



16th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., September 28, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Eli Escobedo **Altar Guild:** Julie Kinunen

Choir Accompanist: Kathy Johnson **Communion:** Julie Kinunen, Carol and Steve Spieker

Greeters: Sharon Boward, Joyce Krueger

Instrumentalists: Amy James, flute; Suzanne Geoffrey, oboe; Braden Zitoun, cello

Media: Buck Houston **Reader:** Jennifer Werner **Ushers:** Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer

PRELUDE **God of Grace and God of Glory, Paul Manz**

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN **God of Grace and God of Glory** **ELW 705**

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

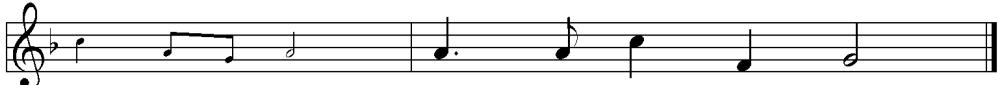
CHILDREN'S TIME **Pastor Tony**

FIRST READING **Psalm 91:1-6**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty - you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust." For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague. God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them; God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Gather Us In

ELW 532

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

Comfort: For the Grunfelder family at the death of Janet
For Gary Wipperman and family at the death of his aunt, Cathy Yoble
For Linda Hansen and the family and friends of Sophie at her death

Healing: Verna Bauer, Jerry Kilgore

God's Care: Karen Shulfer

Thanksgiving: For Jim Druml's mom, Mary Ann, celebrating her 99th birthday

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Canticle of the Turning, *Irish Traditional*
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Ascension Choir

	Many Ways to Give Electronically
	• <i>QR code</i>
	• <i>VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone</i>
	• <i>Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC</i>
	• <i>Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount</i>

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.**



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!

Today at Ascension:

- **BLAST** meets in West Hall & **JUMP** meets in the Conference Room at 9:45a. **No JAM.**
- **Collection for school lunches in Tanzania**
- **In-person sign-up for BLAST @ Green Meadows**
- **New member conversation** is at 9:45a in the Hearth Room.
- **Confirmation meeting** is at 12p in West Hall.



Interested in Joining Ascension? We will have new member info sessions between services today and Oct. 5. Sign-up online, <http://tinyurl.com/AscensionNewMembers>, or just show up. If you're interested but unable to attend, contact the church office so we can follow-up, admin@ascensionelca.org 262-547-8518.

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

Ascension Arise 2035 Vision Listening Sessions: Congregation members are invited to listening sessions on Tuesday, Sept. 30, 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.

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. Payment is due Oct. 5. Please contact Sheri Greger or Pastor Tony with questions. **10:45a English worship will be held as usual on Oct. 12.**

Ministry Fair: Ascension's Ministry Fair will be held Sunday, Oct. 5, after each service. Come learn about all of Ascension's ministries and find a place where you can be an active part of God's church. Whether you are new to Ascension or a long-time member, there is a place for you. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, learn more about Ascension and the wide variety of ministries and enjoy some snacks over conversation.

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Healing Hearts Meal: Healing Hearts is a program that supports children and their families during the grieving process. Ascension supports this community program by providing a meal periodically. We need people to donate food, people to cook food and people to serve food. On Monday, Oct. 20, we will serve chili. Please sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/HHfall25> to help.

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/ALCealrt> or contact the church office.

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

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Oct. 5	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes		
Altar Guild	Gary Bauer	Cindy Finn, Kris Wells
Communion	Lauren Birner, Darlene DiBrito, Becky Pepper	Pat Boyer, Teri Quam, Cathy Rapp
Greeters	Susan Koeferl, Karen Simington	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Buck Houston	Adam Boales
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder, Paul Wehmeier	Dennis Leatherwood

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

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
 3pm Carl-Sowle visitation
4pm Carl-Sowle service S
 6pm Chosen Study HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 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

Mon Oct 6

10am Chosen Study HR
 12pm Staff Mtg HR
 6pm Chosen Study HR
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Oct 7

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

Wed Oct 8

11am Vision Session HR
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 9

10am Al Anon CR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Oct 11

8am Synod Workshop WH KIT
 HR

Sun Oct 12

8:30am Worship S
10:30 BLAST Green Meadows
10:45a Worship S
 1pm Private Event S, N
 7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 13

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

Tue Oct 14

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

Wed Oct 15

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

Thu Oct 16

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR
 1pm Hansen Mtg CR
 6pm JOLT EH

Sat Oct 18

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

<u>Key</u>	
CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MG	Memorial Garden
MR	Meeting Room
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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