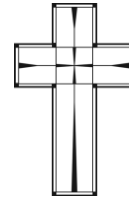


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October 18, 2020  
11:00 a.m.  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Song**

**“Cornerstone”**

Verse 1: My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
But wholly trust in Jesus’ Name.

Chorus: Christ alone, Cornerstone  
Weak made strong, in the Saviour’s love  
Through the storm, He is Lord  
Lord of all.

Verse 2: When darkness seems to hide His face  
I rest on His unchanging grace  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil  
My anchor holds within the veil. (Chorus)

Verse 3: When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless, stand before the throne. (Chorus – 2x)

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**We Welcome God’s Presence (Invocation)**

**Confession**

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**C:** **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thoughts, words, and actions. 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.**

**Declaration of God’s Forgiveness (Absolution)**

**Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 45:1-7**

45 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup>“I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will

give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

### **New Testament Lesson**

**Ephesians 1:18-23**

<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Gospel Lesson**

**Matthew 22:15-22**

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

### **Pulpit Song**

#### **"Jesus, Strong and Kind"**

##### Verse 1

Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy  
I should come to Him

##### Verse 2

Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him  
No one else can be my strength  
I should come to Him

##### Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful  
He will keep us day and night  
We can always run to Jesus  
Jesus, strong and kind

##### Verse 3

Jesus said that if I fear, I should come to him  
No one else can be my shield  
I should come to him  
(Chorus)

##### Verse 4

Jesus said if I am lost, He will come to me  
And he showed me on that cross  
He will come to me  
(Chorus 2x)

Jesus, strong and kind

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**Sermon:** “WHO HAS THE POWER?”

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers:** Each petition concludes with “Lord in your mercy”  
People respond with “Hear our prayer.”

### **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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Blessing (Benediction)**

#### **Dismissal**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.

### **Closing Song**

#### **“We Will Dance”**

Sing a song of celebration.

Lift up a shout of praise.

For the Bridegroom will come – the glorious One.

And oh, – we will look on His face

We'll go – to a much better place!

And dance with all your might.

Lift up your hands and clap for joy.

The time's drawing near – when He will appear.

And oh, – we will stand by His side.

A strong – pure spotless bride.

Oh we will dance on the streets that are golden.

The glorious bride and the great Son of man.

Every tongue and tribe and nation

Will join – in the song of the Lamb.

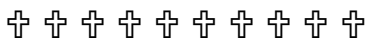
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**Welcome to all** who gather today as members and friends of God's family here at Ascension! May the Holy Spirit empower this service to be an inspiration and encouragement for all.

**Please keep the following Ascension members in your prayers:** Rose Beier, Joel Burgess, Dennis Bush, Sherry Cox, Ivy Gibbons, Marilyn Haag, Bob Prins, Ruth Prins, Dana Walker, Marv Wente and Donna Willig.

**Condolences** to Dennis Kabele and family on the death of his mother, Lela Kabele, who died on October 12.

**Congratulations** to all those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week:

- ☺ **Birthdays:** Tiffany Jones, Pastor Mike Badenhop, River Lentz, Lee Lindgren
- ☺ **Anniversaries:** Zach & Devin Shields, Luke & Wendy Dunkelberger, Justin & Melissa Galbraith, John & Sally McNally, Doug & Martha Stone

**Can Redemption Recycling** – Bring your beverage cans today from 12:30-2:30 p.m. The youth will be collecting them and taking to the redemption center. This is a fundraiser for the youth.

**The Rite of Confirmation** will be at the 8:30 service next Sunday, October 25. Please remember the following Confirmands in your prayers: Natalie Baker, Gavin Edsill, Wyatt Galbraith, Brayden Hanson and Elliot Olsen.

**Physically Distanced Trunk or Treat @ Ascension, November 1 from 4-5 p.m.** (Trunks line up at 3:30) – Ascension invites you to participate in our “physically distanced” Trunk or Treat! Let’s love on the kids in a safe way.

**FOR THE KIDS** (6<sup>th</sup> grade and under)/FAMILIES:

- \* Come between 4-5 and come through our “parking lot neighborhood” of cars in your costumes.
- \* Grandparents bring some grandkids over.
- \* Bring a friend!
- \* Our crowd will be smaller this year intentionally – we are not advertising to the community at large, but only through our members.

**FOR THE CARS:**

- \* Deck out your car as elaborate or simple as you want – the point is to make it special for the kids.
- \* Maybe YOU will win the Traveling Trunk Trophy.
- \* Cars please line up at 3:30 – we want to be in place so it is not dangerous for the kids in line.
- \* Please try to think of a creative way to hand out treats from 6’ or more away.... possibilities are endless!
- \* This event will be held outside regardless of the weather.
- \* Cars will be spaced every other spot so we have 6’ or more between vehicles.
- \* We are guessing 50-100 kids maximum.
- \*\* Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many cars to plan on. \*\*

**WANT TO DONATE CANDY?**

- \* Please leave any candy donations with the office or at the coat racks on Sundays and we will find them and get them out to the kids!

**SAFETY NOTES:**

- \* Please stay home if you are sick.
- \* We will be doing everything we can to keep everyone safe, please do your best to help everyone maintain a 6' distance.
- \* Keep practicing the safe practices we have done for the past several months.
- \* We have been working really hard to not just cancel events, but to say "how can we?" A lot of thought and conversation has gone into how we could do this event safely and within the recommendations we have been given. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask!

**Ladies! Have you ever tried Bible Journaling?** We are having a Bible Journaling workshop November 8 from 3-5 p.m. We have a special guest speaker to get us started on meditating on God's Word through journaling. Only 12 spots are available. The cost is \$10 per person (which includes drink, giveaways and some supplies). Bring your Bible, colored pencils and any other things you like to use. To sign up, get your name and \$10 to Shanda Knight or Jamie Olsen. Once we hit 12, our workshop will be full.

**Gently used comforters needed!!** Ascension has recently partnered with LOVE INC. of the Cedar Valley to provide care for those in need in our community. We will maintain the Good Samaritan Fund for member needs and the food pantry. We will be referring all other requests to LOVE INC. who will in turn, refer those in need to churches who have agreed to provide for their specific needs. Ascension will be providing gas cards and bedding. We will be purchasing the sheets and pillowcases but would invite anyone with gently used comforters to donate them for distribution.

**Any veterans in our congregation,** please call the church office to make sure we have your name on our veterans list.

**Valley Lutheran** needs a basketball coach for grades 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> starting in November. If interested or want more information, please contact Coach Jo at 319-266-4565 or email him at [brian.jo@vlscrusaders.org](mailto:brian.jo@vlscrusaders.org).

# October

Sun., Oct. 18	12:30-2:30 p.m.	Can Drive Fundraiser (Youth)
Mon., Oct. 19	2:00 p.m.	Zoom Bible Study (The Psalms)
Tues., Oct. 20	10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Daily Text Devotions Church Board Meeting
Wed., Oct. 21	9:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study Youth Hang Time AWANA (Balloon Night) Confirmation CIA
Thurs., Oct. 22	8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Newsletter Assembly Daily Text Devotions
Sat., Oct. 24	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Pictures/Practice Confirmation Banquet
Sun., Oct. 25	7:45 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Service of the Word Traditional Worship w/ Rite of Confirmation Sunday School Contemporary Worship

## Statistics – Sunday, October 11, 2020

### Attendance

8:30 a.m.	75
11:00 a.m.	87

### Offering

Worship	\$9,039.30
Building Fund	\$891.00