

*“Truly, truly, I say to you,
whatever you ask of the Father
in My name,
He will give it to you.”
(John 16:23)*



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”
May 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 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.*)

(**P** = Pastor, **C** = Congregation, **A** = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “The Day Has Come to Pray to the Father”

AS WE GATHER: “In that day,” Jesus told the disciples in the Upper Room, “whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you.” They could not understand, hearing Him before Easter and Pentecost. But we know now that the day has arrived, thanks to His death and resurrection, when our heavenly Father’s ears are open to our every prayer. In this our day, we can anticipate by faith seeing Him and Jesus, the Lamb, in the perfect Jerusalem, as John writes in the reading from Revelation. Hearing the good news, Lydia, in the Reading from Acts, asked if the disciples deemed her worthy for Baptism. Indeed, with the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit, Christ’s worthiness and her sins had been exchanged on the cross. She provided a home for Paul and Luke, and God had an eternal Jerusalem awaiting her entry. What Easter joy!

PRELUDE

Special thanks to Phyllis Ernsberger for her musical leadership in our worship this morning.

WELCOME

HYMN

“O Day Of Rest And Gladness”

O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright;
On you the high and lowly, Through ages joined in tune,
Sing “Holy, Holy, Holy,” To the great God triune.

On you at earth’s creation The light first had its birth,
On you for our salvation Christ rose from depths of earth;
On you our Lord victorious The Spirit sent from Heav’n;
And thus on you most glorious, A three-fold light was giv’n.

Today on weary nations The Heav’nly manna falls;
To holy convocations The silver trumpet calls,
Where Gospel light is glowing With pure and radiant beams
And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining From this our day of rest,
We reach the rest remaining To spirits of the blest.
To Holy Ghost be praises, To Father, and to Son,
The Church its voice upraises To You, blest Three in One.

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Psalm 67:3; John 16:33*

P Let the peoples praise You, O God!

C **Let all the peoples praise You!**

P Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." Let the peoples praise You, O God!

C **Let all the peoples praise You!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 118:24; John 16:23, 33*

P This is the day that the LORD has made.

C **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P On another day, the one before He gave His life for us, our Lord said, "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you." Today, this side of Easter, we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. But we cannot free ourselves from our sinning and our sinful condition. Let us therefore ask our heavenly Father for forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

P Almighty God,

C **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Although Jesus foretold about the disciples' scattering that very night, yet He said, "I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you.

C **Amen! And may peace also be with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in our hearts. Grant that we may pray confidently, trusting that because of Your Son's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, You graciously hear our every prayer; 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 ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9–15 (ESV)

(Paul and Luke stay with Lydia after her)

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God.

The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.
¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27 (ESV)

(Nothing unclean will ever enter the heavenly Jerusalem.)

⁹ Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰ And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹ having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹² It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³ on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴ And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

²¹ And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²² And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵ and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprenkle

(Because of Christ’s victory, we can pray directly to our Father in heaven.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ “I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹ His disciples said, “Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God.” ³¹ Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“In Holy Conversation”

(tune: The Church’s One Foundation)

In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.
We come His will obeying, As children bringing needs;
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations Begin in child-like ways;
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.
With care our Father listens To ev’ry thought expressed,
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.

As holy conversation, In silence or by word,
In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

SERMON

“CLARITY”

John 16:23–33
Pastor Jim Sprengle

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.

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

Psalm 67:3

P “In that day,” Jesus said, we would pray directly to our Father in heaven. This side of Easter and Pentecost, we know that all we ask is based on our Lord’s death and resurrection. Let us therefore take our concerns to our heavenly Father.

We pray that the Spirit work faith in the hearts of many people who do not know about our Lord’s overcoming the world through His death and resurrection. Grant that they join us to pray to our Father in heaven, to hallow His name, and to be instruments of His kingdom and will, Lord, in Your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for people who do not know the complete forgiveness for their trespasses that Christ has won for them and those who have strayed away from His protection into false belief and despair. Grant that God surround them with people bringing them His forgiveness in word and deed so that they might overcome the devil, the world, and their own sinful nature to win the victory. Lord, in Your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for people who call out to God for daily bread, everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body: those who are sick; in need of adequate food, clothing, or shelter; in conflict with family or neighbors; oppressed unjustly; dealing with calamity by fire or water; going into harm's way for the good of others; and those near and dear to us, *especially*...Grant that they place their hope in Jesus' overcoming the world, realize God's protection and care, and find peace in God's answers to their prayers. Lord, in Your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray with thanksgiving for those who are celebrating baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries this week...Lord, in Your mercy;

C **hear our prayer.**

P We ask God to answer those prayers we have not put into words, but are still known to Him, our heavenly Father. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of the death and resurrection of Your Son, in whose name we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.**

(8:30am service, please turn to page 13 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 HYMNS “Just As I Am”

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yes, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first lov-ed me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING



Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

C Give us confidence as we pray each day, knowing that You hear our every petition and that Your answers are better than our requests;

P through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you in His protecting care.
The Lord make His face shine on You with blessings beyond number.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” (tune: “Joyful, Joyful”)

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow’rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 22, 2022

† FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION-PUZZLE AND GAME SALE

Donate your useable games and puzzles! Bring donations to the Community Room prior to May 15 and place them on the tables designated for the sale. Take a game or puzzle, leave a donation, it is that simple. Sale will last about three weeks!

† C-101 IS COMING!

What? Christianity101—Basics of the Christian Faith

When? Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7pm. with eight sessions each Wednesday, ending July 20.

Where? The Community Room.

Who? Those seeking membership, explorers in the faith, and anyone who wants a refresher!

† THANK YOU

Miki Etzel would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits while she was recuperating from her accident. She is grateful to her Lord Jesus for allowing her to be a part of such a loving congregation.

† MISSION BOARD AND ASCENSION THANKS!

The Mission Board and all of us here at Ascension would like to thank Jeanette Krogh and Cindy Reinert for their sacrificial giving in leading the Jesus Bracelets project. Then going above and beyond by personally delivering 11,000 bracelets to the LCMS Mission Board in St. Louis.

† **THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES**

Our Next Class is Saturday, May 28 from 10:30am to noon.

† **PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Shorty Bauch, Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *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:

Christian Mukul 5/15

BIRTHDAYS:

John Knoke 5/22 Mike Potter 5/24

Gabriel Woods 5/26 Emanuel Aguilar 5/26

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, May 22 – Saturday, May 28

Sunday, May 22	All Day 8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 12:15pm 6:00pm	Game / Puzzle Fund Raiser Worship Education Hour Worship with Communion Voters Assemble Online Worship Posted
Thursday, May 26	7:00pm	NO Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 27	6:30pm 7:00pm	Noche Familiar No Confirmation
Saturday, May 28	10:30am	Chosen Bible Study

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, May 29 – Saturday, June 4

Sunday, May 29	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship Online Worship Posted
Wednesday June 1	11:00am 6:00pm	CareConnect C - 101
Thursday, June 2	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, June 3	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis	Christina Freeman
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Carol Hoefler
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

Elder:	8:30am Dave Oswald	11:00am Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	John Knoke Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	?
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Karla Deal	Bonnie Webber
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jessica Brown
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

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