

# FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY



**ONE** LORD  
FAITH  
BAPTISM  
EPHESIANS 4:5

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
All Church Friendship Sunday and Picnic  
Sunday, August 28, 2022

# All Church Friendship Sunday and Potluck

**August 28, 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!

**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.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### “Community in Christ”

**AS WE GATHER:** Many congregations are friendly and welcoming, and over the years, many visitors have mentioned that Ascension is a “friendly” congregation. However, just being friendly is different than being a place where we have real friends. It takes time to build friendship and community, but the body of Christ grows richer and more committed to one another as we build our connections. Let us work together as one body in the Lord to reach into the surrounding “community” as we share Jesus and welcome them into the fellowship.

## PRELUDE

“Jesus In The Morning”  
“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

## WELCOME

**SONG**    **“Alabaré A Mi Señor” ~ “I Will Praise My Lord”**

**(Refrain)**

**Alabaré alabaré alabaré a mi Señor.  
Alabaré alabaré alabaré a mi Señor.**

John saw the number of all those redeemed,  
And all were singing praises to the Lord.  
Thousands were praying, Ten thousands rejoicing,  
And all were singing praises to the Lord. **(refrain)**

Voices united in joy and in singing,  
We offer praise and glory to our God:  
To God the Father, To Christ the Savior,  
And to the Holy Spirit, Three in One. **(refrain)**

We are Your people, O God everlasting,  
The people You created out of love.  
Mercy and justice, Power and wisdom:  
We bless You, we adore You without end. **(refrain x2)**

**INVOCATION**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

- P**    We are all one family, made in the image of God.  
**C**    **We are all one family, all over the world.**

- P**    We are all one family, each unique, each special.  
**C**    **We are all one family, brothers and sisters on one journey of faith.**

- P**    We are all one family, given gifts and talents to share.  
**C**    **We are all one family, united in love, united in peace, united in Christ our Lord.**

## CONFESSION (sung)

### “I Lay My Sins On Jesus”

(tune: MUNICH)

I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us  
From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus,  
To wash my crimson stains,  
While in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus,  
All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases,  
He doth my soul redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares,  
He from them all releases,  
He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
his right hand me embraces,  
I in his arms recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Rejoice! I declare to You that because of Jesus’ work on the cross and His promise given in His Word, Your sins are forgiven and You are made right with God. Give thanks and go forth in His name, full of His peace and joy because of the free and precious gift He has given You, in the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

Spirit of God, who lives in perfect unity with the Father and Son, teach us to move as one body in love, that we would live with one another in peace, forgiving each other as You have forgiven us, and building each other up so as to grow increasingly like You, our perfect example and source of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 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

**Psalms 133:1–3 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! <sup>2</sup> It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! <sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

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

## EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:1–6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31–35 (NLT)

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

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

<sup>31</sup> As soon as Judas left the room, Jesus said, “The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into His glory, and God will be glorified because of Him. <sup>32</sup> And since God receives glory because of the Son, He will soon give glory to the Son. <sup>33</sup> Dear children, I will be with you only a little longer. And as I told the Jewish leaders, you will search for Me, but you can’t come where I am going. <sup>34</sup> So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED BY ELDER

## SONG

### **“We All Are One In Mission”** (tune – “The Church’s One Foundation”)

We all are one in mission;  
We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
By Christ the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
Compels us from above  
To plan and work together  
That all may know Christ’s love.

We all are called for service,  
To witness in God’s name.  
Our ministries are different,  
Our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others  
By God’s surprising grace,  
So every folk and nation  
May feel God’s warm embrace.

Now let us be united,  
And let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel  
For God’s redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission;  
We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united  
By Christ the Lord of all.

## SERMON

### **“BROUGHT TOGETHER”**

**Ephesians 4:1–6**  
**Pastor Jim Sprengle**

## CREED (sung)

### **“We Believe”** (tune: *Joyful, Joyful*)

We believe in God the Father,  
Maker of the Universe,  
And in Christ, His Son our Savior,  
Come to us by virgin birth.

We believe He died to save us,  
Bore our sins, was crucified;  
Then from death He rose victorious,  
Ascended to the Father's side.

Jesus, Jesus is our Savior,  
Jesus, Jesus is our Lord,  
Jesus, name above all others,  
Son of God, the living Word.  
We believe He sends His Spirit on  
His church with gifts of power;  
God, His Word of truth affirming,  
Sends us to the nations now.

He will come again in glory,  
Judge the living and the dead,  
Every knee shall bow before Him,  
Then must every tongue confess:  
Jesus, Jesus is our Savior,  
Jesus, Jesus is our Lord,  
Jesus, name above all others,  
Son of God, the living Word.

## **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.)*

### **“My Tribute”**

Andraé Crouch

**Karon Keup, soloist**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Build community with love and caring, rather than brokenness and indifference. Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**



**P** Build community with friendship and compassion, rather than self-centeredness and independence. Lord, in your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Build community with unity and togetherness, rather than mistrust and misunderstanding for us and the people of all nations. Lord in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...Lord in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, fill us with wisdom that is from above. Keep us from jealousy and arguments. Fill us with mercy and good fruits. We submit these petitions Jesus Christ, our Lord, and everything You know we need, in Your precious name.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **SONG**

### **“Pass It On”**

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it  
You spread His love to ev’ryone; You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, When all the trees are budding,  
The birds begin to sing, The flowers, start their blooming;  
That’s how it is with God’s love once you’ve experienced it  
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring, You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend this happiness that I’ve found,  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you’re bound;  
I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know;  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

I’ll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## **DISMISSAL**

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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**† 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 ALC!

**† PROPERTY MANAGEMENT**

Can you spare a few hours to help out? Property Management needs helpers for various projects. If you are willing, let Laura Potter know. Immediate needs include replacing a light fixture in the east stairwell and pressure washing the exterior of the church.

**† BOTTOMS UP FUNDRAISER**

Thanks again for all the helpers and buyers! We are happy to announce that the sale brought in +/- \$1500.00. We still have items left to sell or give away, so check with Karla Deal to find out more.

**† LOVE IN ACTION** (a ministry of the Human Care Board)

After several meetings and some new members, the Human Care Board is excited to announce Love in Action! If you know anyone who might need assistance with small maintenance issues, yard work, cleaning, rides, or other help, please write the request on the back of a Prayer Request Sheet in your pew rack. Hand it in just like a prayer request and Pr Jim will follow up. Know someone getting surgery? Someone who needs a few meals during an illness? A family who needs a food box? Love in Action will do our best to help. Talk to Pr Jim if you have any questions.

**† INTERESTED IN CRAFTING?**

Pastor Jim would like to start a "Crafting Get-Together" on Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Community Room. Bring your own crafts or projects or do a project for the Outreach Board. Please email or contact Pr Jim if interested at [pastor@alcportland.org](mailto:pastor@alcportland.org).

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, Aug. 28 – Saturday, Sept. 3**

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

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Sept. 4 – Saturday, Sept. 10**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 4</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 6</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 7</b>	11:00am	CareConnect
<b>Thursday, Sept. 8</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Sept. 9</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
<b>Saturday, Sept. 10</b>	10:30am	Chosen 2 Study

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022**

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

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart Randy Schroeder NEEDED	John Knoke Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Michele Sprengle	Jessica Brown
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elizabeth Alvarado Karla Deal	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Karla Deal	Carlyn Staudt
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Jessica Brown
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

### **† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or  
e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.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 Blubbaum, 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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## † **MILESTONES**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: None**

### **BAPTISMS:**

Karen Arronson	9/1	Taylor Osgood	9/3
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### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Sandy Longstreth	8/28	Brooklyn Spencer	8/28
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Linda Byers	8/29	Scott Fabbri	9/1
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### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Larry and Janice Hart Sep 3, 1961

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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