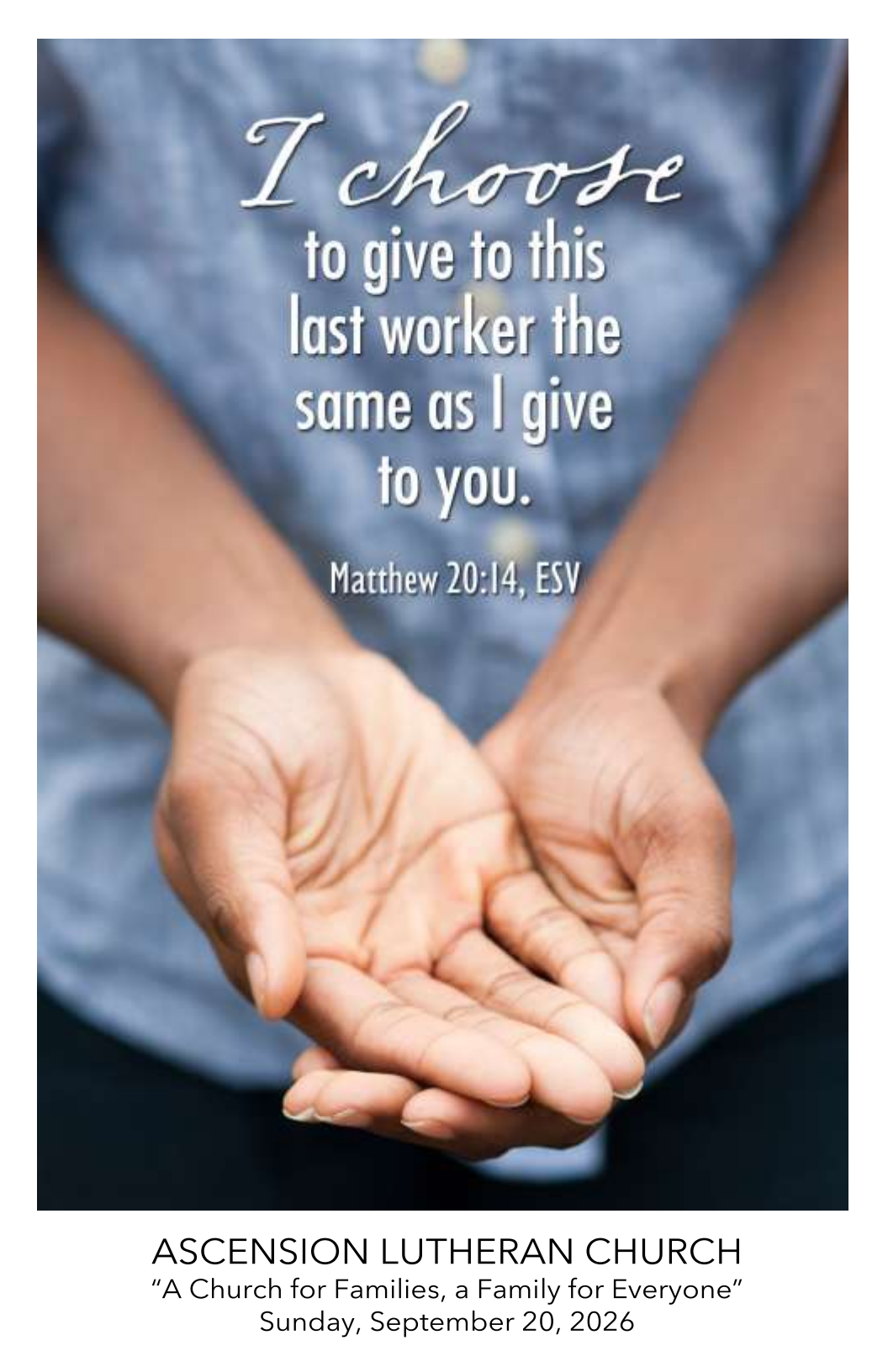




I choose
to give to this
last worker the
same as I give
to you.

Matthew 20:14, ESV

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, September 20, 2026

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. *(Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available on the cup return table.)*

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. *(Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.)*

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: “UNTHINKABLE”

AS WE GATHER: In our minds, justice seems strong while mercy appears weak. In reality, mercy is stronger than justice and greater in every way. While justice may seem appealing to us, what we seek from God is not fairness or equity but mercy. Mercy is what must be taught to our sinful hearts, and for this reason, it remains the higher or greater path. Justice we can understand and reason, but mercy requires God to become flesh in His Son, to suffer and die as the Innocent One for our sins, and to rise to bestow upon us grace and mercy we neither earned nor deserve. Such mercy is a scandal to us and can often be an offense to those who do not realize the magnitude of its gift. Today, we ask the Lord to open our eyes so that we may acknowledge and rejoice in His great gift of mercy and pardon in Christ and walk worthy of this grace every day.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Man does not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God,

C Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, and judge of all people, we confess to You that we have sinned. We have turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You desire. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Because of the obedience of our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us, forgiving us all that is past and granting us the Holy Spirit to guide us into the future.

P God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent. The Lord keep you in His grace and favor and bring you to everlasting life. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”

How deep the Father’s love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart -- His wounds have paid my ransom!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have not dealt with us in justice but in mercy, giving Your only Son into our death and raising Him to deliver us to everlasting life. Help us so to know the riches of Your grace that we may not begrudge You Your scandalous generosity but depend upon it for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

⁶“Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER AND LOVE-IN-ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“His Mercy Is More”

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

**Chorus: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more;
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.
Praise the Lord! His mercy is more;
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more. **(chorus)**

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SERMON **“MY OWN IDEAS”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Matthew 20:1-16

CREED – “We Believe In God The Father” (tune: Love Divine)

We believe in God the Father,
God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Savior,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, Who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's King to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge He comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So, by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ, our Savior, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with Him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

“Rejoice In The Lord” (from *Philippians 4:4-7*)

(8:30am)

Music by John A. Behnke

Ascension Choir

Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord, and again I say Rejoice!

Let all know your moderation.

For the Lord is at hand.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything,
by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all human understanding,
will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, Your mercy is beyond our comprehension, and Your generosity is more than we can understand. Give us grace that we rejoice to know the abundance of Your grace and testify to Your goodness in a world that hopes simply for justice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, You have planted Your church like a vineyard in this world. Give us grace that we bring forth the fruits of Your mercy in our lives and so give honor to Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You made all things and order them by Your Word and Your will. Bless our president and the members of Congress, our governor and legislature, all civil servants, and all justices and magistrates that their labors may honor You and serve us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You created man for woman and woman for man, gave them the gift of marriage, and blessed them with children. Sustain all husbands and wives, all parents and children, the single, and those whose desire for marriage and children has not been realized. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, teach us generosity that we may supply the hungry and those in need from the gifts You have supplied to us. Bless all those who protect and defend us: police, firefighters, those who serve the medical arts, and relief workers. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, You do not forget anything You have made, and You supply us with grace sufficient for this day and all our needs of body and soul, even as You deliver us to everlasting life. Keep us content in Your mercy that we trust in Your promise always. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, deliver the sick from their illnesses, the troubled from their afflictions, and the dying from their fear. Give grace to heal according to Your will, and comfort to those who mourn...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, thank You for Your abundant blessings, including those gifts celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- 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;
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.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the Benedicamus.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body and
blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those
who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available
on the cup return table.)*

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior”

LSB 619

- 1 Thy body, giv’n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed.

Refrain

**Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. *(refrain)*
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. *(refrain)*
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e’er is near. *(refrain)*

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. **(refrain)**

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“I Need Thee Every Hour”

I need Thee ev’ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev’ry hour, Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh.
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev’ry hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev’ry hour, Most Holy One;
Oh make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev’ry hour, Teach me Thy will;
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev’ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P Almighty God, we thank You that You have fed us upon the holy mysteries of the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We humbly pray You to give us the aid of Your grace so that we may continue as true members of the mystical body of Your Son and do the good works You desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

LSB 738

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

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*Thanks to Klara Schmidt for the lovely
altar flowers given to the glory of God.*

† IRON MEN DEVOTION

Iron Men will meet on Saturday Sept. 26 at 8:00am. Join with other men in your church family to grow in faith and fellowship.

† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS

It is time for us to outfit a new family with essentials at My Father's House. Please check out the whiteboard in the Narthex to see what you can donate. Write your name by the item you will buy and then bring it to the Community room after you have bought it. All items must be new and unopened. Thank you for your generosity!

† LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 4

Learn about LWML Mission Grants and help us raise funds! Celebrate LWML Sunday by supporting our Mites and Mission offerings. You can participate by donating or purchasing homemade/baked goods and "calorie-free" craft items for our sale.

Donated items should be pre-priced and may be dropped off:

- Saturday, October 3, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon, while we set up our display in the Narthex; or
- Sunday morning before worship.

We will also have a "Blessings Table" featuring small donated items from our members. (*No clothing, please!*) Select an item and make a donation to support Mites and Mission.

Checks should be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, with LWML noted on the memo line. Cash is also welcome. We are unable to accept credit cards. Thank you!

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)

Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Fort Riley Kansas (grandson of the Zeller's)

† ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE LUNCHEON

You are warmly invited to this special gathering for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, you are welcome.

Please bring a meaningful memento that reminds you of your loved one. During our time together, each person will have an opportunity to share what they brought and why it is special to them. Becky Oswald, a Thanatologist and Grief Coach, will gently guide us as we share a meal, tell stories, and remember those we hold dear.

Space is limited to twenty, and an RSVP is needed. Please contact the church office at 503-665-8821 or office@alcpportland.org to reserve your place.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jaimie Bailey, Heather Gulde, Carolyn Shore, Mark (a friend of the Bryant's), Jim Eckart, Donald (David Grisham's brother), Aaryan (Chenery Whittier's son), Diana (sister-in-law of Randy Bryant), Riki Neagle, Gina Kreps, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

MILESTONES – Sunday, Sept. 20 – Sat., Sept. 26

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Avi Doucet, Ritchie	Sept. 20	Grace Fogarty	Sept. 25
Norma Dillon	Sept. 26		

BIRTHDAYS:

Heather Gulde	Sept. 21	Norma Dillon	Sept. 22
Arielle Reinert	Sept. 25		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mark and Cynthia Jacobsen	Sept. 23, 1985
Joe and Rosemary Knox	Sept. 23, 1989
Tom and Barbara Patch	Sept. 25, 1971
Tyler and Keilah Woods	Sept. 26, 2015

Attendance

Adult Ed: Sunday, Sept. 13	29
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Worship: Sunday, Sept. 13	8:30am	48
	11:00am	53
	TOTAL	101

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN. SEPT. 20 – SAT., SEPT. 26

Sunday, Sept. 20	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Sept. 21	1:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Sept. 24	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, Sept. 26	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 27 – SAT., OCT. 3

Sunday, Sept. 27	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Sept. 28	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Oct 1	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

ASSISTING THIS, SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Mike Adams-1	Don Brown-1
	John Aden-2	Marcus Young-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Esperanza Gutierrez
		Margaret Hubbard
		Rich Bartell
Readers:	Sue Rotramel	Barb Cochran
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Klara Schmidt
Flowers:	Both Services:	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Counters:	Both Services:	Carolyn and Gina
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Randy Schroeder
Ushers:	Duke Sheppard-1 Bryant Sheppard-2	Rich Bartell-1 Jae Evans-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Heather Gulde
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Mark Wheeler
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services:	NEEDED
Counters:	Both Services:	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Carrie and Carolyn

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

August General Fund Tithes	\$ 34,452
August Expenses	<u>\$ 33,756</u>
Difference	+ \$ 696

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

August Dedicated Offerings	\$ 260
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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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