



17th Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 a.m., October 5, 2025

Worship Leadership

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

Acolyte: Hadley Marien, Elsa Romme **Altar Guild:** Gary Bauer
Communion: Lauren Birner, Darlene DiBrito, Becky Pepper
Greeters: Susan Koefler, Karen Simington **Media:** Buck Houston
Ushers: Dennis Mohr, Todd Schroeder, Paul Wehmeier

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Settings by Paul Manz and J. G. Walther

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: Holy, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with joy we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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 17th chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

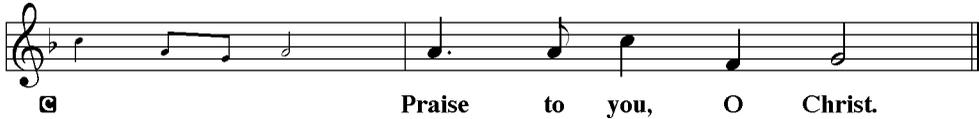
Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat

and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Thanksgiving: Paul and Melody Maass celebrating 45 years of marriage

Healing: Al Gilgenbach, rotator cuff surgery

With Maddie Goetter for Jannie, needing a kidney transplant but now in ICU with a heart infection

SHARING OF THE PEACE

	<p>Many Ways to Give Electronically</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• QR code• VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone• Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC• Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount
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OFFERING

Blessings, *Laura Story*

Linda Elder, solo

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

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HYMNS

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW 759

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Setting by Michael Burkhardt

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
 12pm Staff Mtg HR
 6pm Chosen 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 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 HR
 6pm Chosen 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

Sun Oct 19

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST WH
 9:45am JUMP CR
 10am Chosen (in Spanish) MR
10:45am Worship EH S
 6pm CRASH CR
 7pm AA WH

Mon Oct 20

5pm Healing Hearts meal
 6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR
 7pm Jubilate rehearsal S

Tue Oct 21

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

Wed Oct 22

1pm Bunco WH
 6pm Handbells S
 7pm AA WH
 7:15pm Adult Choir S

Thu Oct 23

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Oct 26

Reformation Sunday

8:30am Worship S
 9:45am BLAST WH
 9:45am JUMP CR
 10am Chosen (Spanish) MR
10:45am Worship EH S
 1:30pm Private Event S, N

Key

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)
Italics Virtual or offsite



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!

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

Today at Ascension!

- **2025 Ministry Fair:** Join us after both services to 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. Stop at the front table and pick up a folder with the updated Ministry Manual and an envelope that will lead you to a fun game of Scripture Sleuth about the various ministries. Prizes will be awarded in a drawing the following week.
- **JAM** meets in the sanctuary at 9:45a. No BLAST & JUMP.
- **In-person sign-up for BLAST @** Green Meadows, scheduled for Oct. 12. Cost is \$15 per person (under 2 free). Payment is due today.
- **New member conversation** is at 9:45a in the Hearth Room. If you're interested but unable to attend, please email Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org, or call the church office so we can follow-up with you.
- **MKE Wild** meets at 2p in the Memorial Gardens (or West Hall, weather dependent). Everyone is welcome. Please invite friends and neighbors of all ages who are not attracted to traditional church services. Led by Pastor Larry Harpster, Wild Church is interactive and lets nature contribute to the worship experience.
- **CRASH** meets at 6p in West Hall.

Ascension Arise 2035 Vision Listening Session: Congregation members are invited to a listening session on 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: Healing Hearts is a program that helps 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. The October meal is chili. Please sign-up online to help. <https://tinyurl.com/HHfall25>

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. 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.

Young at Heart (55+): Join the Young at Heart group (for people over 55) on Wednesday, Oct. 15, for a potluck lunch and Roger Boll on the accordion. Bring a dish to pass if you are able. There will also be bunco on Wednesday, Oct. 22, from 1-3 p.m. for all ages of adults.

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.

E-Giving



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

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
Oct. 12	8:30	10:45
Acolyte (1)	Benji Earnest, Simon Williams	Claire Cruft, Lexi Lytle
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion	Marge and Todd Schroeder, <i>1 needed</i>	Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Greeters	Dave and Liz Carleton	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Cheryl Werner	Cheryl Anspach
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner, Al Wollschlager	<i>Volunteers needed</i>
Ushers	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Scot Werner	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)



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