



Ascension Lutheran Church

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, September 27, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Be Thou My Vision (*arr. Hayes/Gaspard*)

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

MUSICAL OFFERING

My Life Is in You (*Gardner*)

My life is in you Lord, my strength is in you Lord
My hope is in you Lord, in you, it's in you
My life is in You Lord, My strength is in You Lord
My hope is in you Lord, in you, it's in you

I will praise you with all of my life
I will praise you with all of my strength
With all of my life, with all of my strength
All of my hope is in you

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (v. 1, 4)

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1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Teamwork Makes the Dream Work

Pastor Tony

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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**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.

MUSICAL MEDITATION**O Master, Let Me Walk With You (Smith)****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.

MUSICAL OFFERING**Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing) (Brown/Doerksen)**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Your love makes me sing
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Your love makes me sing**

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging
Your love is a mountain, firm beneath my feet
Your love is a mystery, how You gently lift me
When I am surrounded, Your love carries me (**Chorus**)

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising
All the joy that's growing deep inside of me
Every time I see You, all Your goodness shines through
and I can feel this God song rising up in me (**Chorus**)

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.

Third Grade Stepping Stone: Today after worship with Pastor Tony.

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

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

CRASH: Praise, Prayer, Pandemic, and Purpose!

CRASH meets today at 4 p.m. in the Meijer's parking lot, 801 E. Sunset Drive. Look for PC and his dark gray Honda Odyssey off to one-side of the parking lot. We are gathering to welcome the freshmen and then heading into Meijer's to grab supplies for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County. No need to bring money but bring your mask. Questions? Contact PC.

Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. 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.

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.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Coffee is available to purchase/order. Please check the table at the Welcome Tent. Prices on the Meru Coffee website have increased but prices for coffee ordered through church have remained the same. Any coffee orders received should be available for pickup the following Sunday or from the church office. Payment with your order is appreciated.

Church Building Hours

The church building is open for donation drop-off Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please make an appointment to meet with a staff member as schedules vary.

Healing Hearts is celebrating 10 years of service in our community. Share in the celebration via their virtual auction and balloon pop from September 21-26. Register online at <https://www.healingheartsofwaukeshaco.org/>.

Outreach for Hope: This is the last week to donate to Outreach for Hope's annual bike ride. Donate to support one of Ascension riders: Bryn and Jeff Kirk, Cheryl Anspach, Bob Stoll, and Beth and Tom Hoffmann. <https://outreachforhope.org>

Car Needed: One of our refugee families has need of a low-cost used car. Please contact Jo Buth if you can help.

Donations Needed: The bins for the Food Pantry and Blessing Box will continue to be next to the Welcome Tent for services. The need is greater than ever. We have taken care of the bags for Cross Food Pantry for the fall months. Thank you to all who have helped.

SOPHIA: Find out about SOPHIA at their annual event on Oct. 3 at 10 a.m. at Church of the Resurrection in Pewaukee. Gather in your car or listen from home. The silent auction is completely online starting Sept. 28. <https://www.sophiawaukesha.org/>

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, suffering from a head injury. Due to the extent of the injury and long-term rehabilitation needed, Ascension is accepting donations on behalf of his family. Please note "Erik Lewis" in the memo line.
- For Jim Comp, for successful radiation and healing for his lung cancer.

God's Care

- For people affected by the wildfires in the west
- For people affected by Hurricane Sally
- 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.
- Submit a prayer request <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers>.

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