



## FIRST READING

**Genesis 32:22-31**

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THIRD GRADE BIBLES

As part of Ascension's Stepping Stone classes, the following third graders are receiving their bibles today: Kai Acompanado, Collin Johnson, Howie Leatherwood, Joseph Leatherwood, Madeline Paczesny, Elsa Romme, Lorelei Rook, Henry Schultz, Brooklyn Stigler.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

**Edwin Aparicio**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C:



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

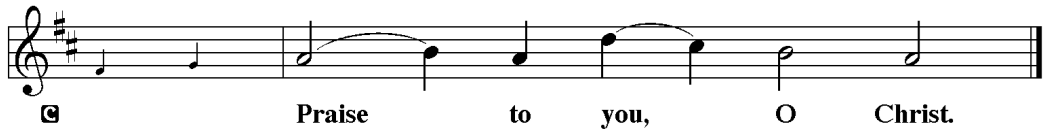
## GOSPEL READING

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:



## SERMON

Edwin Aparicio, Pastoral Intern

## HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

ELW 769

## 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 OF THE PEOPLE

**God's Care:** For the people of El Salvador and Central America following Hurricane Julia  
For Jeane Bogle, help finding a dentist to care for multiple problems  
With Karen Schmiechen for Beverly who lost her home in Hurricane Ian

**Healing:** Sheri's Great Aunt beginning chemo for cancer

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

All are invited to greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say "*Peace be with you*" or similar words. This may be shared in numerous ways as you feel most comfortable.

**OFFERING****How Can I Keep From Singing**  
*arr. Jeffrey Honoré***Ascension Choir**

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**OFFERTORY****Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful****ELW 184****WORDS OF INSTITUTION****THE 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**

All those believing in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection are welcome to receive communion at this table of grace. We offer both bread and wine for holy communion. Gluten-free wafers are available.

**LAMB OF GOD****p. 154****HYMNS****Around You, O Lord Jesus****ELW 468****What God Ordains Is Good Indeed****ELW 776****Day by Day****ELW 790****COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**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****Rise Up, O Saints of God!****ELW 669****SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE****Break Forth Into Joy, J.S. Bach**



# ASCENSION

*Together We Rise*

**Children Are God's Gift:** We are a noisy church. We are happy to celebrate the sounds of children during worship. You are welcome to step into the lobby with your child for a break if needed.

**Pew Pads:** Please fill-out the blue pew pad and pass it to your neighbor. You might make a new friend.

**Donate Today:** Donate using the Vanco Giving app, online at <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension> or with the QR code to the right.



**Baptized:** We welcome Skye Anthony Rimmel in baptism today. Skye's mom is Viviana Navarro. Sponsors are Hugo and Kayla Hernandez.

**A Moment of Peace ~ A Pathways to Mental Wellness Event:** You are invited to join our pastors in a time of reflection, prayer, music, and scripture to honor a time of being present to yourself and to God as we seek to let go of the "noise" of this world that so often can cause, fear, anxiety, and feelings of being overwhelmed. We will gather at 6 p.m. today in the sanctuary.

**Book Study ~ The Book of Joy:** There's still time to join Pastor Tony's six-week book study on Mondays at either 10 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Register online, <https://tinyurl.com/ALCBookStudy> or contact Pastor Tony, [tony@ascensionelca.org](mailto:tony@ascensionelca.org). The Book of Joy is the result of a seven-day meeting between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, two of the world's most influential spiritual leaders.

**New Member Welcome:** Are you a new member here at Ascension? Join us for a meet & greet (and snacks!) between services on Oct. 23 in West Hall. RSVP's appreciated to Amy Gilgenbach, [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org).

**Covid-19 Notice:** Please be aware that an attendee of the 8:30 worship service on Sunday, Oct. 9, tested positive for coronavirus on Tuesday. While levels are low for covid-19 in our community, it remains a concern and we appreciate being informed of potential exposures.

**Young at Heart (55+):** Ascension's Young at Heart group for people 55 and older will meet Oct. 19 at noon for potluck and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass if you are able.

**Tutoring:** Tutoring is held on Saturdays at 10 a.m. We are in need of subs who can help occasionally. Email Shirley Wehmeier, [shwehmeier@gmail.com](mailto:shwehmeier@gmail.com), for information/questions.

**Meru Coffee:** Shop directly from the Meru cabinet. Payment envelopes are in the cabinet or you can pay online, <http://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension>. If your item isn't in stock, you can order using the form in the cabinet or by email to Amy Gilgenbach, [admin@ascensionelca.org](mailto:admin@ascensionelca.org).

*More announcements next page*

**Blessing Box:** We are again accepting donations for the Blessing Box. Please place your non-perishable food items directly in the box or if the box is full, place them in the marked bins in the Donation Center. We are emphasizing basic food items to make a meal or parts of a meal and cannot accept fresh produce or bakery items.

**Newsletter:** Read the October newsletter online, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/newsletter/>.

<b>Upcoming Worship Support Schedule</b>		
<i>See the complete schedule online <a href="https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport">https://tinyurl.com/worshippupport</a></i>		
<b>Sunday, Oct. 23</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Birner	Kathy and Mike Tomchek
<b>Communion</b>	Becky Pepper	Melody and Paul Maass, Mike Tomchek
<b>Media</b>	Brian Novotny	Andrew Marien
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Elaine Kilgore	Mark Pichler
<b>Sunday, Oct. 30</b>	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joan Birner	Jane and Mark Collins
<b>Communion</b>	Carol Spieker, Steve Spieker	Rick Dowling, Becky Hastings, Mike Wilkinson
<b>Media</b>	Kurt Werner	Braedon Metzger
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Klippel, Dennis Mohr, Paul Wehmeier	Mike Rapp

Worship

Grow

Walk

Serve

# Calendar

See the full calendar and a list of events on our website, <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>.

## Sun Oct 16

**8:30am Worship S**

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Worship S**

**10:45am Adoración en español EH**

6pm Pathways to Mental

Wellness S

7pm AA WH

## Mon Oct 17

10am The Book of Joy HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN YR

6:30pm The Book of Joy HR

## Tue Oct 18

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible HR

6pm GriefShare YR

7pm Church council HR

## Wed Oct 19

12pm Young at Heart WH

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA WH

7:30pm Choir S

## Thu Oct 20

9:30am TGIT HR

10am Al Anon YR

5pm Children's Choir

6pm JOLT

## Fri Oct 21

1pm Hansen Group HR

## Sat Oct 22

9am Jubilate Rehearsal S

9am Tutoring

## Sun Oct 23

**8:30am Worship S**

9:45am New Member Gathering WH/HR

9:50am BLAST

**10:45am Adoración en español EH**

**10:45am Worship S**

1:30pm Private event MG

6pm CRASH YR

7pm AA WH

## Mon Oct 24

10am The Book of Joy HR

1pm Knit Wits HR

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

6:30pm AMEN YR

6:30pm The Book of Joy HR

7pm Jubilate Rehearsal S

## Tue Oct 25

*7am AMEN zoom*

9:30am Women's Bible HR

6pm GriefShare YR

7pm Holloway Group HR

## Wed Oct 26

6pm Handbells S

7pm AA Open Meeting/  
Speaker EH/WH

7:30pm Choir S

## Thu Oct 27

10am Al Anon YR

## Sat Oct 29

9am Tutoring

### Key

EH	East Hall
HR	Hearth rm
MG	Mem. Gardens
S	Sanctuary
WH	West Hall
YR	Youth Room
<i>Italics</i>	<i>Virtual or offsite</i>



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