



Second Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., June 22, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Grant Probst **Altar Guild:** Julie Kinunen
Communion: Linda Elder, Julie Kinunen
Greeters: Darlene DiBrito, Nada Draeger
Media: Buck Houston **Reader:** Jennifer Werner
Ushers: Jim Hahn, Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr

PRELUDE

Rondeau, *Jean-Joseph Mouret*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

ELW 876

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: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Psalms 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house

of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

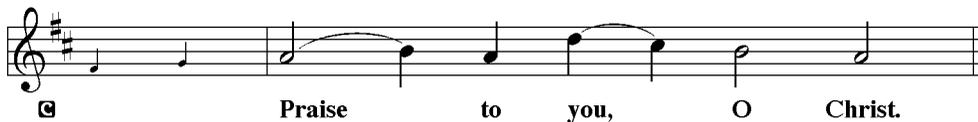
GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:26-39

Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

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: Wayne Owens, hospitalized
Karen Shulfer, congestive heart failure
Drene Briski, broken facial bone following a fall
Linda Elder, aortic aneurysm stent procedure on Tuesday, June 24

Thanksgiving: For the birth of a great-granddaughter to Janet and Gene Niebrugge

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

As the Deer, Martin Nystrom

Jeff Britton

	<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.**

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*Jesus the Lamb, Jeff Britton*

Je-sus the Lamb Je-sus Lamb of God you take all a -
 10 way all a - way the sins of all peo-ple Je-sus the Lamb Je-sus Lamb of
 18 God you take all a - way all a - way the sins of all peo-ple Je-sus the Lamb
 27 Je-sus Lamb of God Pour your sweet mer-cy on us Je-sus the Lamb
 35 Je-sus Lamb of God you take all a - way the sins of the world have mer - cy on us
 43 all Grant us all your peace

HYMNS**Around You, O Lord Jesus****ELW 468****Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters****ELW 445****We Come to You for Healing, Lord****ELW 617****COMMUNION BLESSING****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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, *Paul Manz*



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!

Sing for a Sunday: Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join us for an Intergenerational Choir to sing on Sunday, June 29. We will meet for one rehearsal on Wednesday, June 25, from 6 to 6:30 pm and sing for 8:30 worship on Sunday, June 29. The song can be easily learned by listening and all are welcome! Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org and say you'll join us!

Music Boot Camp June 25: Have you ever wanted to learn how to read music? What do all those signs and squiggly lines mean? If these or other questions about music have ever crossed your mind, this session on Wednesday, June 25, at 6:30 p.m. is for you! Ascension member and school music teacher Scott Greger will have you reading rhythmic notation in one short session, and will answer any questions you may have. Additional sessions will be offered if there is interest. Email Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org, to sign up.

Wild at Heart: This group will meet on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss chapters 7 and 8.

Bunco: Everyone is invited to join us for fun and fellowship with bunco on Wednesday, June 25, from 1-3 p.m.

Kitchen Care: If you've volunteered to help, mark your calendar for a planning meeting on Thursday, June 26, at 1 p.m. in the kitchen. Questions? Contact Arlene Davis, 262-542-9119.

Men's Bible Study: You're invited to a Tuesday morning Men's Bible study. On Tuesday, July 1, at 10:30 a.m., the group will discuss 1 Peter 2:13-25, "in his steps." Please contact Steve Boyer with questions, text to 262-366-4078 or email, sboyer@healthmarkets.com.

E-Giving



- Tinyurl.com/SupportALC
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

New Book Study, *Cherished Belonging*: Join us for a new book study in July, *Cherished Belonging* by author Gregory Boyle. The book explores two key principles: We are all inherently good; and we belong to each other. What if we created a community where ALL are cherished and find belonging? What if we found “wholeness” together (with each other and God). The group will meet at Ascension Wednesdays, July 9-August 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sign-up online, tinyurl.com/CherishedBook, or contact Teri Quam, tquam61@gmail.com, with questions.

Blessing Box: Hunger does not take a break in summer. In fact, children who get meals at school often are in a greater need during the summer. Please pick up some extra food items when you are shopping and put them in the bins marked for the Food Pantry or the Blessing Box. You may also put things directly in the Blessing Box. If you have fresh produce, please contact the Food Pantry directly. We cannot accept them in our Donation Center.

Lutherdale Children’s Day Camp: Galilee Lutheran Church, Pewaukee, is hosting a day camp for children who have completed kindergarten through 6th grade on Monday, July 7, through Thursday, July 10, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.. Lutherdale camp counselors will lead the "God's Word, Our Guide" Day Camp. Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor and congregational ministry with crafts, music, worship, games, Bible study, fellowship and recreation. There is no fee to register or participate. More information and registration online at galileelc.org.

17th Annual Tee-Up for Hope July 14: This event will be at Broadlands Golf Club to raise funds that will allow Hope Center to continue to help people of Waukesha County meet their basic needs. Get a group of golfing friends together or participate on your own for this special event. Visit the Hope Center website hopecenterwi.org to register or for more information. You can look forward to the usual on-course fun events including prizes, putting contest and raffles, along with a post-golf program with appetizers!

Calendar on next page.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
June 29	8:30a	10a Outdoor
Acolytes	Marti Mustapich	Simon Williams
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion	Jennifer and Scot Werner	Mary Ellen Comp, Cathy Rapp, Gary Wipperman
Greeters	Tom and Beth Hoffmann	
Media	Cheryl Werner	<i>None needed</i>
Readers	Darlene DiBrito	Jeff Froh
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

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?**

- E-Alert
- 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)

CALENDAR

Sun Jun 22
8:30am Worship S
10am Worship EH S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 23
 12pm Klug visitation
2pm Klug service
 3 pm Klug reception WH
 6:30pm AA Sm Group
 WH or CR
 6:30pm Wild at Heart

Tue Jun 24
 7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible
 CR

Wed Jun 25
 1pm Bunco WH
 6pm Sing for a Sunday
 rehearsal S
 6:30pm Music Boot
 Camp S
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 26
 10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jun 29
8:30am Worship S
10am Outdoor Wor-
ship MG
10am Worship EH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 30
 6:30pm AA Sm Group
 WH
 6:30pm Wild at Heart
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Tue Jul 1
 7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible
 CR

Wed Jul 2
 10am Petarius visitation
11am Petarius service
 12pm Petarius reception
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 3
 10am Al Anon CR

Fri Jul 4
Independence Day
 Office Closed

Sun Jul 6
8:30am Worship S
10am Outdoor Wor-
ship MG
10am Worship EH
 7pm AA WH

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



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