

"But the Lord answered her,

*Martha,
Martha,*

you are anxious and
troubled by many things."

Luke 10:41 ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church and School
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

July 17, 2022

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 17, 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 Heart of the Matter”

AS WE GATHER: The possibilities are endless when someone asks, “What should I do first?” Our lives are full of events and responsibilities that take up our time and energy. We often prioritize certain activities over others because they are “urgent,” while setting aside the most important things. In our Gospel lesson, Jesus helps Martha to understand that her priorities are mixed up. What do His words mean for you?

**PRELUDE
(8:30am)**

“In The Name Of The Lord”
By G. Gaither/P. McHugh/S. Patti
Karon Keup & Brad Hall, duo

WELCOME

OPENING MEDLEY “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You. **(repeat)**

“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 shall 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.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).
- C** **We come to worship the one who rules justly** (2 Samuel 23:34).
- P** Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)
- C** **Bread of Heaven, God with us!** (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)
- P** Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)
- C** **Eternal Word, Great I AM** (John 1, John 8:58).
- P** Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)
- C** **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!** (Rev. 19:16.). **To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.** (Rev. 1:6.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us come humbly and confess our sins unto the Lord.

(Silence to reflect upon our sins of thought, word, and deed)

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know that all we need is Your Word and Spirit in order that we may live according to Your will; 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

Psalm 73:21-26 (ESV)

(God is my portion.)

²¹ When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart, ²² I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward You.
²³ Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold my right hand.
²⁴ You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will receive me to glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides You. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:21-29 (ESV)

(Making known the mystery long hidden
but now revealed in Christ our Savior)

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38–42 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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.)

(11:00am)

“In The Name Of The Lord”

**By G. Gaither/P. McHugh/S. Patti
Karon Keup & Brad Hall, duo**

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord on behalf of all people and especially for the people of God and the saints in this place.

For the Lord to grant us the wisdom of faith to choose the one thing needful amid all that competes for our attention and loyalty, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Lord to grant us knowledge of the mystery long hidden and revealed in Christ, that we may rejoice in our own salvation and be bearers of this Good News to the world at large, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For loving hearts, patience, and compassion, that we not speak harshly but with kindness, putting the best construction on all things, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For repentant hearts that we acknowledge God's goodness, offer Him thanks and praise, and use His gifts for the good of our neighbor, those in our care, and for the glory of His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hospitality, that our homes be places of love and that our churches welcome new people with genuine affection in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors and church workers, that by their example they encourage us all to faithfulness and compassion, as the Lord has shown to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For peace among the nations, for an end to violence and hate, and for responsible leaders in government who will hearken to the voice of God's Word and serve us with justice and integrity, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick, the suffering, the grieving, and the dying, *especially*...and all whom we name before the Lord in our hearts [*silence*], that God answer them with mercy, heal them in accordance with His will, and bring them to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are celebrating this week, *especially*...let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- 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

- 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.**

(11:00am 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 SONGS

“Come Share The Lord”

We gather here in Jesus’ name,
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame.
For through the loving Son, the Father makes us one.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread.
The Lord Who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The One we love the most is now our gracious host.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

We’ll gather soon where angels sing,
We’ll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.
Come take the bread, come drink the wine,
Come share the Lord.

“I Come To The Cross”

I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.

(repeat from beginning)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O Almighty God, You poured out Your own Son for the sake of the world and You delivered Him up to death so that we might belong to You. Grant us faith that we may cherish the gift of Your mercy in our hearts and boldly give witness to the promise of His grace to those not yet of Your kingdom; 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

(See the back of your worship folder for see all the details)

HYMN "It Is Well With My Soul"

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows, like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well, with my soul."

(refrain)

**It is well, with my soul,
It is well, It is well, with my soul.**

He lives – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought,
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **(refrain)**

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so” it is well with my soul. **(refrain)**

DISMISSAL

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

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† **THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON 2 BEGINS**

Our Next Class is Saturday, July 23 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

† **BOTTOMS UP FUNDRAISER SALE!**

To get ready for our next ministry program, we are organizing the basement classrooms. There will be a sale **Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13** of toys and supplies that are no longer needed. Volunteers are needed both days to manage the sale. Check with Karla Deal about helping.

† **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 chicken, 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, i.e. salad, casserole, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, chips, etc.
 - Last names beginning with R through Z – please bring a dessert.

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.

† **MILESTONES**

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Katie Nelson	7/17	Ginny Whitney	7/17
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BIRTHDAYS:

Andrew May	7/17	Natalie Wentela	7/20
Carolyn Barendse	7/23		

† **WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES:**

A word of thanks to our choir and soloists for their musical contributions to our worship in the past months. Also, thank you to those who are sharing special music during the summer months.

CHOIR IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP and BLESSING!

Please come and join in singing with our choir! Do you enjoy singing, but aren't comfortable singing by yourself, then choir is for you. It is a chance to be a part of beautiful music that contributes to our corporate worship, glorifies the Lord, and blesses everyone involved. You also can be part of a group that enjoys fellowship and fun each week and can learn basic music skills along the way. Our first rehearsal will be 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, July 17 – Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 17	8:30am	Worship w/communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday July 19	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday July 20	11:0am	CareConnect
	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, July 22	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday July 23	10:30am	The Chosen Season 2 Begins

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, July 30

Sunday, July 24	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Friday, July 29	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Dave Oswald
Acolytes:	Jaden Mundo	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Jaden Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Jim Eckart	J. E. Knox
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jessica Brown
Flowers:	Both Services	Merci McInaney
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

† **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, 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).

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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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