



Ascension Lutheran Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2020

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

MUSICAL OFFERING Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (setting by Paul Manz)

PRAYER

P: Let us pray... Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING Praise and Thanksgiving (v. 1, 2)

ELW 689



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Chris

MUSICAL OFFERING Sow the Seeds (from Feast of Life)



1. Sow the seeds of life, dear Lord. Help us grow by your word. —
2. May our minds be made a - new by your word break - ing through



Life will bloom with bless - ings when we your voice have heard.
Let the sun come shin - ing in; — ev - 'ry heart re - new.

GOSPEL READING**Matthew 13:24-30**

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.**REFLECTION****Pastor Chris****MUSICAL OFFERING****As the Grains of Wheat****ELW 465**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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**He Reigns (Furler/Taylor)***Please sing after each petition:*

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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

P: We pray together:

C: **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 AND MEDITATION

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.

SONG**Here I Am to Worship (Tim Hughes)**

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

King of all days
So highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (*Chorus*)

**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**

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.

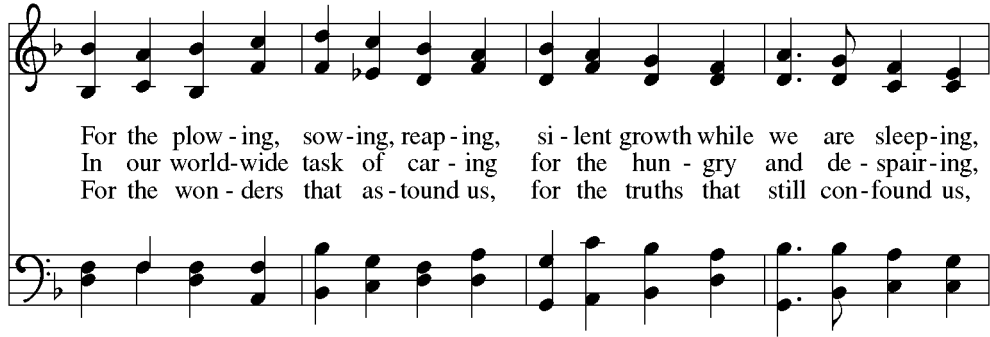
C: **Amen.**

MUSICAL OFFERING**For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 1, 3)**

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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.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE****Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** (*setting by Michael Burkhardt*)

Don't forget your offering as we worship virtually. Send it in by mail, online at ascensionelca.org or by text to 262-214-3681 with the amount to contribute.

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>

Worship Time Change Next Week

On Sunday, July 26, outdoor worship times will be 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Reserve your space in worship online <https://tinyurl.com/ALCWorshipRSVP> or by phone call to the church office.

Congregational Meeting

Members are invited to join us to between services on Aug. 2 to vote on the sale of 1319 Dopp St. and to offer a call to the candidate for associate pastor.

Church Property Work

Please consider volunteering to help maintain our gardens. Weeding is needed in the beds, especially of those in front of the building. Masks not required but please physically distance from others. Just show up and bring your gloves, refuse bags and water bottle. No scheduling necessary.

Amen Summer Gatherings

Amen invites Ascension men to join them at the Raised Grain Brewery pop up beer garden on Thursday, July 30, 5 p.m. at Fox River Park W264 S4500River Rd. A Waukesha County park sticker required. If you purchase a daily sticker at the park that day, it includes one free beer. Bring a lawn chair if you want one. Food trucks will be onsite. Join us for an evening of fellowship and laughter.

Small Groups @ Ascension

Parts of our campus are open for Ascension small groups. To resume meeting at Ascension, please see our website or contact Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org, for information about requirements and reservations. **Reservations required.**

Prayers

Submit a prayer request online <https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers>, by email to Tamie@ascensionelca.org, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Comfort

- For Gina Hernandez and Lindsay Gonzales and families at the death of their father, Bill.
- For Bob and Karen Schmiechen at the death of Bob's dad, Jim.

Healing

- For Scott, father of Becky Hastings and Kim Keller, following a stroke and now on a ventilator due to covid-19.
- With Sharon Coralline for Missey, ATV accident and several broken bones.
- For Marc Schultz, gallbladder surgery.
- For Barbara and Steve Van Voorhis' neighbor, Marcia, cancer and lung disease.

Connecting Online

We offer a variety of ways to connect with your Ascension community online.

On our website, ascensionelca.org

- Register online for next week's outdoor 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.

Zoom Meetings

Consider meeting with your small group virtually. For information, contact Director of Administration Amy Gilgenbach, admin@ascensionelca.org.

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