



15th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., September 21, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Jakob Wagner **Altar Guild:** Chris and Jimmy Loos
Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Sharon Coralline, Paul Wehmeier
Communion: Jennifer Werner **Greeters:** Ev and Kay Stone **Media:** Cheryl Werner
Ushers: Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager

PRELUDE

Chaconne, Louis Couperin

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son ☩, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is the Feast

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF KINDERGARTEN BIBLES

Pastor Tony

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

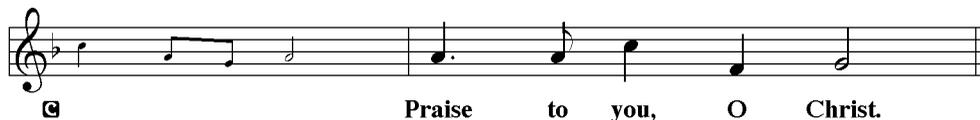
Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now

that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

The Church’s One Foundation

ELW 654

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Comfort: For Linda Blodgett and family at the death of Gene
 For Sally Alexander and family at the death of Bob
 For Wendy Ward and family at the death of her aunt, Patty Carl-Sowle
 For Mike Wilkinson and family at the death of his brother, Mark

Healing: For Linda Druml and for good test results

Thanksgiving: For Donna Madison on her 90th birthday on Sept. 25

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision, *Irish Melody*
arr. Sorenson

Ascension Choir



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OFFERTORY**Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful****ELW 182****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**p. 146****HYMNS****Come to the Table****ELW 481****Take My Life, That I May Be****ELW 685****We Give Thee but Thine Own****ELW 686****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****Rise Up, O Saints of God!****ELW 669****SENDING****P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord!**C: Thanks be to God.****POSTLUDE*****Allegro Maestoso, Handel***

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

Sun Sep 21

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Tanzania 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

7pm Jubilate S

Tue Sep 23

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

10am Alexander visitation N

11am Alexander Service S

12pm Alexander reception 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)

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

6:30pm SOPHIA Immigration

Fri Sep 26

9:30am Blodgett visitation N

11am Blodgett Service S

12pm Blodgett reception WH

Sat Sep 27

OFH Ride Walk Run

Sun Sep 28

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST WH

9:45am JUMP CR

9:45am New Members HR

10:45am Worship EH S

12:00pm Confirmation Mtg

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 29

10am Chosen Study HR

6pm Chosen Study HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

Mon Sep 29 cont'd

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Sep 30

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

10:30am Boyer group

5:15pm Budget Team WH

6:30pm Vision Session HR

Wed Oct 1

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 2

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon CR

1pm Hansen Group CR

6pm JOLT EH

Sat Oct 4

9am Jubilate rehearsal S

Sun Oct 5

8:30am Worship S

9:30am Ministry Fair N

9:45am New Members HR

10:45am Worship EH S

2pm Wild Church MG WH

6pm CRASH CR

7pm AA WH

Worship Support <https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport>

Sept. 28	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Eli Escobedo	Callum Reinfeldt
Altar Guild	Julie Kinunen	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Julie Kinunen, Carol and Steve Spieker	Diane and Rick Dowling, Mike Tomchek
Greeters	Sharon Boward, Joyce Krueger	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Buck Houston	Anna Marien
Readers	<i>Volunteer needed</i>	Brian Smith
Ushers	Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mark Pichler



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!

Join Us This Morning for These Exciting Events!

- **JAM Between services. No BLAST, JUMP.**
- **God's Work, Our Hands:** Each Post-it on the narthex window represents a service done by one of our members to the glory of God. Please add your Post-it to the window as we prepare for the Ministry Fair on Oct. 5.
- **2025 Photo Directory** is ready for pick-up. One per family.
- **School Lunches for Tanzania:** We are collecting donations to purchase school lunches in Samaria Parish. Donate today!
- **Tanzania Trip 2026** info meeting between services. If you are interested in traveling with us but unable to attend the meeting, contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org.

E-Giving



- Tinyurl.com/SupportALC
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

Kindergarten Bibles: Kindergarten students receiving their bibles today are Sam Leverentz, Mabel Schultz and Poppy Wittchow.

CRASH Meets Today: Calling all high schoolers! CRASH will meet today from 6-7:30 p.m.

Ascension Children's Ministry Worship on the Farm: Join us on Sunday, Oct. 12 for worship at the Green Meadows Petting Farm, East Troy. Come for worship beginning at 10:30 a.m., enjoy a potluck lunch, and spend the rest of your day enjoying the farm. Cost is \$15 per person (under 2 free). Please sign up online <https://tinyurl.com/GreenMeadows25> to bring a side dish to share. Bring your own utensils. No electric or coolers are available so please plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Sheri Greger or Pastor Tony.

Hawthorne Grand Friends: Hawthorne is in need of volunteers for our Grand Friend's Day event on Sept. 25. Sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/HawthorneGrand>, if you can help the young scholars. The event will include muffins, coffee, a craft, and a photo booth. Grand Friends can also shop at the book fair.

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, email Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org or call the church office 262-547-8518 to let us know so we can follow-up with you.

Bunco: Everyone is invited to bunco, a fun, fast-paced dice game, from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24.

JOLT (6-8th gr.): Just a reminder, JOLT meets Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. See you there!

Confirmation Meeting for 9th Graders & Parents: Confirmation Sunday is on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 26, at both the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services. If you are a 9th grade student or parent of a 9th grader expecting to be confirmed, please mark your calendars for Sunday, Sept. 28, 12-1:30 p.m. for a meeting about confirmation. We will talk through confirmation requirements, share lunch, and answer all the questions. Questions to Pastor Chris, pc@ascensionelca.org.

Adult Ed — Chosen: Join Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony for viewing and discussion of The Chosen Season 4 Mondays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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 held in the St. Mary's Church Community Room, 225 S. Hartwell Ave. Register by Sept. 23, tinyurl.com/CCimmigrationFFF. SOPHIA'S Immigration Task Force encourages congregation members to attend.

Outreach for Hope Ride Run Walk: The Outreach for Hope annual Ride/Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27. We have a lot of Ascension participants. Please see the list online ofhrrw.org/all-teams-list to support the Ascension team or this link ofhrrw.org/all-participants to support an individual. See the display in the narthex for more details or check with Beth Hoffmann hoffmanne222@gmail.com. Register, volunteer or donate today! ofhrrw.org

Ascension Arise 2035 Vision Listening Sessions: Congregation members are invited to listening sessions on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m., and Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 11 a.m., about Ascension's vision for 10 years in the future, Ascension Arise 2035. Your input, about your church, is important and welcome as we look to all that God has in store for the days ahead.

Healing Hearts Meal: Ascension supports Healing Hearts, a program that supports children and their families during the grieving process, by providing a meal once a month. We need people to donate food, people to cook food and people to serve food. The October meal is chili. Please sign-up to help <https://tinyurl.com/HHfall25>.

Tanzania Partnership Day of Prayer: If you weren't able to attend the Tanzania Day of Prayer Breakfast, please see the video that was made by the Praise Band and posted on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/TheAscensionlutheran>, under the Special Activities tab.

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.

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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