



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., August 17, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Grant Probst **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos

Communion: Linda Elder, Jim Hahn, Jennifer Werner

Greeters: Sharon Coralline, Linda Elder **Media:** Adam Boales

Reader: Jennifer Werner **Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner

PRELUDE

Let the Whole Creation Cry, *Michael Burkhardt*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITANY FOR CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

P: Loving God, we gather today as sister parishes, united in your Spirit.

C: Inspire us to walk alongside one another.

P: For the call to encounter, to open our hearts and see Christ in every face,

C: May we accompany with open minds and generous spirits.

P: For the wisdom to listen deeply, to hear the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears of our sisters and brothers,

C: May we accompany with attentive ears and compassionate understanding.

P: For the courage to cross boundaries, both visible and invisible, that separate us,

C: May we accompany with humility and a desire for true communion.

P: For the grace to share our gifts and resources, acknowledging both abundance and need within our communities,

C: May we accompany with justice and a commitment to shared prosperity.

P: For the strength to bear one another's burdens, to offer comfort in times of grief and support in moments of struggle,

C: May we accompany with unwavering presence and steadfast love.

P: For the joy of celebrating together, in worship, in service, and in the simple moments of shared life,

C: May we accompany with gratitude and overflowing hearts.

P: For the patience to grow together, understanding that accompaniment is a journey, not a destination,

C: May we accompany with perseverance and abiding hope.

P: For the prophetic vision to challenge injustice and work for a world where all are valued and have a place at the table,

C: May we accompany with courage and a passion for your kingdom.

P: For the Holy Spirit to guide our steps, to unite our hearts, and to deepen our bond as sister parishes,

C: May we accompany each other, now and always, for the glory of your name.

P: Loving God, bless these sister parishes. Strengthen our ties, deepen our commitment, and make us instruments of your love in the world.

C: Amen.

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

p. 149

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Come, Holy Ghost
arr. Lauran Delaney

Amy James, Susan Otto
Handbells



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

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 184

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

**Come, Let Us Eat
Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

ELW 491

ELW 733

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, Johann Pachelbel

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Aug. 24	8:30a	10a
Acolytes	Mikael Wagner	Cam Johnson
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Lauren Birner, Marge Schroeder	Pat Boyer, Teri Quam, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Linda Foss, Garnet Wolff	<i>Always Appreciated</i>
Media	Buck Houston	Cheryl Anspach
Readers	Beth Hoffmann	Diane Dowling
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager	Mark Pichler



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 and Ring with Ascension: Ascension Choir and Ascension Ringers resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3, and there is room for YOU at the handbell tables and in the choir loft! Please email vicki@ascensionelca.org with questions or to join. Youth and Children's Choirs coming Thursday, Oct 30.

BLAST Off & JUMP In! Calling all kids and families! It's time to get ready for another amazing year of BLAST (Kindergarten-3rd grade) and our new ministry for 4th and 5th grade, JUMP (Jesus Understands Me Perfectly)! From music to games, and growing in faith, we've got an exciting journey ahead! Register online today <https://tinyurl.com/BLASTJUMP> and let the adventure begin! Our first day will be Sunday, Sept. 7, between services. Whether you're brand new or returning, we can't wait to welcome your children into a fun, faith-filled environment where they'll learn about God's love and grow in their spiritual journey.

Young at Heart: Join us for a potluck lunch and fellowship on Wednesday, Aug. 20, at noon. You will be able to sign up for the next Young at Heart trip to the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet, Illinois to see Ocean's Rat Pack, a tribute to the Rat Pack, plus a tour and lunch. You can also sign up for the trip at Bunco on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m.

El Salvador Sharing and Dinner: Please join the Salvadoran delegation for a night of sharing about their recent mission trip on Sunday, August 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Ascension Build Day for Habitat for Humanity is September 9: Volunteers assist the staff and experienced volunteers at active job sites with various construction projects. Prior knowledge and skills are helpful but are not necessary as staff will help provide instructions. Please contact Nick Wagner by September 2nd if you are able to help nwagner703@yahoo.com

Food Drive: The Tuesday Women's Bible Class is hosting a food drive for the Food Pantry. There is a great need for basic food that provide simple meals. Examples: peanut butter and jelly, tuna, chicken, canned pasta meals, cereal, shelf-stable milk, etc. Families in need are struggling during the summer months without the breakfasts and lunches many students get at school. Stop by the table in the narthex to see the "Great 8 To Donate" and to drop off a donation for the Food Pantry. The class will be delivering the items on August 19th followed by a tour.

Support Hawthorne Elementary School: Please see the Amazon Wishlist (<https://tinyurl.com/HES2025-26>) to help teachers at Hawthorne get the items they need for a successful school year. If you don't like to order on Amazon, you can make a cash donation so we can do the purchase for you. You can have the items shipped directly to Hawthorne School or if you have them shipped to you (bring the unopened package to the bin at church).

Read all about this month at Ascension: [https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/!](https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/)

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

Sun Aug 17

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

Mon Aug 18

12pm Staff Mtg HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 19

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 7pm Church Council HR

Wed Aug 20

12pm Young at Heart WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 21

10am AI Anon CR

Sun Aug 24

8:30am Worship S
10am Worship EH S
 5:30pm El Salvador Sharing
 7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 25

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 26

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

Wed Aug 27

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 28

10am AI Anon CR

Sun Aug 31

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

Mon Sept 1

Church Office Closed
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Sept 2

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

Wed Sept 3

6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sept 4

10am AI Anon CR

Sun Sept 7

Backpack Blessing
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST/JUMP
 Kick-off
10:45am Worship EH S
 11:45am CRASH Kick-off
2pm Wild Church MG, WH
 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</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</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?

- 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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