



18th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m., October 12, 2025

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *Lead Pastor*
Vicki Taylor, *Director of Music Ministries*

Acolyte: Claire Cruft, Lexi Lytle **Altar Guild:** Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews
Communion: Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews, Paul and Melody Maass, Cathy Rapp
Media: Cheryl Anspach **Ushers:** Mark Pichler, Lauren Pichler, Brian Smith

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONGS

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer hither by thy help I've come
And I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, o take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

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PRAYER

SONG

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Allelu, alleluia

Man does not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord
Allelu, alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the following refrain after each petition.

**In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today**

Thanksgiving: For Ruth DeWitz celebrating her 103rd birthday

Comfort: For Michelle Shulfer and family at the death of her mother, Karen
For the family and friends of Jim Fenske

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God
Make it ever true
Change my heart, O God
May I be like you
You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray
May I be like you



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Voice

Cantor All Cantor

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low'ed be your

6 All Cantor All Cantor

name, hal-low'd be your name. Your king-dom come, your king-dom come, your

11 All Cantor All

will be done, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en, on earth as in heav-en.

17 Cantor All Cantor All

Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, For-

22 Cantor All Cantor All

give us our sins as we for-give those, as we for-give those who sin a- gainst us, who

SONG

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river, I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home

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

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

**Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on that cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin
(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim My God how great Thou art
(Chorus)

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

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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!

Coffee Time: Al Wollschlager and family is hosting coffee time between services today to celebrate his mom, Ruth Dewitz, celebrating her 103rd birthday.

CRASH Gathering Expedition: In the orientation meeting we shared about the Youth Gathering Expedition from Friday, Oct. 31, to Sunday, Nov. 2, at Lutherdale. This is a powerful weekend retreat, designed just for high school students. Participants will experience space to pause, listen, grow and move. Cost is \$175 per person. Registration closes on Oct. 15. If your student is planning to come for this wonderful experience, please have them turn in their registration form, available at <https://tinyurl.com/CRASHGEPA>, as soon as possible. Questions? See Pastor Edwin.

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.

Welcome to the LIGHT: Our new young adult ministry kicks-off this month with an event on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the home of Pastor Chris and Ileen. We will cook together and get to know each other and dream about ways to connect young adults inside and outside our community of faith. Questions or to RSVP, see the table in the narthex on Sundays in October or contact Lauren Birner, ljbirner@wi.rr.com.

SOPHIA Immigration Task Force: SOPHIA’s Immigration Task Force will meet at Ascension on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in this topic is invited to attend.

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport		
Oct. 19	8:30a	10:45a
Acolytes	Aubrey Olson, Ruby Olson	Zach Jahner, Camden Johnson
Altar Guild	Chris and Jimmy Loos	Jay and Robin Gallo
Communion	Sharon Coralline, Mike and Sherry	Mary Ellen Comp, Diane and Rick
Greeters	Bobbi Eggert, Al Wollschlager	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Adam Boales	Anna Marien
Readers	Jennifer Werner	Diane Dowling
Ushers	Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr, Jeff Rohrer	Mike Rapp, Brian Smith

Caminando Juntos/Walking Together: This group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. to reflect on how our congregation can walk with our Latino brothers and sisters. Join us if you can help. Contact Teri Quam if you have questions.

Healing Hearts Meal: The Healing Hearts meal on Monday, Oct. 20, is chili. We need people to donate, to cook and to serve. Please sign-up online <https://tinyurl.com/HHfall25> to help.

Ascension Arise 2035: Ascension Arise 2035 is our dream for the next 10 years of ministry at Ascension. If you were unable to make the listening sessions, you can still have a chance to dream and share with the Church Council. The Arise 2035 document is on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/?download=18518>. Feel free to reflect and add your notes to the posters on Sunday or email Pastor Chris directly, pc@ascensionelca.org.

Ministry Manuals: If you missed the Mission Fair last week, it is not too late to pick up a blue folder with the Ministry Manual which describes all Ascension's ministries and activities and who to contact if you would like to be involved. Shirley Wehmeier will be at the Welcome Center this Sunday with extra folders if you would like one.

Scripture Sleuth: If you completed your Bible passage game from the Ministry Fair, please return the completed form to the office by Oct.15. Be sure to include your name. Winners of Amazon gift cards will be announced Oct.19.

The October newsletter is available online <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter>.

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

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/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 WH

7pm Church council HR

7pm Holloway mtg CR

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

6:30pm Walking Together CR

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

6:30pm Private event EH

Wed Oct 22

1pm Bunco WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:15pm Adult Choir S

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
<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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