



**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
8:30 a.m., June 29, 2025

**Worship Leadership**

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

**Acolyte:** Marti Mustapich **Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer  
**Communion:** Jennifer and Scot Werner **Greeters:** Beth and Tom Hoffmann  
**Media:** Cheryl Werner **Pianist:** Kathy Johnson  
**Reader:** Darlene DiBrito **Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier

**PRELUDE** **Two Hymns of Praise, settings by Michael Burkhardt**

**WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN** **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** **ELW 834**

**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** **p. 149**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Holy God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**ANTHEM** **Freedom Is Coming** **Intergenerational**  
*South African Freedom Song* **Choir**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** **Pastor Chris**

**FIRST READING** **Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

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Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 9th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### GOSPEL READING

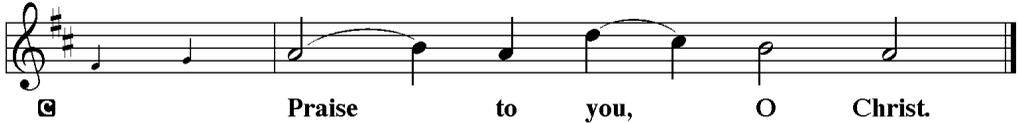
**Luke 9:51-62**

When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say

farewell to those at my home.” Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

### SERVICE OF TOWELING

Congratulations to the following graduating senior: Ryan Birner.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also, with you.**

P: Dear friend, as you prepare to leave our community to begin the new journey set before you, we wish to bless you as we send you on your way and remind you of the welcome that awaits you each time you return to us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: A reading from John, Jesus said, “So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)

P: In Holy Baptism, our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you a member of his Church. When you came to this community, we rejoiced to welcome you into the mission we share as the people of God. In this community you have come to know and share in God’s loving purpose for you and for all creation. You have been nourished at Christ’s holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel. God has blessed you in this community, and God has blessed us through you. And now today this congregation prepares to send you off to live and serve God’s people with the Gospel of hope and salvation wherever your journey takes you.

*Towelings of student.*

P: People of God, do you promise to continue to support this brother and pray for him in his life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank you for this brother and for the time we have shared with him. As he has been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Healing:** For Scott Greger's mom, Joanne, knee surgery  
For Sheri Greger's brother, Travis, knee surgery  
For the Greger's friend, CJ, lung cancer, starting chemo  
For Ileen Marien's dad, Don Kvale

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### OFFERING

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

**Piano Duet**

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

### LAMB OF GOD

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### HYMNS

**Taste and See**  
*(Soloist sings verses; all sing refrain)*

ELW 493

Scott Greger, soloist

**Be Thou My Vision**

ELW 793

**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

ELW 810

## 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

**Lift High the Cross**

**ELW 660**

### SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

**Allegro Maestoso, G. F. Handel**

<b>Worship Support</b> <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a>		
<b>July 6</b>	<b>8:30a</b>	<b>10a</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Eli Escobedo	Lexi Lytle
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Birner	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
<b>Communion</b>	Darlene DiBrito, Becky Pepper	Pat Boyer, Melody and Paul Maass
<b>Greeters</b>	Deb Izu	
<b>Media</b>	Adam Boales	<i>None needed</i>
<b>Reader</b>	Maggie Mulroy	Gary Wipperman
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	Dennis Leatherwood, DJ



# 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!

**Outdoor Worship:** The 10 a.m. service will be in the Memorial Gardens today, weather permitting. Bring a chair! We are grateful for the hard work of our volunteers in making the Memorial Gardens a beautiful place to worship amid God's glorious creation.

**Wild at Heart:** This group will meet on Monday, June 30, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss chapters 9 and 10.

**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](mailto:sboyer@healthmarkets.com).

**New Book Study - *Cherished Belonging*:** Join us for a new book study in July, *Cherished Belonging*, by author Gregory Boyle. 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, <https://tinyurl.com/CherishedBook>, or contact Teri Quam, [tquam61@gmail.com](mailto: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 [galileecl.org](http://galileecl.org).

**17th Annual Tee-Up for Hope July 14:** This event will be at Broadlands Golf Club to raise funds so that Hope Center can help people of Waukesha County meet their basic needs. Get a group of golfing friends together or register on your own for this special event. Register or find out more online, <https://hopecenterwi.org/event>.

## E-Giving



• [Tinyurl.com/SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)

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

**Sun Jun 29**

**8:30am Worship S**  
**10am Outdoor Worship MG**  
**10am Worship EH**  
 11am Latino Ministries K/WH  
 7pm AA WH

**Mon Jun 30**

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH  
 6:30pm Wild at Heart HR

**Tue Jul 1**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 10:30am Boyer Group HR

**Wed Jul 2**

10am Petarius visitation  
**11am Petarius Celebration of Life S**  
 12pm Petarius luncheon WH  
 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 Worship MG**  
**10am Worship EH**  
 7pm AA WH

<b><u>Key</u></b>	
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</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>

**Mon Jul 7**

6:30pm AA Sm Group HR  
 6:30pm Wild at Heart WH

**Tue Jul 8**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration Task Force Mtg WH

**Wed Jul 9**

6:30pm Cherished Study HR  
 7pm AA WH

**Thu Jul 10**

9:30am TGIT HR  
 10am Al Anon CR  
*10am CRASH Hope Center*

**Sat Jul 12**

9am Meru Mtg HR

**Sun Jul 13**

**8:30am Worship S**  
**10am Worship EH**  
**10am Worship S**  
 11am El Salvador Trip Meeting  
 7pm AA WH

**Mon Jul 14**

*9am Tee Up for Hope*  
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

**Tue Jul 15**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR  
 6pm Church council WH

**Wed Jul 16**

12pm Young at Heart WH EH  
 6:30pm Cherished Study HR  
 7pm AA WH

**Thu Jul 17**

10am Al Anon CR

**Sat Jul 19**

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

**Sun Jul 20**

**8:30am Worship S**  
**10am Worship EH**  
**10am Worship S**  
 7pm AA WH

**Mon Jul 21**

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

**Tue Jul 22**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

**Wed Jul 23**

1pm Bunco WH  
 6:30pm Cherished Study HR  
 7pm AA WH

**Thu Jul 24**

10am Al Anon CR

**Sat Jul 26**

11am Private event WH

**Sun Jul 27**

**8:30am Worship S**  
**10am Outdoor Worship MG**  
**10am Worship EH**  
 7pm AA WH

**Mon Jul 28**

*El Salvador trip begins*  
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

**Tue Jul 29**

*7am AMEN zoom*  
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

**Wed Jul 30**

6:30pm Cherished Study HR  
 7pm AA WH

**Thu Jul 31**

10am Al Anon CR

## 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?***

- 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)



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