



Ascension Lutheran Church

23rd Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, November 8, 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

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (*setting by David Lasky*)

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING

Build My Life (Younker/Martin/Kaple/Redman/Barrett)

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, we live for You

**Jesus, the name above every other name
Jesus, the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You, We live for You**

**Holy, there is no one like You, there is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and
Show me who you are and fill me with Your heart
and lead me in Your love to those around me (Repeat)**

And I will build my life upon Your love,
It is a firm foundation
And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken
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GOSPEL READING**Matthew 25:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**SERMON****Pastor Chris****MUSICAL OFFERING****Christ Be Our Light (v. 1, 2)****ELW 715**

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

PRAYERS & MUSIC**Here I Am to Worship** *(Tim 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**The King Shall Come**

(setting by Anne Krentz Organ)

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.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING**Everyday** *(Joel Houston)*

**Every day, it's You I live for
Every day, I'll follow after You
Every day, I'll walk with You, my Lord**

Every day, Lord I'll learn to stand upon Your word
And I pray that I might come to know You more
You will guide me in every single step I take
Every day I can be Your light unto the world

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

Annual Meeting TODAY: Church members are invited to attend the 2020 Annual Meeting at 10:30 a.m. Please sign-in so we know who is in attendance for official records. We will vote on candidates for church council and the 2021 budget.

Weekday In-Person Worship: Join us for a short service with communion on Mondays, at 6 p.m. and Tuesdays at noon. Attendance is capped at 60. For safety, masks and distancing are required. Please sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/mid-worship> or by calling the church office.

Mt. Meru Coffee is available for sale from the church during office hours. We have coffee inventory plus are taking orders. Regular/decaf coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$10; Peaberry coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$15.

Harvest Blessings

Thrivent has granted us \$250 in seed money to buy food for the Cross Food Pantry. Please help us match the grant by purchasing food items or making a cash donation during the month of November. We need anything canned (including tuna, ravioli, spaghetti, hearty soups, fruits and vegetables), peanut butter, jelly, mac & cheese, rice mixes, potato mixes, pastas, pork and beans and more. Donations can be brought to church when the building is open and placed in the West Hall Donation Center.

Blessing Bags

Help us help the homeless this winter by making Blessing Bags. Fill a large ziplock bag with necessary items: warm socks, hats, gloves, grooming needs, healthy snacks, hand warmers, gift cards for dollar store, food, or general store, hand sanitizer, band aids, water bottle, etc. Include an unsigned note that you are thinking of them with a few scripture verses.

HOPE Center Dinner and Auction

Support Waukesha's Hope Center by participating in their biggest fundraiser of the year. Due to covid, the auction event will be fully online. All auction items will be available for viewing and bidding beginning on Nov.12. <https://hopecenterwi.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:

God's Care

- For El Salvador and all of the countries in the path of Hurricane Eta experiencing flooding
- 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

- 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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