



Ascension Lutheran Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 13, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

In Thee Is Gladness

PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Glory to God Forever

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

**Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever
Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever**

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (*Chorus*)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (*Chorus*)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

Over the mountain and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when your love came down

I could sing of your love forever (4x)

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Your river runs with love for me
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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

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

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

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves

who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Love to Tell the Story (v. 1, 2)

ELW 661

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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

Hallelujah (Cohen)

Please sing after each petition: **Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

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**Now the Silence****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**Rise, Shine, You People! (v. 1—3)****ELW 665**

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**Rigaudon (Campra)**

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

Join Us for Mid-Week Worship

Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 6:30 p.m. We will have communion. Attendance is capped at 50. Please sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/mid-worship> or call the church office. Masks and physical distancing are required.

Sunday Worship

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.

Be the Village Ministry

We're collecting new baby/toddler toys for foster children and cosmetic bags (nail sets, etc), and athletic balls for teens for donation. The collection begins this Sunday, Sept. 13. Put items in the blue *Be the Village* bins at the check-in station for outdoor worship.

Tee Up for Golf

Hope Center's annual golf outing, is Monday, Sept. 14, at Broadlands Golf Club. For more information or to register, see the Hope Center website, hopecenterwi.org.

JOLT Begins

Thursday, Sept. 24, at 6:30 p.m. with a student/parent meeting to unveil plans for the year with lots of changes/expectations as we continue to walk with the pandemic. Please register for JOLT online <https://tinyurl.com/JOLTregistration>. Questions? Email Pastor Tony, tony@ascensionelca.org.

Confirmation Is Coming!

We will have a modified Confirmation Capture on Sunday, Sept. 20 after worship outside. We are currently planning for confirmation outside on Sunday, Oct. 18. More information to come. Questions? Contact PC or Pastor Tony.

Outreach for Hope

Lend your virtual support to Outreach for Hope and one of Ascension riders: Bryn and Jeff Kirk, Cheryl Anspach, Bob Stoll, and Beth and Tom Hoffmann. If you are planning to participate, let us know so we can include your names. So far, Ascension is in 6th place with \$1337 raised. <https://outreachforhope.org/bike-ride-2/>

Mission Outreach of Facebook

Check out the Ascension Mission Outreach Facebook page to keep up with all the activities of our Mission Outreach team with our global and community partners and our outreach efforts. <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO/>

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:

Healing

- For Erik Lewis, in ICU following a serious cycling accident
- For Jim and Cindy Finn, at home with Covid-19

God's Care

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

Connecting Online

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

On our website, ascensionelca.org

- Read the monthly newsletter. The September 2020 newsletter 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.

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