



11th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., August 24, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Mikael Wagner **Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder

Communion: Lauren Birner, Marge Schroeder

Greeters: Linda Foss, Garnet Wolff **Media:** Buck Houston

Reader: Beth Hoffmann **Ushers:** Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Two Hymns of Praise, Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW 864

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 God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered

garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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 13th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

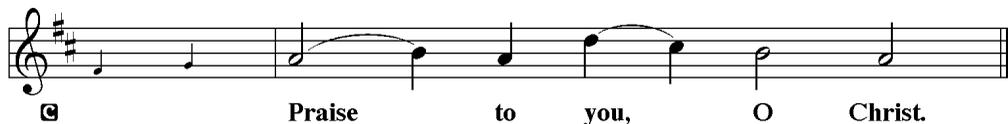
Luke 13:10-17

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sab-

bath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

How Great Thou Art

ELW 856

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Healing: Bev Humber, broken toe after a fall

Comfort: The Rees family at the death of Nikki's mother, Joanne

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Still My Soul

Sandra Eithun

Handbell

Ensemble



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

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

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HYMNS

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW 610

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*

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
Aug. 31	8:30a	10a Outdoor
Acolytes	Shelby Leatherwood	Josh Gunderson
Altar Guild	Joan Birner	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Jim Hahn, Becky Pepper	Diane and Rick Dowling, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Bob and Jan Zastrow	Christine Parent, Jessica Parent
Media	Cheryl Werner	None Needed
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Kathy and Mike Tomchek



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: Next Sunday, Aug. 31, join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and 10 a.m. in the Memorial Gardens, weather permitting. Bring a chair!

Register today for JAM (Jesus and Me, birth-4k), BLAST (k-3rd) and JUMP (Jesus Understands Me Perfectly, 4-5th graders). From music to games, and growing in faith, we've got an exciting journey ahead — and we want you to be part of it! The first day is Sunday, Sept. 7, between services. BLAST & JUMP registration <https://tinyurl.com/BLASTJUMP> and JAM registration <https://tinyurl.com/JAM25-26>. 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. Questions? Contact Sheri Greger, gregerSheri@gmail.com, or Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

El Salvador Sharing and Potluck: The Salvadoran delegation invites everyone to attend a night of sharing about their recent mission trip tonight from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Come and learn about our partnership churches, monkeys, volcanoes, chocolate and so much more! No RSVP necessary. Bring a dish to share.

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

Ascension Build Day: Ascension Build Day for Habitat for Humanity is Tuesday, Sept. 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, nwagner703@yahoo.com, by Tuesday, Sept. 2, if you are able to help.

Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk: If you haven't signed up yet, now's the perfect time! We'd love for you to be part of the 2025 Family Ride Run Walk on Saturday, Sept. 27—a morning of fun, fitness, and community spirit, all for a great cause. Register, volunteer or donate today! <https://www.ofhrrw.org/> There are some Ride Run Walk deadlines coming up. Today, Aug. 24, the apparel store closes. If you've had your eye on custom apparel, this is your last chance to order! Visit the store here (<https://www.ofhrrw.org/apparel-store>). Friday, Aug. 29 is the team t-shirt deadline. Got a team of five or more? Make sure you're all registered by this date (8/29), and they will print your team's name on the back of your shirts.

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Young at Heart: Young at Heart's next trip is Thursday, Nov. 20, 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. Sign-up at bunco on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 1 p.m.

SOPHIA Immigration Task Force: The Immigration Task Force of SOPHIA will be meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Ascension. Anyone interested in learning more is invited.

Food Pantry Drive: Thank you for all the donations for the Food Pantry. Please know that our support of the pantry is ongoing. Please place your donations in the marked bin in the Donation Center.

Get Connected: Do you get Ascension's e-alerts? If not, sign-up and never miss another event or announcement. We send out e-alerts weekly on Wednesday and occasionally for special notices. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCealert> or contact the church office.

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

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

Sun Aug 24

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

Mon Aug 25

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Aug 26

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

Wed Aug 27

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Aug 28

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Aug 31

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

Mon Sep 1

Church office closed
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Tue Sep 2

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

Wed Sep 3

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

Thu Sep 4

9:30a TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR

Sun Sep 7

Backpack Blessing
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am JAM / BLAST / JUMP
10:45am Worship EH S

Sun Sep 7 cont.

11:45am CRASH Kick-off WH
 2pm Wild Church MG WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 8

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

Tue Sep 9

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

Wed Sep 10

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

Thu Sep 11

10am Al Anon CR
 6pm JOLT Kick-off Mtg

Sat Sep 13

7:30am Meru Day of Prayer -
 K/HR
 5pm Welcome Home Event
 MG

Sun Sep 14

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST S
 9:45am JUMP CR
 9:45am Kindergarten Stepping
 Stone WH

10:45am Worship EH S

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 15

10am Chosen Study HR
 6pm Chosen Study HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Sep 16

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 10:30am Boyer group HR
 7pm Church council HR

Wed Sep 17

12pm Young at Heart WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 18

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Sep 20

12:30pm Knit Fest HR
 3:30pm Goetter reservation
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Sun Sep 21

Kindergarten Bibles
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am Green Meadows Sign-
 up N
 9:45am Tanzania Info Mtg HR
10:45am Worship EH S
 6pm CRASH CR
 7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 22

10am Chosen Study HR
 6pm Chosen Study HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group 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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