



Ascension Lutheran Church

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 9, 2020

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

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 hearts; 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 Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the names of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SONG

God Is With Us Now (Beach)

Ben Janzow

Everyone who longs for truth
Needing hope and strength renewed
Come and meet the Savior of the world
Everyone who longs inside
Desperate for the words of life
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

**God is with us now
His love rains down, His love reigns now
Saved by grace and power
His love rains down, His love reigns now
God is with us now**

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision (arr. Bober)

Kathy Johnson

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tony Acompanado

FIRST READING

I Kings 19:9-13

And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

P: The Word of the Lord.

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



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 14:22-33**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION**Crossing Rough Waters****Tony Acompanado**

SONG

Better Is One Day (Redman)

Ben Janzow

**Better is one day in Your courts
 Better is one day in Your house
 Better is one day in Your courts
 Than thousands elsewhere (Repeat)**

How lovely is Your dwelling place
 Oh Lord almighty
 For my soul longs and even faints for You
 Here my heart is satisfied
 Within Your presence
 I see beneath the shadow of Your wings

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PRAYERS & MUSIC

Please sing after each petition:

Our God (Tomlin, Reeves, Myrin, Redman)

**Our God is greater, our God is stronger
 God, You are higher than any other
 Our God is healer, awesome in power
 Our God, our God**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (arr. Schrader)

Kathy Johnson

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

Build Your Kingdom Here (Llewellyn, Gilkeson)

Ben Janzow

Build Your kingdom here	Come set Your rule and reign
Let the darkness fear	In our hearts again
Show Your mighty hand	Increase in us we pray
Heal our streets and land	Unveil why we're made
Set Your church on fire	Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Win this nation back	Like wildfire in our very souls
Change the atmosphere	Holy Spirit come invade us now
Build Your kingdom here we pray	We are Your church
	We need Your power in us

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Worship Next Week

On Sunday, Aug. 16, we will worship in a combined service at 10 a.m. in celebration of Tony's ordination. Reserve your space in worship online or by phone call to the church office (Monday-Friday). Bishop Paul Erickson will preside and Pastor Chris will preach.

Welcoming Tony

The congregation will be giving Tony gifts in celebration of his ordination and to welcome him to his new role as associate pastor. To contribute, whether online or by check, please mark "ordination" in the memo line.

Spanish-Language Worship

This worship service is held weekly on the front lawn at 10:30 a.m.

Al Dahl Funeral Service

The funeral for Al Dahl will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 14, at Ascension. The visitation will begin at 11 a.m. and last until the service.

Vicki Marien Memorial Service

The congregation is invited to the memorial service for Vicki Marien. The service will be held in the Memorial Gardens on Saturday, Aug. 15, at noon. Visitation 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), by email to 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 Adam Boales' mother, Sandra, following emergency surgery
- For Shirley Mohr as her Parkinson's symptoms worsen
- For Brenda Lytle's mother, Barbara, upcoming surgery for a cancerous orthopedic tumor

God's Care

- For Drene Briski's niece, Barbara, in hospice due to brain and lung cancer

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
- For the Marien family as they prepare for Vicki Marien's memorial service

Connecting Online

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

On our website, 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.

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