



# Ascension Lutheran Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 2020

## WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

### OPENING HYMN

### Let the Whole Creation Cry (v. 1, 3)

ELW 876

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 War-riors fight-ing for the Lord, proph-ets burn-ing with his word,  
3 Men and wom-en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise him, our al - might-y king!"  
those to whom the arts be-long add their voic-es to the song.  
and let chil-dren's hap - py hearts in this wor-ship take their parts;

Praise him, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Kings of knowl-edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joi - ce.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

### PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray... Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SONG

**Majestic** (*Brewster*)

**Oh Lord, our Lord**  
**How majestic is Your name in all the earth (2x)**

**The heavens declare Your greatness**  
**The oceans cry out to You**  
**The mountains they bow down before You**  
**So I'll join with the earth and**  
**I'll give my praise to You**

I will worship you, oh Lord  
 I will worship you, oh Lord  
 We will worship you, oh Lord  
 We will worship you, oh Lord

The heavens declare Your greatness  
 The oceans cry out to You  
 The mountains they bow down before You  
 So I'll join with the earth and  
 I'll give my praise to You

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

## SONG

**Forever Reign** (*Ingram/Morgan*)

You are good, You are good when there's nothing good in me  
 You are love, You are love on display for all to see  
 You are light, You are light when the darkness closes in  
 You are hope, You are hope, You have covered all my sin

**Oh, I'm running to Your arms, I'm running to Your arms**  
**The riches of Your love will always be enough**  
**Nothing compares to Your embrace**  
**Light of the world forever reign**

You are peace, You are peace when my fear is crippling  
 You are true, You are true even in my wandering  
 You are joy, You are joy, You're the reason that I sing  
 You are life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting (*Chorus*)

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## REFLECTION

Pastor Chris

*Don't forget your offering as we worship virtually. Send it in by mail, through our website ([ascensionelca.org](http://ascensionelca.org)) or by text to 262-214-3681 with the amount to contribute.*

## HYMN

We Come to the Hungry Feast (v. 1, 2)

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
 2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
 3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
 from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
 and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
 with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

**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 & MUSIC****Mighty to Save** (Fielding/Morgan)

*Please sing after each petition:*

**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**

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

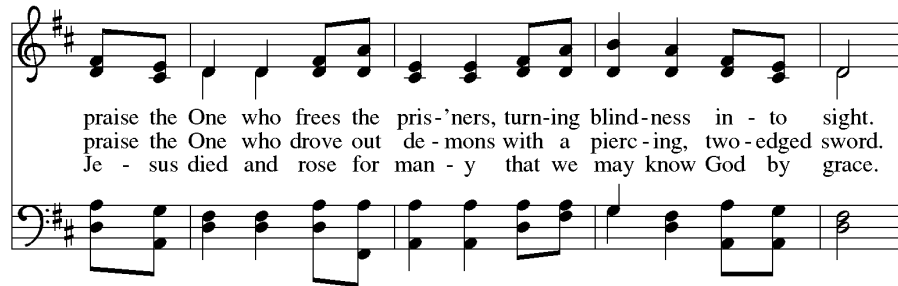
**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (v. 1, 3)

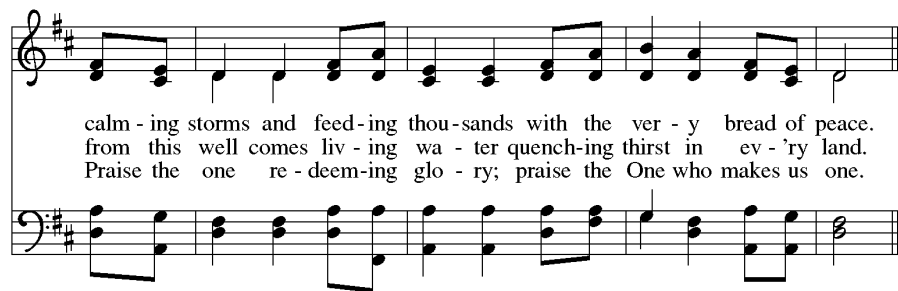

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

## SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING SONG

Make a Difference (Kurtz)

You gave Your life to make a difference  
 You gave Your life to make a change  
 You welcomed all to Your table  
 You're telling us to do the same

**I want my life to make a difference**  
**I want my life to make a change**  
**I want my life to do some good here**  
**I want my life to make a change**

Working side by side, no out or inside  
 Together we can make that change  
 With a few or many, with a lot or not any  
 Together we can make that change (**Chorus**)

Crossing the great divide, joy and peace will abide  
 Together we can make that change  
 Jesus is our peace all fighting will cease  
 Together we can make that change (**Chorus**)

## FAITH CONNECTION

*Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.*

### Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- There is an offering box at check-in.
- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: [tinyurl.com/DonateAscension](https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)

### Worship Times Next Week

On Sunday, Aug. 9, worship times will be 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Reserve your space in worship online or by phone call to the church office (Monday-Friday).

### Congregational Meeting

Members are invited to join us at 9:45 a.m. today to vote on the sale of 1319 Dopp St. and to offer a call to the candidate for associate pastor.

### Spanish-Language Worship

This worship service is held weekly on the front lawn at 10:30 a.m. Today, the service will be at 11 a.m.

### Donations Needed

In order to meet the needs of our community, we will have donation bins near the Welcome table each Sunday. You may bring food items for the Food Pantry or our Blessing Box and bottled water for Hope Center. We will be sure your donations get to the places where they can help those in need.

### Mulch Needed

Families are asked to donate three bags of BROWN mulch each. Please drop off your bags of BROWN mulch at church anytime now until Aug. 15. Please place them in the flower beds beginning in the front of church and work around to the rear beds in back of church. Try to distribute the bags evenly along the beds to make it easier to spread. Cut a slit in the side of each bag to discourage theft.

### Prayers

Submit a prayer request online ([ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers](https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers)), by email to [Tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:Tamie@ascensionelca.org), or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

- For all affected by the coronavirus: those who have died, who are hospitalized, who are sick and all caregivers and emergency personnel

### Healing

- For Kathy Williams' sister Linda, broken leg

### Comfort

- For Joyce, Tom and Wendy Dahl and family at the death of Al Dahl
- For Becky Hastings, Kim Keller and families at the death of their father, Scott Richards

### Thanksgiving

- For Elaine and Jerry Kilgore's 55th anniversary
- For Bob and Karen Schmiechen's 50th wedding anniversary
- For Steve and Carol Spieker's 38th anniversary

### Connecting Online

We offer a variety of ways to connect with your Ascension community online.

### On our website, [ascensionelca.org](https://ascensionelca.org)

- Read the monthly newsletter. August 2020 has been published.
- Register online for next week's worship.
- Watch or re-watch worship and sermons.
- Read blog postings with updated information about church activities.
- Donate online to continue to help us pay the bills and support our ministries. Many of our community and international partners are hurting because of the ongoing pandemic.
- Submit a prayer request <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers>.

### Follow us on Facebook

- Join other Ascension friends on Sunday morning at 8 a.m. to watch worship together, virtually.
- Read the e-alert and announcements about activities.
- Read inspirational messages from Brenda Lytle, Director of Care Ministries, and Vicki Taylor, Director of Music.

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