



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sermon Series ~ Mosaic - The Christian Life
Week 4 - Sunday, August 22, 2021

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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.

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 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 ✠

Mosaic – Evangelism

Mosaics are a form of art that date back thousands of years. During a trip to the Holy Land, our group saw several large mosaics that form beautiful scenes. Mosaics are usually made with small tiles or broken bits that, when put together in the right way, form something beautiful. Each person in the body of Christ is a small piece in a much larger scene. As we look at God’s work in the end, we will see a beautiful picture made up of many pieces. Join us each Sunday in August as we examine the important pieces that make up our individual Christian life, and our place in the bigger picture of God’s work in the body of Christ.

“Go and Share Jesus Christ!”

As we gather: Many of you are familiar with our mission statement to “Go and Share Jesus Christ”. What exactly does this mean? Fortunately, it can mean many things to us who belong to Christ by grace through faith. Sharing Jesus with others begins with a willingness to be God’s instrument in the world. We can share Jesus in our words and deeds, while leaving the results up to God. As we build upon the mosaic of God’s Word, worship, and stewardship, the natural flow is outward through sharing the love of Jesus with others. We are filled with so many blessings in our relationship with Jesus that it’s impossible to keep them from overflowing into the lives of others!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“Christ For The World We Sing”

Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal
The poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
Sin sick and sorrow worn, for Christ to heal.

Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer
The wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring with joyful song
The newborn souls whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:6–10

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** 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.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

(The reading of God's Word is central to our worship, our life, and our faith; this portion of the service concludes with the sermon, or the preached Word.)

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 1:1-8 (ESV)

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³ He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18-20 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

SONG

“Here I Am, Lord”

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.

I Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will give My word to them. whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

SERMON

“CIRCLES”

Acts 1:1-8

Pastor Jim Sprenkle

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
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.)

NEW MEMBER RITE OF RECEPTION

(11:00am)

Gordon and Donna Strutz
Andrew and MaryLou May
Sue Lewis
Heather Gulde
Barbara Lewis

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.

For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at Ascension and throughout the world, that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.**

P For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Bless us, Jesus, as we tell of You.**

P For all servant leaders in Your church, that their work show the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Bless us, Jesus, as we serve You.**

P For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, especially...that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.**

P For the many blessings You bestow upon us each day, we thank You. We rejoice with those who give thanks and celebrate this week...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Bless us, Jesus, as we are blessed by You.**

- P** For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Mt 6:9ff; Lk 11:2ff)*

- P** 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.**

(8:30 service, please turn to page 11 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.

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

(Jesus instituted, or established the Lord's Supper for us; 1Cor 11:23-26; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20)

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.

"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Oh! Precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon, this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

Glory! Glory! This I sing
Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Jesus to be our ransom and forgiveness. We implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us in this Sacrament so that we show mercy to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **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.

G **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“I Love To Tell The Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. (refrain)

DISMISSAL

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

*Thanks to Lottie and Lyle Guericke for the beautiful Altar flowers
in honor of their 40th Wedding Anniversary!*

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† ATTENTION 'PICNIC' SET UP TEAM!

Meet us in the Community Room on **August 28 at 10am**. Several of you have offered to help and there is plenty to do. With many hands, it shouldn't take long. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

† WORSHIP AND A PICNIC LUNCH

Invite your friends and family to join us for worship and then a picnic lunch in our new Community Room after worship on August 29.

Crispy fried chicken, drinks, and chips will be supplied. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to bring a main dish or salad or dessert to share.

Join us for worship and fellowship with friends, family, and good food.

† LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK?

Immanuel Lutheran Church is seeking a person to serve as an Administrative Assistant. The work schedule is for up to 20 hours per week, requires work hours from 9:00am to 1:00pm during the Preschool school year.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Ray Brown, Elly Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Bonnie Webber, Carolyn Erdmann, Carlyn Staudt, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, Rich Zahursky, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath.
*Home Bound.

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS - NONE**BIRTHDAYS**

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	Sandy Longstreth	8/28
Scott Oswald	8/28	Brooklyn Spencer	8/28

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Audrey and Shorty Bauch Aug 28, 1949

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (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 — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – AUGUST 22–28

Sunday, Aug. 22	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Education
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Aug. 23	Newsletter Articles Due	
Wed., Aug. 25	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Aug. 26	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Aug. 27	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

NEXT WEEK – AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 4

Sunday, Aug. 29	10:30am	All Church Worship
	12:00pm	Picnic Luncheon
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wed., Sept. 1	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thur., Aug. 2	7:00pm	No Choir Rehearsal this week
Friday, Sept. 3	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen

Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Riki Neagle (sound)
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Riki Neagle
Greeters:	Jan Oswald	Rebecca Williamson
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Rebecca Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	Lottie Guericke

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 29

10:30am

Elder:	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis
Audio/Visual:	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Marty Blankenburg
Altar Circle:	Karla Deal
Counters:	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Flowers:	Karla Deal

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

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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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