



Ascension Lutheran Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 11, 2020

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Let the Whole Creation Cry (v. 1, 3)

ELW 876

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song,
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:

sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING**All Things Are Possible** (*Zschech*)

Your praise is always on my lips
 Your word is living in my heart
 And I will praise You with a new song
 My soul will bless You Lord
 You fill my life with greater joy
 Yes I delight myself in You
 And I will praise You with a new song
 My soul will bless You Lord

When I am weak, You make me strong
 When I'm poor, I know I'm rich
 In the power of Your name

All things are possible (4x)

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING**Cornerstone** (*Mote/Liljero/Morgan/Myrin/Bradbury*)

My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame
 But wholly trust in Jesus' name

**Christ alone, cornerstone
 Weak made strong, in the Savior's love
 Through the storm, He is Lord
 Lord of all**

When darkness seems to hide His face
 I rest on His unchanging grace
 In every high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil (*Chorus*)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a

wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

An Invitation

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

Now We Join in Celebration (v. 1, 2)

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1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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**Mighty to Save** (*Fielding/Morgan*)

Please sing after each petition:

**Savior, he can move the mountains
Our God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave**

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**One Thing Remains** (*Johnson/Gifford/Riddle*)

Higher than the mountains that I face
Stronger than the power of the grave
Constant through the trial and the change
One thing remains, one thing remains

**Your love never fails, never gives up
Never runs out on me (3x)
Your love ...**

On and on and on and on it goes
It overwhelms and satisfies my soul
And I never, ever, have to be afraid
One thing remains, one thing remains (*Chorus*)

In death, in life, I'm confident and
Covered by the power of Your great love
My debt is paid, there's nothing that can separate
My heart from Your great love (*Chorus*)

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**Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

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1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE**O God Beyond All Praising** (setting by David Lasky)

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.

The Food, Faith and Farming Network: Ascension will be hosting three farmers for the month of October at our outdoor worship services. Bring cash to make purchases.

Mt. Meru Coffee: Coffee is available to purchase/order. Please see the table at the Welcome Tent. Coffee orders received should be available for pickup the following Sunday or from the church office. Payment with your order is appreciated.

Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday, Oct. 14, at 6:30 p.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 at 10:30 a.m.

JOLT Mini-Golf: JOLT students are invited to join us this Sunday, Oct. 11, from 3:30 - 5 p.m. for an afternoon of mini-golf! For more info, talk to Pastor Tony or Pastor Chris. Cost: \$5/student.

HOPE Center is in need of Styrofoam "to go" containers with lids and plastic forks for the meals that are packaged for those in need. HOPE Center has served over 3000 meals since the pandemic began. Bring donations to the donation center or drop them off at the HOPE Center.

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 Linda Elder's son Brian following hernia surgery.
- For Karen Shulfer, physical therapy following a broken wrist
- With Linda Elder for Megan and Kelly, each having mastectomies from breast and lymph gland cancer
- 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.

Comfort

- For Wayne and Lyn Owens at the death of her grandson, Spencer
- With Sharon Coralline for the friends and family of Clarence, who died recently

Prayers (continued)

God's Care

- With Linda Elder for John, terminal diagnosis for brain cancer
- 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

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- 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.

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>.

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