



Ascension Lutheran Church

5th Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, February 7, 2021

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Glory to God Forever (Fee/Beeching)

Before the world was made
Before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings
Yes, You were, yes, You were
And now You're reigning still
Enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out
We join them as we sing

Creator God, You gave
Me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name
All my days, all my days
So let my whole life be
A blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings
The greatness of our King (**Chorus**)

Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
Take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours
We sing (**Chorus**)

Glory to God, glory to God
Glory to God, forever (Repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

OPENING HYMN

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

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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:

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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... Holy God, we need your presence on the long road, Lord. The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection. Jesus, bring your peace to this time of worship that we might find ourselves overwhelmed by your love. Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship be yours and yours alone. In your holy name we pray.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

Your Love Defends Me (Kerr/Maher)

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the one I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war is already won
I know the war is already won (*Chorus*)

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

We sing Hallelujah
You're my portion
My salvation
Hallelujah (*Chorus*)

READING

Isaiah 40:28-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

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

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick

with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come (setting by Anne Krentz Organ)

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE & HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

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*)

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

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.

CLOSING HYMN**O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** (v. 1, 4, 6)

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1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

Verse 6: To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n

SENDING

P: People of God. Be at peace. God is with you. Have courage. You are loved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (Paul Manz)

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

Adult Education: Pastor Chris is offering a six-week study of *Get Your Life Back: Everyday Practices for a World Gone Mad* by John Eldridge. We will begin on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. Please [sign-up with Pastor Chris](#).

Love Your Church, Love Your World: During the month of February, we are celebrating Love Your Church/Love Your World month. On the windows of the sanctuary are hearts with items our church or ministry partners need. **For Ascension**, we would love for you to drop-off during church hours: Kleenex, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, napkins, paper towels, Windex, dish soap, liquid hand soap, paper plates (sm & lg), Zip-lock bags (gallon & sandwich size), bottled water, paper (8 ½ x 11, 8 ½ x 14, 11 x 17), packaging tape, stamps, envelopes/

For Hawthorne Elementary School, items may be dropped off at church and/or financial gifts can be shared by check or through the website by placing your amount in the Memorial Line and listing Hawthorne in the space provided.

- Portable hot spots for students (\$18 each)
Cleanliness supplies: Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Kleenex
Snacks — Non-perishable, nut-free, and individually-wrapped for hungry kids or class rewards

For Our Global Mission Partners, financial gifts can be shared by check or through the website by placing your amount in the El Salvador or the Tanzania line.

Tanzania (Our sister parishes operate two primary schools)

- \$50 for one week of a teacher's salary
- \$25 for one school uniform
- \$10 for books for one school subject
- \$90 for semester's tuition for a preparatory school student
- \$150 for a layer of bricks for the new classroom for children with disabilities

El Salvador

- \$25 for two dozen sea turtle eggs; a local fisherman will receive a competitive wage for rescuing sea turtle eggs, rather than selling them to a restaurant.
- \$20 for a homeschool package of school supplies for a child in San Jorge (Virtual school starts Feb. 1; students without internet access will receive limited supplies from their school.)

\$75 for one meter of retaining wall for San Jorge church (labor and supplies). San Jorge is built along a dry river bed and a new retaining wall is needed to build the next section of security fence.

\$200 for a security door for the new Usulután church
\$25 per window pane for the new church in Usulután
\$40 for a square meter of flooring (labor and materials) for the new church in Usulután

Outreach for Hope and ELCA World Hunger Food Drive on Super Bowl Sunday Feb. 7. Get on the TEAM to reduce food insecurity and help defeat a real enemy, hunger in our community! Bring food to one of Ascension's projects: Waukesha Food Pantry, Blessing Box, or Cross Food Pantry or donate money to synod which will be divided 50% for local OFH congregations food support and 50% for ELCA World Hunger.

CRASH Event: Sunday, Feb. 14, CRASH resumes its monthly in-person events with private showing of the movie *Wonder Woman 1984*. Space is limited so CRASH families should look for the email to sign-up or contact Pastor Tony.

JOLT Resumes: JOLT resumes its small group gatherings using the same groupings from the fall. If something has changed in your schedule or you are wanting to move to virtual or in-person, please confirm that switch with Pastor Tony. The next gatherings are at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and 11.

Church Office Hours: The church office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. Masks and social distancing are required.

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