



14th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m., September 14, 2025

Worship Leadership

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Communion: Amy Smith
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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG

Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
Oh God, You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high
Oh God, You have done great things

Great Things

You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"
You will do great things
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
Hallelujah God, above it all
Hallelujah God, unshakable
Hallelujah, You have done great things
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

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SONG

Today Is the Day

I'm casting my cares aside
I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You Jesus
I'm reaching my hand to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have
In store for me is good, is good

**Today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it (2x)
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say
Today is the day**

I'm putting my fears aside
I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours
Believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have
In store for me is good, is good
(Chorus)

I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
I will stand upon Your truth (echo)
And all my days I'll live for You (echo)
(Chorus)

PRAYER

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.**

SONG

Meet With Me

I'm here to meet with You	As I wait, You make me strong
Come and meet with me	As I long, draw me to Your arms
I'm here to find You	As I stand, and sing Your praise
Reveal yourself to me	You come, You come and You fill this place

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: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' name

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
(Chorus)

**Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all**

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

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the previous song's refrain after each petition.

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, discharged from hospital after an accident

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful name it is
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful name it is
The name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful name it is
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful name it is

The name of Jesus
What a wonderful name it is
The name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again
You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the name above all names

What a powerful name it is
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus
What a powerful name it is
The name of Jesus

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 grape juice are available.

SOLO

O Come to the Altar

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SONGS

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation, of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle, Glory to the Lord on high

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble into darkness, I will call your name at night (*Chorus*)

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

**How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God**

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead three in one, the Father, Spirit and Son
The lion and the lamb, the lion and the lamb (*Chorus*)

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength
You are faithful You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer everything

**Raise your hands, all you nations shout
To God all creation, how awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together for now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high**

Where You send us God, we will go
You're the answer we want the world to know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way (*Chorus*)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God.**



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, W2716 Friemoth Road, 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. 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. 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.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
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, Jennifer Werner	Jeff Froh, Sue Mathews, Gary Wipperman
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

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)

Please place in the offering plate.

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 AI 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 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 AI 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
<i>Italics Virtual or offsite</i>	



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