus, come (4x)**

## 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

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## SONG

### Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in, oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

**Who the Son sets free oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God, yes I am  
In my Father's house there's a place for me  
I'm a child of God, yes I am**

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am  
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am  
You are for me, not against me  
I am who You say I am, I am who You say I am (*Chorus*)

## PRAYERS

*Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the above refrain after each petition.*

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

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

## OFFERING

### Give Us Clean Hands

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols

**So give us clean hands  
Give us pure hearts  
Let us not lift our souls to another (2x)**

**And God let us be  
A generation that seeks  
That seeks Your face  
Oh God of Jacob (2x)**

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees  
Oh Spirit come make us humble  
We turn our eyes from evil things  
Oh Lord we cast down our idols (*Chorus*)

### Ways to Give



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- *Online at [ti-nyurl.com/SupportALC](https://ti.nyurl.com/SupportALC)*
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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 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.

### SOLO

### Goodness of God

### SONGS

### Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way  
At the sound of Your great name  
All condemned, feel no shame  
At the sound of Your great name  
Every fear, has no place  
At the sound of Your great name  
The enemy, he has to leave  
At the sound of Your great name

All the weak, find their strength  
At the sound of Your great name  
Hungry souls, receive grace  
At the sound of Your great name  
The fatherless, they find their rest  
At the sound of Your great name  
Sick are healed, dead are raised  
At the sound of Your great name  
*(Chorus)*

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb  
That was slain for us  
Son of God and man  
You are high and lifted up  
That all the world will praise  
Your great name**

### Sanctuary

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

## 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 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 V and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### SONG

#### God Is on the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light  
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight  
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served  
I know, I know, I know, I know

**God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah**  
**God is on the move in many mighty ways**  
**God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah**  
**God is on the move on the move today**

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees  
Or dares to speak the truth that sets us free  
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word  
I know, I know, I know, I know (*Chorus*)

I see a generation standing on the Truth  
In each and every nation God is on the move (*Chorus*)

### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:amaechtle@gmail.com), to join in.

## Many Ways to Give



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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:ascensionelca.org) as a safe sender in your program.

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

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

## 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 (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

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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 Al 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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