



14th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., September 14, 2025

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*

Rev. Edwin Aparicio, *Pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompañado, *Pastor*

Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Zach Jahner **Altar Guild:** Marge Schroeder **Choir Accompanist:** Kathy Johnson

Communion: Lauren Birner, Becky Pepper, Marge Schroeder

Greeters: Mike and Sherry Hoelzl **Media:** Buck Houston

Instrumentalist: Andrew Szymanek, trumpet **Reader:** Maggie Mulroy

Ushers: Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,** *Michael Burkhardt*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **ELW 807**

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. 140**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C:



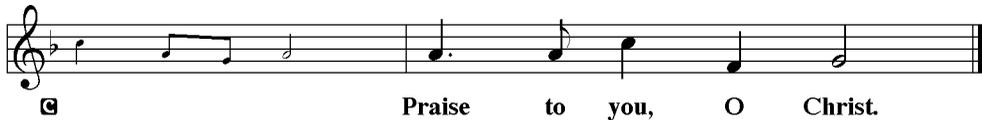
GOSPEL READING

Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW 779

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

God's Care: With Linda Hansen for her friend, Tony, stage 4 colon cancer

Healing: With Peter Passante for Renee, mental health

Thanksgiving: With Peter Passante for Adam, recovering well from motorcycle accident

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Karen Marrolli

Ascension Choir

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray ... Blessed are you, O Lord our God,

C: **Maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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	Let Us Break Bread Together	ELW 471
	By Your Hand You Feed Your People	ELW 469
	Children of the Heavenly Father	ELW 781

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	I Love to Tell the Story	ELW 661
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SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE	Fugue in C Major, Dietrich Buxtehude
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Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
Sept. 21	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Jakob Wagner	Kaiana Nichols-Schroeder
Altar Guild	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Sue Mathews
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Paul Wehmeier,	Jeff Froh, Sue Mathews,
Greeters	Ev and Kay Stone	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Cheryl Werner	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager	Brian Smith, Mike Rapp



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!

BLAST, JUMP Between Services. No JAM. There's still time to register for our children's programs, JAM (birth-4k), BLAST (k-3rd) and JUMP (4-5th graders). BLAST & JUMP registration <https://tinyurl.com/BLASTJUMP> and JAM registration <https://tinyurl.com/JAM25-26>.

Kindergarten Bible Stepping Stone: Kindergarten children and parents/adults are invited to the kindergarten stepping stone between services in West Hall. We'll be learning about God's love through some well-known stories in the Bible and fun activities, and we'll even have a few breakfast treats.

God's Work, Our Hands: You are invited to fill out a small cross with how you have served God through serving others, placing the notes on the sanctuary windows as a visible sign of how much Ascension is carrying out God's command to love one another as God loves us.

2025 Photo Directory can be picked up at the Welcome Center. One per family.

Read All About September at Ascension, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

School Lunches for Children in Tanzania: As we head back to school, we remember the children of Samaria Parish. For many of the children, school lunch is often their only meal of the day. We are collecting donations to purchase the maize and beans for the school lunches. Since we have started this program, school officials report better attendance, better health, and better academic results of the children. Donate today!

Adult Ed -- Chosen: Ready for Season 4 of the Chosen video series? Join Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony as we dive back into this popular video series for review and discussion. We begin on Monday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Sign-up at the Welcome Center. You can easily jump between morning and evening based on your schedule.

Young at Heart (55+): Everyone 55 and older is invited to the Young at Heart gathering from 12-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, for potluck lunch and games. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. For everyone who signed-up for the trip in November, payment is due to Arlene Davis this month.

E-Giving



- [Tinyurl.com/SupportALC](https://tinyurl.com/SupportALC)
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

Soul Sisters at the Pizza Farm: Soul Sisters will host a get together on Friday, Sept. 19, at Grassway Organic's Pizza Farm. The farm is located at W2716 Friemoth Road in East Troy. The event will run from 5 to 8 p.m. Sign-up is not required. The cost of this event is \$15 and should be paid upon arrival. Your payment will cover your meal but you will be responsible for any beverage you wish to purchase. We will order pizza ahead of time so please let us know of any food allergies. Tables will be provided but you will need to bring your own chair. The event is entirely outdoors and a little rugged so please dress accordingly. In the event of rain, we will move the event to an indoor venue. Due to limited parking, we highly recommend carpooling to the farm. This event is open to all women under the age of 60. If you have any questions, please reach out to any of the pastors' wives (Ileen, Sarah, or Lori).

Tanzania Info Meeting: Are you interested in joining Ascension as we begin to plan for our next sister parish visit? In 2026, we will be headed to Tanzania at the end of July into early August to spend time with our brothers and sisters of Samaria Parish. Join us between services on Sunday, Sept. 21, for information. If you are interested in traveling with us but unable to attend the meeting, contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org, for more information.

Immigration -- Fiction, Facts & Faith: SOPHIA invites you to a special presentation to help understand the confusion of what is publicized about immigration and refugee resettlement. *Immigration: Fiction, Facts & Faith* is a presentation and discussion with Darryl Morin on Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 to 8 p.m. This presentation will address the collision of fact and fiction and how our faith interplays with all things immigration. The event will be in St. Mary's Community Room, 225 S. Hartwell Ave. Register by Sept. 23, <https://tinyurl.com/CCimmigrationFFF>. SOPHIA'S Immigration Task Force encourages congregation members to attend.

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 today! <https://www.ofhrrw.org/>

Interested in Joining Ascension? We will have new member info sessions between services on Sundays, Sept. 28 or Oct. 5. Sign-up online <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers> or just show up. If you're interested but unable to attend, fill-out the form online or contact the church office, 262-547-8518, admin@ascensionelca.org, to let us know so we can follow-up with you. We will welcome new members in worship on Oct. 19.

Calendar on next page.

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

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 HR

6pm Chosen 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

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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 HR

6pm Chosen 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

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>



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