



**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
10 a.m., August 10, 2025

**Worship Leadership**

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**Reader:** Jeff Froh **Ushers:** Cynthia and Mike Carlson

**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 heart; 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.**

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## SONGS

### Glory to God Forever

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

**Glory to God, glory to God  
Glory to God, forever  
Glory to God, glory to God  
Glory to God, forever**

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)*

### You Shine

Why should I feel lost  
When You made the heavens  
Why should I feel afraid  
When you put the stars in place  
Why should I lose heart  
When I know how great You are  
Why should I give up  
When Your plans are full of love

**You shine  
Brighter than the brightest star  
Your love  
Purer than the purest heart  
You shine  
Filling us with courage and strength  
To follow You**

## PRAYER

### EL SALVADOR SHARING

**Andrew Marien and Jhonson Aparicio**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Tony**

### FIRST READING

**1 John 4:16**

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 10:31**

So, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

SONG

Santo, Santo, Santo / Holy, Holy, Holy



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: San - to\_e - res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

GOSPEL READING

John 13:34

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tony

SONG

One Thing Remains

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*)

PRAYERS

Please say, "Hear our prayer" and sing the previous refrain after each petition.

**Comfort:** With Peter Passante for the family of Cicily at her death

**Thanksgiving:** With Elaine and Jerry Kilgore celebrating their 60th anniversary

**Healing:** For Sharon Coralline

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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## OFFERING

### Mighty to Save

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a savior  
The hope of nations

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender (*Chorus*)

**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

### 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 and grape juice are available.

## SOLO

### All My Hope

## SONG

### Your Love Defends Me

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?

**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**

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*)

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

## SONG

It's the song of the redeemed  
Rising from the African plain  
It's the song of the forgiven  
Drowning out the Amazon rain  
The song of Asian believers  
Filled with God's holy fire  
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation  
A love song born of a grateful choir

**It's all God's children singing  
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns  
It's all God's children singing  
Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

## He Reigns

Let it rise above the four winds  
Caught up in the heavenly sound  
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals  
To the faithful gathered underground  
**(Chorus)**

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### LITANY FOR CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP / VIDEO

P: Loving God, we gather today as sister parishes, united in your Spirit.

**C: Inspire us to walk alongside one another.**

P: For the call to encounter, to open our hearts and see Christ in every face,

**C: May we accompany with open minds and generous spirits.**

P: For the wisdom to listen deeply, to hear the joys and sorrows, the hopes and fears of our sisters and brothers,

**C: May we accompany with attentive ears and compassionate understanding.**

P: For the courage to cross boundaries, both visible and invisible, that separate us,

**C: May we accompany with humility and a desire for true communion.**

P: For the grace to share our gifts and resources, acknowledging both abundance and need within our communities,

**C: May we accompany with justice and a commitment to shared prosperity.**

P: For the strength to bear one another's burdens, to offer comfort in times of grief and support in moments of struggle,

**C: May we accompany with unwavering presence and steadfast love.**

P: For the joy of celebrating together, in worship, in service, and in the simple moments of shared life,

**C: May we accompany with gratitude and overflowing hearts.**

P: For the patience to grow together, understanding that accompaniment is a journey, not a destination,

**C: May we accompany with perseverance and abiding hope.**

P: For the prophetic vision to challenge injustice and work for a world where all are valued and have a place at the table,

**C: May we accompany with courage and a passion for your kingdom.**

P: For the Holy Spirit to guide our steps, to unite our hearts, and to deepen our bond as sister parishes,

**C: May we accompany each other, now and always, for the glory of your name.**

P: Loving God, bless these sister parishes. Strengthen our ties, deepen our commitment, and make us instruments of your love in the world.

**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.**

### **SONG**

### **Old Church Choir**

There's revival and it's spreading  
Like a wildfire in my heart  
A Sunday morning hallelujah  
And it's lasting all week long

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?  
It's the rhythm of a gospel song  
Oh, once you choose it you can't lose it  
There ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul**  
**I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful**  
**I've got a heart overflowing**  
**'Cause I've been restored**  
**There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**  
**No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy**

When the valleys that I wander  
Turn to mountains that I can't climb  
Oh, You are with me, never leave me  
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy (*Chorus*)

Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need  
Clap your hands and stomp your feet  
'Til you find that gospel beat  
'Cause He's all you'll ever need  
All you'll ever need

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful  
I've got a heart overflowing  
'Cause I've been restored  
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
No there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy  
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy

### **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God.**



# ASCENSION

**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. There are also Busy Bags available in the lobby.

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

**Outdoor Worship:** Next Sunday, Aug. 17, join us for worship at 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary and 10 a.m. in the Memorial Gardens, weather permitting. Bring a chair!

**BLAST Off & Jump In!** Calling all kids and families — it's time to get ready for another amazing year of BLAST and our new ministry for 4th and 5th grade students, JUMP (Jesus Understands Me Perfectly)! From music to games, and growing in faith, we've got an exciting journey ahead — and we want YOU to be part of it! Register online today and let the adventure begin! Our first day will be Sunday, Sept. 7, between services. Whether you're brand new or returning, we can't wait to welcome your children into a fun, faith-filled environment where they'll learn about God's love and grow in their spiritual journey.

**Young at Heart:** Young at Heart's next trip is Thursday, Nov. 20, to the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet, Illinois to see Ocean's Rat Pack, a tribute to the Rat Pack, plus a tour and lunch. Sign-up today between services, at the Young at Heart potluck on Wednesday, Aug. 20 or at Bunco on Wednesday, Aug. 27. Tickets are \$88.

**El Salvador Sharing and Dinner:** Please join the Salvadoran delegation for a night of sharing about their recent mission trip on Sunday, August 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**SOPHIA:** The Immigration Task Force of SOPHIA will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on August 12 at Ascension. Anyone interested in learning more is invited to attend.

**Ascension Build Day for Habitat for Humanity is September 9:** Volunteers assist the staff and experienced volunteers at active job sites with various construction projects. Prior knowledge and skills are helpful but are not necessary as staff will help provide instructions. Please contact Nick Wagner by September 2nd if you are able to help. [nwagner703@yahoo.com](mailto:nwagner703@yahoo.com)

**Support Hawthorne Elementary School:** Please see the Amazon Wishlist (<https://tinyurl.com/HES2025-26>) to help teachers at Hawthorne get the items they need for a successful school year. If you don't like to order on Amazon, you can make a cash donation so we can do the purchase for you.

**Food Drive:** The Tuesday Women's Bible Group is hosting a food drive for the Food Pantry. There is a great need for basic food that provide simple meals. Stop by the table in the narthex to see the "Great 8 To Donate" and to drop off a donation for the Food Pantry. The group will be delivering the items on August 19th followed by a tour.

## Are You Visiting?

Date of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Worship: \_\_\_\_\_

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***How did God invite you here?***

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***How can we share the life of  
Ascension with you?***

- E-Alert
- Newsletter: e-mail or U.S. Mail?
- BLAST (ages 3-5th gr.)
- JOLT (confirmation, 6-8th gr.)
- CRASH (high school)
- Bible study (small groups)
- Choirs or other music ministries
- Serving others (local/global options)
- Starting Point (membership)

**Please place in the offering plate.**

## CALENDAR <https://ascensionelca.org/events/>

### Sun Aug 10

8:30am Worship S  
10am Worship EH S  
7pm AA WH

### Mon Aug 11

6:30pm AA Sm Group WH

### Tue Aug 12

7am AMEN zoom  
9:30am Women's Bible CR  
10:30am Boyer Group HR  
6:00pm Mutual Ministry  
HR  
6:30pm SOPHIA  
Immigration Task Force  
Mtg WH

### Wed Aug 13

6:30pm Cherished Study  
HR  
7pm AA WH

### Thu Aug 14

10am AI Anon CR

### Sat Aug 16

12:30pm Knit Fest HR

### Sun Aug 17

8:30am Worship S  
10am Outdoor  
Worship MG  
10am Worship EH  
7pm AA WH

### Mon Aug 18

12pm Staff Mtg HR  
6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

### Tue Aug 19

7am AMEN zoom  
9:30am Women's Bible CR  
7pm Church council HR

### Wed Aug 20

12pm Young at Heart WH  
7pm AA WH

### Thu Aug 21

10am AI Anon CR

### Sun Aug 24

8:30am Worship S  
10am Worship EH S  
7pm AA WH

### Mon Aug 25

6:30pm AA Sm Group  
WH

### Tue Aug 26

7am AMEN zoom  
9:30am Women's Bible CR  
10:30am Boyer Group HR

### Key

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|----------------|---------------------------|
| CR             | Conference rm             |
| EH             | East Hall                 |
| HR             | Hearth rm                 |
| MG             | Memorial Garden           |
| N              | Narthex (Lobby)           |
| PR             | Prayer Room               |
| S              | Sanctuary                 |
| WH             | West Hall                 |
| <i>Italics</i> | <i>Virtual or offsite</i> |



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