



*They shall come and
shall see My glory...*

Isaiah 66:18

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 21, 2022

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 Lord 's 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 Lord 's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ 's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one 's 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 upon request.*)

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. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

THEME: “The Open Door”

AS WE GATHER: When you think about it, it is a silly question: “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” (Luke 13:23). Why do you think you need to know that anyway? Maybe such a person is worried for others—for their family, for their children. Or maybe they are looking for a loophole for themselves. Of course, our Lord sets us straight by turning the question back so that we ask, “Am I going to be saved?” To answer that question, we almost automatically fall into the temptation to believe that the answer has to do with the sufficiency of our own merits or good works. The “narrow door” and Jesus’ requirement to “strive to enter” seem to suggest some evidence of effort on our part. The surprise, however, is that there is no effort required; one only receives the work, the merit, the righteousness of Jesus Christ. In Holy Baptism, you receive that new status of “child of God,” bearing the righteousness of Christ. The striving and effort are but the daily dying and rising by repentance and faith by the power of your Baptism. The strength to persevere is nourished by the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Keep entering through the open door, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SONG

“There Is A Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank You O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.
Thank You O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;
There I ‘ll serve my King forever, In that holy place.
Thank You O my Father, For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1; 50:1*

P God is our refuge and strength,
C a very present help in trouble.

P The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth
C from the rising of the sun to its setting.

CONFESSION (sung)

P Let us confess our sin to the Lord as we pray and sing:

I confess to You, O Lord,
That I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord,
All my sin within.
I have failed to live for You
In the things I say and do,
And have fallen short of living in Your love.

**Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray,
And take my sin away
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

I confess to You, O Lord,
That I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord,
All my sin within.
I have placed myself above,
And have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only You can set me free. **(chorus)**

Take us back to the water.
Wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father,
Back to Your home again.
Bless Your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin, Let it begin! **(chorus)**

ABSOLUTION

P The Lord has had mercy on you and has sent His Son Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice for your sins. By His Word and Promise I declare to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. You are forgiven. You are set free.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, You have extended Your invitation to forgiveness, life, and salvation to be proclaimed and heard throughout the world. Grant that all people hear and learn to respond to Your love in a constant faith empowered by Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 66:18–23 (ESV)

(They shall see My glory.)

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see My glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard My fame or seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the nations.

²⁰ And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹ And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. ²² “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before Me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. ²³ From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, declares the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Psalm 107:1–9 (ESV)

(The LORD gathers the lost and helpless.)

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from trouble ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; ⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. ⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them from their distress. ⁷ He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. ⁸ Let them thank the LORD for His steadfast love, for His wondrous works to the children of man! ⁹ For He satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul He fills with good things.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

(The narrow door)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²² He went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to Him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And He said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then He will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’ ²⁷ But He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from Me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN **“You Are The Way; To You Alone”**

You are the way; to You alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Father seek
Your follower must be.

You are the truth; Your Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
You only can inform the mind
And purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb
Proclaims Your conqu'ring arm;
And those who put their trust in You
Not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life;
Grant us that way to know,
That truth to keep, that life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

SERMON

“LOOK OUT”

**Luke 13:22–30
Pr. Jim Sprengle**

APOSTLES' CREED

(After hearing the word of God read and proclaimed, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith. 1Corinthians 15:1ff; 1Pet. 3:18ff; 1Tim. 3:16. In some churches you will hear a testimony from one of the faithful – we all give our testimony together.)

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.

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to remain constant in the struggle of faith empowered by the cross of Christ, filled with hope and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Save and defend Your whole Church and strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the Holy Sacraments, establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold offices of service in Your Church that by their work and example faith may abound and Your kingdom increase into all the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and favor to all who bear the offices of government in our land. Guard and protect also all who serve in the armed forces of our country. Give them faithfulness and success in their service and grant that their homecomings be joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity...Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P We thank You for the joys and blessings You bestow each day, and we rejoice with those celebrating...May these gifts bring witness to Your goodness and Your desire for all to partake in the abundant life filled with righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD 'S PRAYER (sung)

(tune: Immortal, Invisible)

**Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread;
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.**

**Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!**

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

✠ 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 upon request.)

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

PAX DOMINI

(Latin for “Peace of the Lord”—the response is “Amen!” or “So be it!”)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of Life, In this holy meal
Let us know Your love anew, We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of Life, Come and live within
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine, Lord, this food is good
Love and mercy come to us, Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine, Who can understand
How His mercy works in these, Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near, Nearer than our thoughts
Stay with us where 'er we go, Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near, In this heaven 's meal
May we always feed on You, On the Bread that is true.

“The Lamb”

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where 's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!
Worthy is the Lamb, Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join Heaven His praise to sing.
Worthy is the Lamb, Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill,
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.
Worthy is the Lamb, Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
Worthy is the Lamb, Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'Till ev 'ry heart to Him belong.
Worthy is the Lamb, Whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We thank You, O God, for making us Your own children
through our baptismal death and resurrection by faith in Christ
and for strengthening that faith this day in the very body and
blood of our Lord.

P Help us daily to strive in this faith to live in love for You and for our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN **“All People That On Earth Do Dwell”**

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell.
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;
Without our aid He did us make.
We are His flock, He doth us feed,
And for His sheep He doth us take.

For why? The Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
AMEN.

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
G Thanks be to God!

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† ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AND POTLUCK

We will all Worship together with **one** worship service on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 10:30am for our annual Friendship Sunday worship service. The service will be followed by a potluck gathering in the Community Room. The church will provide main meat, drinks, and dinnerware for all. If you have a favorite side dish or dessert, please bring it if you can. Invite your friends and family and join us for Worship, Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

- Following is a general guide for what food to bring. Remember, keep the number of servings per dish to 6-8 people.
 - Last names beginning with A through Q – please bring a side dish for 6 to 8 people, i.e. salad, casserole, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, chips, etc.
 - Last names beginning with R through Z – please bring a dessert serving 6 to 8 people.

Can you help with setup and/or cleanup? Contact Margo Bachhuber or Debbie Rekdahl or sign up in the Narthex on the sheet provided there.

† TAKE A GOSPEL BRACELET, GIVE A GOSPEL BRACELET!

There are bracelets available at the welcome desk! Take as many as you will give out! Think of giving some out with an invitation to the All Church Worship and Picnic!

† WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS**CHOIR**

Our first rehearsal will be this Thursday, August 25 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please see Brad Hall if you have any questions.

HANDCHIME CHOIR

Do you have interest in playing music for worship in a group where you DON'T have to sing? Then chimes are for you! You don't have to have any prior musical knowledge, but we can teach it to you along the way. Okay, maybe it would help if you can keep a beat! Please see Brad Hall if you would like to participate.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS AUGUST 21, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carol Hoefer
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	John and Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

	10:30am
Elder:	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:	
Ushers:	Don Brown Johnnie Driessner Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde
Readers:	J. E. Knox
Altar Circle:	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Karla Deal
Counters:	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 21 – Saturday, Aug. 27

Sunday, Aug. 21	8:30am	Worship with communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Thursday, Aug. 25	7:00pm	Choir Practice Begins!
Friday, Aug. 26	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Aug. 27	10:30am	Chosen Bible Study 2

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 28 – Saturday, Sept. 3

Sunday, Aug. 28	10:30am	ALL Church Worship
	11:45am	Potluck Picnic
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Thursday, Sept. 1	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Sept. 2	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: office@alcpportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, The family of Shorty Bauch, Emily Kohnke (Webber Family), Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force — Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

† **MILESTONES**

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: None

BIRTHDAYS

Matthias McInaney	8/21	John Haase	8/22
Taylor Osgood	8/22	Grace Fogarty	8/24
Andrew Freeman	8/25	Bob Ritchie	8/25
Randy Schroeder	8/27	Carlyn Staudt	8/27

Wedding Anniversaries

Tim and Katie Nelson Aug. 25, 2012

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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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