



16th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m., September 28, 2025

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *Pastor*
Ben Janzow, *Praise Band Leader*

Acolyte: Callum Reinfeldt **Altar Guild:** Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion: Diane and Rick Dowling, Mike Tomchek
Media: Anna Marien **Reader:** Brian Smith **Usher:** Mark Pichler

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory, the King of Glory
Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory, the King above all kings
(Chorus)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
(Chorus)

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in
Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

PRAYER

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. You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day; nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Better Is One Day

**Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere (*Repeat*)**

How lovely is Your dwelling place
Oh Lord almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
Here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I see beneath the shadow of Your wings

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

[Jesus said:] "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

Great Are You Lord

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

**It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only**

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord (*Chorus*)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
Great are You, Lord (*Chorus*)

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 above refrain after each petition.

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

God's Care: Karen Shulfer

Healing: Verna Bauer, Jerry Kilgore

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing

Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners
The ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing (**Chorus**)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The light of the world (**Chorus**)

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.

PRAYER STATION

If you desire private prayers for yourself or someone you know, please receive communion and then make your way to the kneeler at the altar where one of the pastors or pastoral assistants will listen to your request and then offer a moment of prayer.

SOLO

There's a Rainbow at the End of Every Storm

SONGS

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
And in our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe (**Chorus**)

We believe in God the Father, we believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion, we believe He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again, we believe

Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a savior
The hope of nations

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

Savior, he can move the mountains
Our God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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.

SONG

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul (2x)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean
I've got love like an ocean in my soul (2x)

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!

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, admin@ascensionelca.org or 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 the questions. Questions to Pastor Chris pc@ascensionelca.org. Confirmation will be held on Oct. 26 at both 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.

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

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.

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.

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

Sun Sep 28

8:30am Worship S

9:45am BLAST, JUMP

9:45am New Members HR

10:45am Worship EH S

12:00pm Confirmation Mtg

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 29

10am/6pm Chosen HR

3pm Carl-Sowle visitation

4pm Carl-Sowle service S

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

Thu Oct 2 cont.

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 HR

Mon Oct 6 cont.

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

Sun Oct 12

8:30am Worship S

10:30 BLAST Green Meadows

10:45a Worship S

1pm Private Event S, N

7pm AA WH

Key

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| 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 |
| <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)

Please place in the offering plate.



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