



ASCENSION
Lutheran Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., August 31, 2025

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Altar Guild: Joan Birner **Communion:** Jim Hahn, Becky Pepper

Greeters: Bob and Jan Zastrow **Media:** Cheryl Werner

Ushers: Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer

PRELUDE

Triptych for Organ, *Piet Post*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW 526

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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

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 14th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Blest Are They

ELW 728

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: Dorothy Huebner, following a fall
Danielle Jauregui's stepdad, Lewis Joyner, hand surgery
With Peter Passante for Adam, critical condition following a motorcycle accident
For Linda Druml's sister, Judy, colon cancer

God's Care: Gene Blodgett, hospice
For Kathy and Dave Bazinski as Dave enters memory care

Comfort: For Linda Druml at the death of her cousin, Phillip, from pancreatic cancer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

I'll Be On My Way
Shawn Kirchner

**Scott Greger,
Casey Unger**



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- *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

Now We Join in Celebration

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What Feast of Love

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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

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm XVIII (The Heavens Declare the Glory of God)

Benedetto Marcello



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!

Backpack Blessing! Join us on Sunday, Sept. 7, for a back-to-school backpack blessing at all services. Bring your backpack, diaper bag, or whatever you use. Between services, we'll have the kick-off for JAM, BLAST and JUMP. There's still time to register for our children's programs, JAM (Jesus and Me, birth-4k), BLAST (k-3rd) and JUMP (Jesus Understands Me Perfectly, 4-5th graders). BLAST & JUMP registration tinyurl.com/BLASTJUMP and JAM registration tinyurl.com/JAM25-26. Questions? Contact Sheri Greger, gregersheri@gmail.com, or Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org, or visit the table in the lobby this Sunday.

Outdoor Worship: The 10 a.m. worship service will be held in the Memorial Gardens for the last time this year. Join us to enjoy God's glorious creation and the hard work of our volunteers in tending God's gifts.

Office Closed: The church office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.

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.

Sing & 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.

CRASH Kick-Off: High school students, we are very excited to begin our 2025-2026 CRASH program. Our kick-off meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 7, after the second service. Parents and students are invited to the meeting. A light lunch will be provided. See you there!

JOLT: JOLT, Journey of a Lifetime, our student ministry for 6-8 graders, begins on Thursday, Sept. 11, with a student/parent orientation meeting at 6 p.m. Run the Registration Race! Name-tags, forms, pictures, \$40 fee (by check or credit card), and, of course, a couple of games with prizes. We will get to know each other as well as talk through the year ahead for JOLT and what confirmation looks like at Ascension. Questions? Contact Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

E-Giving



- Tinyurl.com/SupportALC
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More announcements next page

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

God’s Work, Our Hands: September 7 is the ELCA *God’s Work, Our Hands* Sunday to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. As Lutherans, we know the difference that God’s grace and love in Christ have made in our daily lives. Because of this, we work together to help others experience that same love and acceptance. Join us on Sept. 7 to share how we’re serving God here.

MKE Wild Church: On Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m., the synod's Milwaukee Wild Church worship experience will be held at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Gardens (or West Hall depending on weather). Led by Pastor Larry Harpster, Wild Church is interactive and lets nature contribute to the worship experience. Please invite friends and neighbors of all ages who are not attracted to traditional church services.

Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk: We’d love for you to be part of the 2025 Family Ride Run Walk on Saturday, Sept. 27. Register, volunteer or donate online today! ofhrrw.org. Contact Beth Hoffmann, hoffmanne222@gmail.com, for more information on how you can be involved.

Welcome Home Feast and Friends Event: Join us for feasting and fellowship on Saturday, Sept. 13, from 5 to 8 p.m., as faces old and new gather together to enjoy potluck appetizers and music by Ben Janzow and the Dirty Boogie Band. Bring an appetizer to share and lawn chairs for you and your family. Look for the sign-up in the narthex. If you can help set-up, please let the church office know at 262-547-8518 or tamie@ascensionelca.org.

Tanzania Partnership Prayer Breakfast: On Saturday, Sept. 13, we will gather at Ascension for a Zoom call with our friends in Tanzania and others in the Diocese of Meru in Tanzania and the Greater Milwaukee Synod. Once a year, we join together for a time of shared prayers. The prayer petitions are written collaboratively and all of the speakers are planned in advance, so no need to worry about being put on the spot. The call starts at 7:30 a.m. You are invited to arrive early for coffee and breakfast treats. Our friends from Samaria would love to see some Ascension faces on the call! Contact Sarah Aparicio with questions, sarah@ascensionelca.org.

Tanzania Info Meeting: Interested in the next trip to Tanzania? Join us at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, to learn more.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Sept. 7	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Ruby Olson	Lexi Lytle
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Darlene DiBrito, Carol and Steve Spieker	Mary Ellen Comp, Melody and Paul Maass
Greeters	Sarah and Emily Boales, Linda Hansen	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Adam Boales	Anna Marien
Ushers	Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Kathy and Mike Tomchek

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

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
 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 Feast & Friends 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 Private event WH, K

Sun Sep 21

Kindergarten Bibles
8:30am Worship S
 9:45am Tanzania Info Mtg HR
 9:45am JAM S
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
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Sep 23

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

Wed Sep 24

1pm Bunco WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 25

10am Al Anon CR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Sep 27

OFH Ride Walk Run

<u>Key</u>	
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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