



Ascension Lutheran Church

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 6, 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.**

SONG

Your Grace is Enough (Maher)

Great is Your faithfulness oh God
You wrestle with a sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

**So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me**

Great is Your love and justice God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along (*Chorus*)

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

ELW 752

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven (v. 1, 4)

ELW 865

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
- 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
- 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
- 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing.
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 18:15-20**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Pastor Chris****MUSICAL OFFERING**

Will You Come and Follow Me
(*Scottish Traditional, arr. Bell/Daigle*)

PRAYERS & MUSIC

God of Wonders (*Byrd/Hindalong*)

Please sing after each petition: **God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth**

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

Your Great Name (*Nordhoff/Neale*)

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**

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**Give to Our God Immortal Praise****ELW 848**


1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**I Love to Be In Your Presence (Kerr/Baloche)**

I love to be in Your presence
With Your people singing praises
I love to stand and rejoice
Lift my hands and raise my voice
Lift my hands and raise my voice

**You set my feet to dancing
You fill my heart with song
You give me reason to rejoice
Rejoice!**

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

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.

Outreach for Hope

Lend your virtual support to Outreach for Hope and one of Ascension's 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.

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 Tracey Edens and family at the death of her mother

Healing

- For Len Sedivy, hospitalized

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

Connecting 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.
- Read inspirational messages from Brenda Lytle, Director of Care Ministries, and Vicki Taylor, Director of Music.

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