

# ***Ascension Lutheran Church***

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10:30 a.m.

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering Music**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Song**

## **“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”**

### Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death?  
Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence?  
That our souls to him belong.  
Who holds our days within his hand?  
What comes, apart from his command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

### Chorus

O sing hallelujah!  
Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah!  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

### Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul?  
God is good, God is good.  
Where is his grace and goodness known?  
In our great Redeemer’s blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (*Chorus*)

### Verse 3

Unto the grave, what shall we sing?  
“Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!”  
And what reward will heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord,  
Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy,  
When Christ is ours forevermore. (*Chorus x2*)

Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

## **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)**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

**Genesis 9:8-17**

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

### **New Testament Lesson**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Gospel Lesson**

**Mark 6:45-56**

<sup>45</sup> Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup> And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup> And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup> for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup> And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup> for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup> And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup> and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or

countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

## **Pulpit Song**

### **“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”**

Higher than the mountains that I face  
Stronger than the power of the grave  
Constant in the trial and the change  
One thing remains  
One thing remains.

Chorus: Your love never fails  
It 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)

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## **Sermon “WILL HE PASS US BY?”**

### **Offering**

#### **“Offering”**

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
Oh Lord, I bring an offering to You

### **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

### “My Lighthouse”

Verse 1: In my wrestling and in my doubts,  
In my failures You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2: In the silence You won't let go,  
In the questions Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Chorus: My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
Shining in the darkness  
I will follow You,  
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Verse 3: I won't fear what tomorrow brings,  
With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

(Chorus)

Bridge: Fire before us,  
You're the brightest,  
You will lead us  
Through the storms.

(4x)

(Chorus)

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Ministers  
Senior Pastor  
Deacon  
Contemporary Worship Director  
Lector  
Acolyte

All members of Ascension  
Rev. Mike Badenhop  
Ken Burrington  
Elizabeth Wild  
Cooper Olsen  
Lily Stewart



**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:** John Aldrich, Sherry Cox, Maria Drewes, Ivy Gibbons, Helen Green, Marilyn Haag, Dennis Hilmer, Gary Horak, Lenora McDermott, John McNally, Connie Moss, Ron Potter, Mike Sullivan and Dana Walker.

**Condolences** to John Heuer and family on the death of his grandmother, Berniece Heuer, who died on July 18.

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

- ☺ **Birthdays:** Lucas Schotter, Cooper Olsen, Francesca Anderson-Tovar, Heather Eldridge, Martha Stone, Dave Billman, Bryanna Cox, Nancy Hausler, Morgan Galbraith, Aaden Hibben, Allegra Wilson
- ☺ **Anniversaries:** Nancy & Jim Olsen, Dana & Sandy Walker

**Congratulations** to Nancy & Jim Olsen who celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 30.

**The mowing team for this week is:**

- ✓ Entire "Back 40" – (July 26-28) – Marlyn & Lois Jerke
- ✓ Church Grounds – (July 29-31) – Lyle Buhr, Don Shippy

**Sign-up sheets are available** in the narthex for anyone wishing to provide flowers for our Sunday morning worship services. Don't forget to sign up today to reserve a spot for your special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.). Please notify the church office during the preceding week as to how you would like the announcement worded in the bulletin. Flowers must be purchased by the person providing the flowers and should be delivered to the church no later than Friday afternoon. Thank you.

**Cedar Falls Bible Conference** – July 31-August 7 at Riverview Conference Center, 439 N. Division St., Cedar Falls. This year is the 100<sup>th</sup> annual conference! Spiritual growth for all generations. For more information visit their website at: [cedarfallsbibleconference.com](http://cedarfallsbibleconference.com) or pick up a pamphlet in either narthex.

**On Sunday August 1** we will serve communion at the rail. If you would prefer to commune at your seat, inform the deacon prior to the beginning of the service.

**Join us for the Ascension Family Swim** – August 6 from 5:45-8:00 p.m. at Falls Aquatic Center. The cost will be \$5 per person if you are there at 5:45 when we go in and ages 2 and under would be free. (After this time, normal rates apply). Every age join us! Come have some fellowship and maybe even meet a new friend or two! Parents, please make sure children under age 12 are accompanied by an adult, and any youth dropped off are picked up by 8:00. If you have any questions, contact the church office. Sign up in the narthex if you plan to come so we can contact you if weather forces us to postpone or cancel.

**If you would like** a statement of giving for the first six months of 2021, contact the Stewardship & Finance chairman, Ed Kleiner, or you may wait until October to receive by mail your giving statement for 2021.

**Sign-up sheets** are available in the narthex for anyone willing to provide snacks for the youth for the C.I.A. meetings on Wednesday evenings.

# Calendar

Mon., July 26	9-11:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Tues., July 27	9-11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Bible Study (2 Timothy)
Wed., July 28	9:00 a.m. 9-11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study Vacation Bible School Threads of Love Midweek Worship C.I.A.
Thurs., July 29	8:30 a.m. 9-11:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study Vacation Bible School
Fri., July 30	9-11:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
Sun., Aug. 1	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Communion Adult Sunday School Contemporary Worship w/ Communion

## Statistics – Sunday, July 18, 2021

### Attendance

8:30 a.m.	87
10:30 a.m.	91
Wednesday Midweek (July 21, 2021)	21

### Offering

Worship	\$12,552.42
Building Fund	\$1,035.00