



Ascension Lutheran Church

12th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 23, 2020

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 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 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.

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation (v. 1, 5)

ELW 654

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

SONG**Because of Your Love** (*Brown/Baloche*)

As we come into Your presence
 We remember every blessing
 That You've poured out so freely from above

Lifting gratitude and praises
 For compassion so amazing
 Lord we've come to give You thanks for all You've done

Because of Your love, we're forgiven
 Because of Your love, our hearts are clean
 We lift You up, with songs of freedom
 Forever we're changed, because of your love

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

REFLECTION

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Built on a Rock (v. 1, 3)

ELW 652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

PRAYERS & MUSIC**You Are My All in All** (Jernigan)

Please sing after each petition: **Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name**
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

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

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

SONG**I Will Lift My Eyes** (Norman/Ingram)

God, my God I cry out, your beloved needs You now
 God be near, calm my fear and take my doubt
 Your kindness is what pulls me up
 Your love is all that draws me in

I will lift my eyes to the maker, of the mountains I can't climb
I will lift my eyes to the calmer, of the oceans raging wild
I will lift my eyes to the healer of the hurt I hold inside
I will lift my eyes, lift my eyes to You

God, my God, let mercy sing a melody over me
 And God right here, all I bring is all of me
 Your kindness is what pulls me up
 Your love is all that draws me in (*Chorus*)

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.

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

HYMN

Lift High the Cross (v. 1, 4)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Awesome is the Lord Most High*(Pierce/Tomlin/Reeves/Abel)*

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

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

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)*

FAITH CONNECTION*Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.***Donate Today or Give By Text or Online**

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Worship Next Week

Please register online or by call to the church office for worship next week. There will be one service at 10 a.m. Please register by Friday at noon. <https://tinyurl.com/ALCworshipRSVP>

Spanish-Language Worship

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

Donations Needed

We're collecting donations to support our community. Collection bins are available when you check-in for worship or by dropping off at church Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to noon.. We need items for the Blessing Box and the Waukesha Food Pantry; paper bags for Cross; and bottled water for Hope Center/NAMI. For the water, you can donate money in lieu of water and we'll purchase the water. Mark your donation "water."

AMEN @ Raised Grain

Amen invites Ascension men to join them at the Raised Grain Brewery on Thursday, Aug. 27, 5 p.m. The brewery has indoor/outdoor seating and food available. Join us for an evening of fellowship and laughter. Questions to Steve Boyer, sboyer@healthmarkets.com.

Mulch Needed

We are asking families to donate BROWN mulch. Please place the bags 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. If you're physically unable to donate bags of mulch, contact Steve Boyer and he will be glad purchase for you.

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

God's Care

- For all students, families, teachers, staff as they prepare for returning to school

Comfort

- For the Werner family at the death of Jennifer's grandmother, Elise Chattillion
- For Drene Briski at the death of her niece, Barbara
- For the family of Susan Smith at her death

Connecting Online

We offer a variety of ways to connect with your Ascension community online. Check out our website ascensionelca.org and [Facebook page](#).

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