



# Ascension Lutheran Church

18th Sunday after Pentecost  
Sunday, October 4, 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.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

### Great Things (Myrin/Wickham)

Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is "Yes and amen"  
You will do great things  
God, You do great things (*Chorus*)

**Oh, hero of Heaven, You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
Oh God, You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom, awake and alive  
Oh Jesus, our Savior, Your name lifted high  
Oh God, You have done great things**

Hallelujah God, above it all  
Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
Hallelujah God, above it all  
Hallelujah God, unshakable  
Hallelujah, You have done great things  
You've done great things (*Chorus*)

## PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Beloved God, from you comes all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

This is My Father's World (v. 1, 3)

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1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

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

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

“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and

stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW 182



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

PRAYERS & MUSIC

Here I Am to Worship (Hughes)

*Please sing after each petition:*

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down  
 Here I am to say that You're my God  
 You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy  
 Altogether wonderful to me**

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 Labor Is Not in Vain**  
*(Kimbrough/Zach/Wardell/Keyes)*

**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**

**Firm Foundation** *(Harvill/Gordon)*

Jesus, you're my firm foundation  
I know I can stand secure  
Jesus, you're my firm foundation  
I put my hope in Your holy word  
I put my hope in Your holy word

I have a living hope *(echo)*  
I have a future *(echo)*  
God has a plan for me *(echo)*  
Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure *(Chorus)*

Your word is faithful *(echo)*  
Mighty in power *(echo)*  
God will deliver me *(echo)*  
Of this I'm sure, of this I'm sure *(Chorus)*

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare** *(Marcello)*

## 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](https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)

**Mid-Week Worship:** Wednesday, Oct. 7, at 9:30 a.m. Attendance is capped at 60. Please sign-up online at <https://tinyurl.com/mid-worship> or call the church office. Masks and physical distancing are required.

**Sunday Worship:** RSVP online for Sunday's outdoor worship. <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.

**The Food, Faith and Farming Network** is not able to do the Winter Farmers Markets this year but Ascension will be hosting three farmers for the month of October at our outdoor worship services: BSW Farms, Oatsy Oats and Microgreens. Please stop by their tables to support these local farmers who are facing some real challenges this year. Bring cash to make purchases.

**NAMI Walks** will be held on Oct. 10. You can walk on your own and collect donations to support your walk on behalf of NAMI. Drop off your donations and pick up your t-shirts from 9a-12p at Fox River Church on Lawnsdale Rd. <https://nami.org>

**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.

**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.

### Prayers

Submit a prayer request online [ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers](https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers)), by email to [Tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:Tamie@ascensionelca.org), or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

### Healing

- For Gil Wagner, hospitalized with cellulitis
- 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.

### God's Care

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

### On our website, [ascensionelca.org](https://ascensionelca.org)

- Read the monthly newsletter. October 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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