



14th Sunday after Pentecost

10 a.m., Aug. 30, 2026

Worship Leadership

Rev. Christian Marien, *lead pastor*

Rev. Anthony Acompanado, *on sabbatical*

Ben Janzow, *Praise Band leader*

Acolytes: Bly Dringenburg, Lexi Lytle **Altar Guild:** Mary Kolberg, Sue Mathews

Communion: Mary Ellen Comp, Becky Hastings, Sherry Olson, Cathy Rapp

Media: Jeff Froh **Ushers:** Mike and Kathy Tomchek

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH WITNESS: STEVE AND CAROL SPIEKER

SONGS

God So Loved

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water, come and thirst no more

Well, come all you sinners, come find His mercy
Come to the table, He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for

**For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there with open arms (*Chorus*)

The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

Praise God, praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, praise Him
For the wonders of His love
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For the wonders of His love

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save
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His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
Oh, the power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved, God so loved the world

I Am Free

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams, I am free

I am free to run (echo)
I am free to dance (echo)
I am free to live for You (echo)
I am free

Through You the Kingdom comes
Through You the battle's won
Through You I'm not afraid
Through You the price is paid
Through you there's victory
Because of You my heart sings, I am free
(Chorus)

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

SONG

A New Hallelujah

Can you hear, there's a new song
Breaking out from the children of freedom
Every race and every nation
Sing it out, sing a new hallelujah

Arise, let the church arise
Let love, reach to the other side
Alive, come alive
Let the song arise

Let us sing love to the nations
Bringing hope of the grace that has freed us
Make Him known and make Him famous
Sing it out, sing a new hallelujah **(Chorus)**

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and

then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P:The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Chris

SONG

Your Great Name

Lost are saved, find their way
At the sound of Your great name
All condemned, feel no shame
At the sound of Your great name
Every fear, has no place
At the sound of Your great name
The enemy, he has to leave
At the sound of Your great name

All the weak, find their strength
At the sound of Your great name
Hungry souls, receive grace
At the sound of Your great name
The fatherless, they find their rest
At the sound of Your great name
Sick are healed, dead are raised
At the sound of Your great name
(Chorus)

**Jesus, worthy is the Lamb
That was slain for us
Son of God and man
You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise
Your great name**

PRAYERS

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

Jesus, worthy is the Lamb, that was slain for us
Son of God and man, You are high and lifted up
That all the world will praise Your great name

Healing: Pat Boyer, upcoming cardiac ablation
Mark Otto, upcoming hip replacement surgery
Chuck Czaplewski, hospitalized with pneumonia
For Peter Passante's friend, Heather, knee replacement

God’s Care: For Zach Meyer’s mother, Karen Meyer, as she enters hospice

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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OFFERING

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

One Thing Remains

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains *(Chorus)*

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can
Separate my heart from Your great love *(Chorus)*



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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 grape juice are available.

SOLO

Goodness of God

SONGS

Revelation Song

Worthy is the lamb who was slain
Holy, holy is He
Sing a new song, to Him who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

**Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was, and is, and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my everything
And I will adore You**

Clothed in rainbows, of living color
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor, strength and
Glory and power be to You
The only wise King *(Chorus)*

The Saving One

When mercy was revealed what selflessness and peace
My fate was surely sealed until He rescued me
His pardon for my sin; His bounty for my need
From slavery and shame, I am redeemed

**And Heaven can't contain the glory of the Son
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One
His love has made a way the grave is overcome
Jesus is the Christ, the saving One**

No fear can hold me down, nor darkness steal my joy
For blood has been poured out; the enemy destroyed
Death could not hold Him down; the cross was not enough
To steal away His throne, for He is God **(Chorus)**

COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

SONG

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Great are You, Lord, mighty in strength
You are faithful You will ever be
We will praise You all of our days
It's for Your glory we offer everything

Where You send us God, we will go
You're the answer we want the world to know
We will trust You when You call our name
Where You lead us we'll follow all the way
(Chorus)

**Raise your hands
All you nations shout
To God all creation
How awesome is the Lord most high
We will praise You together
For now and forever
How awesome is the Lord most high**

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!

Thank You! Thank you to Windy Hill Handbell Quartet members Gen Anspach, Brenda Lindsay, Katie Martin, and Nancy Van Brunt for sharing their music with us in the 8:30 worship.

Outdoor Worship: Today's 10 a.m. worship will be held in the Memorial Gardens, weather permitting. Bring a chair and a friend and enjoy the goodness of God's creation!

Children's Ministry Sign-Up & Backpack Blessing: Please sign-up online at tinyurl.com/CMregistration26 to let us know we'll see you this fall! Today at both services, we'll have backpack blessings to help start the new school year on a good note. Kick-off of Children's Ministry is Sept. 13 between services.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed: We are gearing up for an exciting new year of Children's Ministry, and we need your help to make it happen! We are looking for passionate people to join our team. Whether you have a gift for teaching, love leading crafts, would like to provide snacks, are able to set up/ clean up at events, or simply want to provide a welcoming environment, there is a place for you here. If you are interested or have questions, stop by the Children's Ministry table in the narthex and chat with Ms. Sheri and Ms. Amy.

God's Work, Our Hands: Sign-up today to volunteer to help the congregation put together newborn baby kits for Global Health Ministries on Sept. 13. The kits contain basic items to help the mother clothe and care for her child. GHM sends newborn kits along with medical supplies and equipment to partners in Liberia, Madagascar, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe where they are used to encourage women to visit their local hospital or clinic for prenatal care and assisted delivery.

Outreach for Hope 2026 Ride Run Walk: Sign-up now to ride, run, walk, volunteer or donate! ofhrrw.org. Questions? See Beth Hoffmann in the narthex.

Choirs Resume! The Ascension Choir, ages high school and adults, begins rehearsals on Wednesday, Sept. 9, at a new time, 7 to 8:15 p.m. This choir provides musical leadership in worship approximately three Sundays per month, primarily at the 8:30 service (occasionally at 10:45), and at special evening worship services. Contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org. **Ascension Ringers**, our handbell choir, resumes Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the new time of 5:45 to 7 p.m. The handbell choir, for high school through adults, provides music in worship once per month, primarily at the 8:30 service (occasionally at 10:45), and at special services throughout the church year. Joining the Ascension Ringers does not call for previous experience with handbells but some level of music literacy is helpful. Reading music is an acquired skill and those interested in learning to read music with the goal of joining the handbell choir are encouraged to contact Vicki Taylor, vicki@ascensionelca.org.

Welcome! We welcome Nina Cruz to the church office staff. She will provide reception, arrange worship support, and other support for the church and its community. Please watch for communications from her and say, "Hi!" Her email is nina.ascensionelca@gmail.com.

CRASH Kick-Off: We have our kick-off meeting on Sunday, Sept. 13, after the second service. Parents and students are invited to the meeting. We will provide you with all the information about the program. And also, we will share information about the 2027 ELCA Youth Gathering 2027. We will have a light lunch for you.

Sunday Fun Ride: Join us on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. for a bike ride. Dust off your bikes and join us for a short ride on the Glacial Drumlin Trail. Meet outside the EB Shurts Nature Center, 810 W. College Ave., Waukesha. All ages are welcome. We will finish back at the Nature Center and end our ride with root beer floats. Contact Melody Maass at pmmaass@gmail.com with questions.

AMEN Book Study: AMEN, Ascension's men's ministry, will be starting a study this fall on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book titled "Life Together," the classic exploration of Christian in community. This daytime group of AMEN generally meets biweekly Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. However, the study starts Thursday, Sept. 24, at 10:30 a.m. It's a short, four-chapter book but packed with lots of wisdom. The book can be ordered on Amazon for under \$10. Please contact Steve Boyer via text msg at 262-366-4078 or email at sboyer@HealthMarkets.com if you're interested.

Young at Heart: The Young at Heart trip to the Schauer Center for the Everley Brothers tribute is full with a waitlist. The money needs to be turned in by Sunday, Sept. 13. Young at Heart will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at noon for a potluck lunch followed by cards, games and fellowship. Please come and bring a friend! Bring a dish if you're able; if not, come anyway!

Women's Gathering: We will be hosting a get-together for women of all ages on Friday, Sept. 18, at 5 p.m. at Grassway Organics Pizza Farm, W2716 Friemoth Road, East Troy. Sign-up is not required. The cost is \$15 paid upon arrival, which covers your pizza meal. You will be responsible for purchasing your own beverages. Please let us know ahead of time if you have any food allergies. Tables are provided onsite, but you will need to bring your own chair. Please keep in mind that the event is entirely outdoors with a slightly rugged environment, so be sure to dress comfortably for the weather. In case of rain, watch the church Facebook page for cancellation. Due to limited parking at the farm, carpooling is highly recommended. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ileen Marien or Sarah Aparicio, sarah@ascensionelca.org.

Donations Needed: Our cupboards are bare! Please bring your non-perishable food donations to the Donation Center for either the Food Pantry or our Blessing Box. We fill the box several times a week and take donations to the Food Pantry several times a month.

Healing Hearts Support Groups: Healing Hearts' fall support groups begin, Monday, Sept. 28, for those in need of healing, connection, and growth. Whether you're navigating grief, dealing with life transitions, or seeking a community of support, our free programs are designed to guide you through these challenges with compassion and care. Register at healingheartswisconsin.org or by phone 262-751-0874. The sessions begin with dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by small group sessions and are held at First United Methodist Church, 121 Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha.

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Time of Worship: _____

Names: _____

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How can we share the life of Ascension with you?

- ☐ E-Alert
- ☐ Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?
- ☐ JAM, BLAST, JUMP (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.

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

Sun Aug 30

Backpack Blessing

8:30am Worship S

10am Worship EH MG

11am Crash Leaders

Meeting CR

7pm AA WH

Mon Aug 31

6:30pm AA WH

6:30pm AMEN CR

Tue Sep 1

7am AMEN zoom

9am OFH WH

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

Wed Sep 2

6:30pm Budget Team

Mtg HR

7pm AA WH

Thu Sep 3

10am Al Anon CR

11:30am Knit Wits

Lunch

1pm Hansen Group CR

Sun Sep 6

8:30am Worship S

10am Outdoor

Worship MG

10am Worship EH

4pm Wild Church

MG WH

7pm AA WH

Mon Sep 7

Office closed

6:30pm AA Sm

Group WH

Tue Sep 8

7am AMEN zoom

9:30am Women's Bible

CR

6:30pm SOPHIA Immi-

gration HR

Wed Sep 9

5:45pm Ascension Ring-

ers S

7pm AA WH

7pm Adult Choir S

Thu Sep 10

10am Al Anon CR

Sat Sep 12

12pm Private event EH

WH

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

Sun Sep 13

8:30am Worship S

9:45am Children's Min-

istry Kick-Off

10:45am Worship EH S

12pm Crash Kick-Off

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7pm AA WH

Key

CR	Conference rm
EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth Rm
MG	Memorial Gardens
MR	Meeting Room
MS	Music Room
N	Narthex (Lobby)
PR	Prayer Room
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall (Kit)
<i>Italics Virtual or offsite</i>	



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