



Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

8:30 a.m., June 21, 2026

Worship Leadership

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

Altar Guild: Chris and Jimmy Loos

Communion: Becky Pepper, Paul Wehmeier, Jennifer Werner

Greeters: Linda Elder, Deb Izu **Media:** Cheryl Werner **Ushers:** Jim Hahn, Dennis Mohr

PRELUDE

Partita on Engelberg, John Behnke
I. Fanfare, II. A Fugal Fantasy

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: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Pastor Tony

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.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

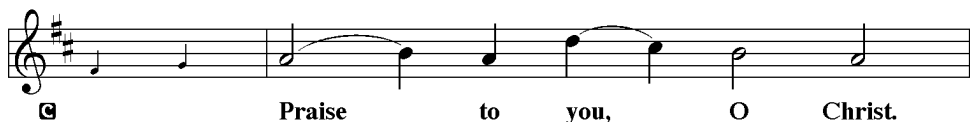
Matthew 10:24-39

[Jesus said to the twelve:] “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear

whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON

Pastor Tony

HYMN

This Is My Father’s World

ELW 824

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God’s Care: For Carol Ziarniak, entering hospice

Healing: For Eli Greger, broken elbow

For Paul Maass

For Peter Passante’s friend, Krista, treatment for cancer

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Intergenerational

Choir



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- VancoMobile Giving app on your smartphone
- Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC
- Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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PROPER PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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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

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW 491

Children of the Heavenly Father

ELW 781

O Jesus, I Have Promised

ELW 810

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

Let All Things Now Living

ELW 881

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, Dietrich Buxtehude

Worship Support https://tinyurl.com/worshipsupport		
June 28	8:30	10:00 outdoor
Acolytes	Eli Escobedo, Jakob Wagner	Marti Mustapich, Ella Pfahler
Altar Guild	Marge Schroeder	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
Communion	Marge Schroeder, Al Wollschlager	Cathy Rapp, Mike Tomchek, Gary Wipperman
Greeters	Beth and Tom Hoffmann	<i>Always appreciated</i>
Media	Buck Houston	Cheryl Ades Anspach
Ushers	Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Mark Pichler, Pat Tkach



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

- * **Worship** at 8:30 (sanctuary) and 10 a.m. (Memorial Gardens)
- * **Noisy offering**
- * **Tanzania trip fundraiser**

Read about June! Find out how you can worship, grow and walk with Ascension. <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

Tanzania Trip Fundraiser: Fly away with us! You may not be able to make the trip to Tanzania this summer, but you can help the travelers who will be representing Ascension as they visit our partner congregations. Stop by the table with the BIG map to see how you can help. Please contact Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org, with questions.

Bunco: Join a fun group of people for the fast-paced game of bunco on Wednesday, June 21, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Food Donations Needed: Please consider adding just a few things each week to your grocery list to help feed families and children during these summer months, when demand is higher than usual. We have not had enough to take donations to the Food Pantry for several weeks and the Blessing Box has been nearly empty many weeks.

Prayer Requests: Prayer requests may be made using the yellow prayer card in the pew, online <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers/>, by email to admin@ascensionelca.org, or phone message to the church office, 262-547-8518.

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.

Reflections Blog: Too busy to read the entire newsletter? Browse our Reflections Blog for individual articles that might interest you! <https://ascensionelca.org/events/reflections/>

Easy Giving



- *Vanco Giving app*
- *Online at tinyurl.com/SupportALC*
- *Via text to 262-214-3681 with the amount*

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

Sun Jun 21

8:30am Worship S
10am Outdoor Worship MG
10am Worship EH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 22

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jun 23

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR

Wed Jun 24

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jun 25

10am Al Anon CR

Sun Jun 28

8:30am Worship S
10am Worship EH S
 11am CRASH Trip Mtg WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jun 29

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jun 30

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 10am Visitation
11am Pruett Service S
 12pm Pruett Reception

Wed Jul 1

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 2

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Jul 3

Office closed

Sat Jul 4

Independence Day

Sun Jul 5

8:30am Worship S
10am Worship EH S
 4pm Wild Church MG WH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 6

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jul 7

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

Wed Jul 8

7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 9

9:30am TGIT HR
 10am Al Anon CR

Sat Jul 11

CRASH Trip TBD

Sun Jul 12

8:30am Worship S
10am Worship EH S
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 13

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jul 14

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

Wed Jul 15

12pm Young at Heart WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 16

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Jul 18

CRASH Trip ends

Sun Jul 19

8:30am Worship S
10am Outdoor Worship MG
10am Worship EH
 7pm AA WH

Mon Jul 20

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH
 6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Jul 21

7am AMEN zoom
 9:30am Women's Bible CR
 10:30am Boyer group HR
 6:30pm Church council HR

Wed Jul 22

1pm Bunco WH
 7pm AA WH

Thu Jul 23

10am Al Anon CR

Fri Jul 24

Tanzania Mission Trip begins

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MG	Memorial Garden
MR	Meeting Room
MS	Music Room
N	Narhex (Lobby)
PR	Prayer Room
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall (Kit)
<i>Italics 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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