



# Ascension Lutheran Church

## 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 18, 2020

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 1, 3)

ELW 679

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

**PRAYER**

P: Let us pray...

C: Amen.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**His Love Endures Forever** (*Chris Tomlin*)

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God, we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us, forever, forever

**CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Pastor Chris and Pastor Tony**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Step by Step** (*David Strasser*)

Oh God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise You  
Oh God, You are my God  
And I will ever praise You

I will seek You in the morning  
I will learn to walk in Your ways  
And step by step You'll lead me  
I will follow You all of my days

**GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 5:14-16**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

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

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**The Impossible Reality of God**

**Pastor Chris**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

All Are Welcome (v. 1, 3)

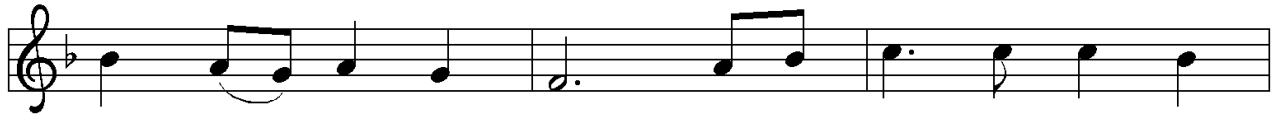
ELW 641



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

**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** (*Leonard 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**

**Baptized and Set Free**

**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**

**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!**

**SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Chaconne** (*Louis Couperin*)

## 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: <https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>.

**Mid-Week Worship:** Wednesday, Oct. 21, 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.

### Sunday Worship RSVP

RSVP online for Sunday outdoor worship. <https://tinyurl.com/ALCworshipRSVP>

**The Food, Faith and Farming Network:** Ascension will be hosting farmers from the Food Faith and Farming Network in October at our outdoor worship services. Cash only.

**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.

### 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 Linda Druml's sister Lori, heart procedure
- For Linda Elder, severe reaction to a medication
- For Linda Elder's son Brian, hernia surgery
- For Erik Lewis, head injury

### Thanksgiving

- For Jim Druml's mother Mary Ann Druml on her 94th birthday

### God's Care

- For Linda Druml's Aunt Aggie, hospice
- 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

### Connecting Online

We offer a variety of ways to connect with your Ascension community online at [ascensionelca.org](https://ascensionelca.org).

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

- Read the monthly newsletter. The October 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.
- Submit a prayer request <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers>.

### Follow us on Facebook

- <https://www.facebook.com/ascensionlutheran>
- 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.
- Follow our Mission Outreach page and find out what's happening with our mission and community partners <https://www.facebook.com/Ascension.ELCA.MO>.

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