



Ascension Lutheran Church

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1, 3)

ELW 631

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

SONG**That's Why We Praise Him** (*Walker*)

He came to live, live a perfect life
 He came to be, the Living Word our light
 He came to die, so we'd be reconciled
 He came to rise, to show His power and might

He came to live, live in us again
 He came to be, our conquering King and friend
 He came to heal, and show the lost ones His love
 He came to go, prepare a place for us (*Chorus*)

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing
That's why we offer Him our everything
That's why we bow down, and worship this King
'Cause He gave His everything

Halle, Hallelujah (4x)

CHILDREN'S TIME**Pastor Tony****FIRST READING****Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG**Give Thanks** (*Smith*)

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He's given
 Jesus Christ, His Son (2x)

And now, let the weak say "I am strong!"
 Let the poor say "I am rich!"
 Because of what the Lord has done for us (2x)
 Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 16:21-28**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, 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 stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, 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

This Thing Called Love

Pastor Tony

HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (v. 1, 3)

ELW 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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**He Reigns** *(Furler/Taylor)*

Please sing after each petition:

**It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
It's all God's children singing
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns
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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**
*(Setting by Joel Raney)***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**Everyday** *(Houston)*

**Every day, it's You I live for
Every day, I'll follow after You
Every day, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Every day, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Every day I can be Your light unto the world

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**
(Setting by Paul Manz)

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 9:30 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.

BLAST Fall 2020

Find out what we're planning for fall and register online at <https://tinyurl.com/BLAST2021> to enjoy this fun, faith-filled opportunity.

Mission Outreach

This committee will meet via Zoom on Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Email Shirley Wehmeier if you would like to learn more about the Mission plans for fall.

Great News!

Thanks to tutors staying connected during the shut down, three of our tutoring students have passed their citizenship tests and are becoming US citizens.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Women's Bible Class will meet at church in September from 9:30-11:00. Email Shirley Wehmeier with questions.

Outreach for Hope

Lend your virtual support to Outreach for Hope and one of Ascension riders: Bryn Kirk, Jeff Kirk, Cheryl Anspach, Bob Stoll. If you are planning to participate, let us know so we can include your names.

Blessing Box Donations this week will focus on school supplies and snacks or lunch items.

Connecting Online

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

On our website, ascensionelca.org

- Read the monthly newsletter. The September 2020 is now available.
- 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.

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:

Comfort

- For Arlene Davis at the death of her cousin, Russell Ebbinger
- For the Gregers at the death of Scott Greger's Uncle David Greger
- With the Carlson family for Amanda's fiancé Joe, whose father, Wayne died

Healing

- For Karen Shulfer, broken wrist
- For Greg Reinfeldt's father, Mark, hospitalized with sepsis

God's Care

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

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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