

**Ascension Lutheran Church**  
The American Association of Lutheran Churches  
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Sunday, July 25, 2021  
8:30 a.m.  
9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

**Pastoral Greeting & Announcements**

Opening Hymn: "God Himself Is Present" .....No. 249

Invocation

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Declaration of God's Forgiveness (Absolution)

**WE SPEAK TO GOD**

Kyrie (Lord)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

**"Glory to God in the Highest"**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship you,

We give You thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also, with you.**

### **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.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

### **Gospel Lesson**

**Mark 6:45-56**

Response before Gospel: “Glory to you, O Lord”

<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.

Response after Gospel: "Praise to you, O Christ"

Pulpit Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ..... No. 479

Sermon: "WILL HE PASS US BY?"

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation" ..... No. 507

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

**"Create in Me"**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Prayers of the Church: Each petition concludes: "Lord in your mercy"  
Congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (The Blessing)

Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" .....No. 334

Postlude



Ministers

Senior Pastor

Deacon

Head Usher

Organist

Lector

Acolyte

All members of Ascension

Rev. Mike Badenhop

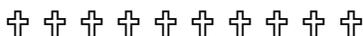
Greg Wood

Lyle Buhr

Candis Smith

Ed Kleiner

Aidan Hanson



**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

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## 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