

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 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 n to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to becor and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Hol Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are or co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phra Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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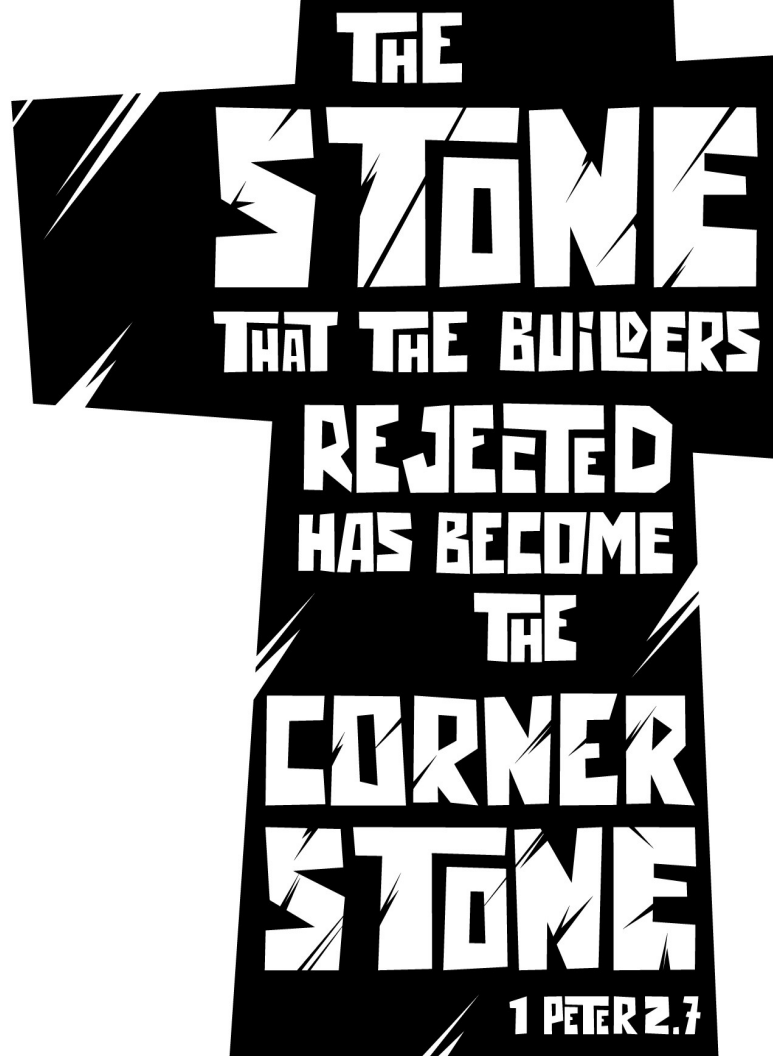
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hands of friends. May God bless the worship time for each of you. Please come again!

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

Jacobs);

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

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arrons)

	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted	the cornerstone, the foundation upon which God's people
Tuesday, May 16	1:00pm	Rich Zahursky Memorial Service	built. We are His newborn, chosen, priestly people. We
	6:00pm	NO 3:10 Group	to proclaim His excellencies to the world around us, al
Wednesday, May 17	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together	and secure, knowing that Christ is an unshakable found
Thursday, May 18	6:00pm	Praise Team	
	7:00pm	Choir	Prelude
Friday, May 19	6:30pm	Noche Familiar	Welcome
	7:00pm	Confirmation	
Saturday, May 20	10:00am	Cantata Dress Rehearsal	HYMN

UPCOMING EVENTS			Christ Is Our Cornerstone
Sunday, May 21	10:30am	Cantata / One Worship Service	1 Christ is our cornerstone,
Tuesday May 23		Newsletter Items Due	On Him alone we build;
Sunday May 28	11:00am	Confirmation Day	With His true saints alone
Monday May, 29		Memorial Day, Offices Closed	The courts of heav'n are filled.
			On His great love Our hopes we place
			Of present grace
			And joys above.

† MILESTONES			2	Here may we gain from heav'n
BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:				The grace which we implore,
Bob Freeman	May 12	Christina Freeman	May 12	And may that grace, once giv'n,
James Freeman	May 12	Debbie Noonan	May 12	Be with us evermore
BIRTHDAYS				Until that day when all the blest
				To endless rest
				Are called away.

Samantha Cassetty	May 7	Nichole Fogarty	May 7	3 △	Oh, then, with hymns of praise
Mel Haggard	May 9	Becky Mora	May 9		These hallowed courts shall ring;
Karla Deal	May 10	Jean Dillon	May 10		Our voices we will raise

Webber Family), Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 7

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Jim Eckart	Marcus Young
	Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney
	Stan Chapulis	
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Carrie Graham
	Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the cornerstone, and foundation upon which Your Church is built. Tear down all that is built that was built apart from You, and tether us unto Yourself, our Rock and our Redeemer, for You live with the Father 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 always.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

First Reading

Acts 6:8-9; 7:2a,

⁸And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great signs and wonders among the people. ⁹Then some of those who were of the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . .

²And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. . .

⁵¹You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you.

⁵²Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered.

⁵³you who received the law as delivered by angels and do not keep it." ⁵⁴Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But he, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up and said, "I see you looking at me, and you are

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame.”

⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The Stone that the builders rejected
has become the Cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A Stone of stumbling,
and a Rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now

donation, then return it to the church by May 14.

- Life Sunday is May 14 (Mother’s Day)
- The First Image Fun Run and Walk is a family-friendly event. Support our own runner Julie Williamson at this <https://page.fundeasy.com/6180566>.

Come together to support women, men, and babies so we have every opportunity to experience abundant life! Register online at: <https://first-image.org/5k/> The run is on Saturday, May 13 at Blue Lake Regional Park, 21224 NE Blue Lake Road, Fairview, OR 97024

† CANTATA IS COMING! 1 SERVICE MAY 21

You are invited to a special service of music and praise on May 21 at 10:30. There will be only one service that Sunday. For more information for a possible gathering afterward.

† CHRISTIANITY 101 - A STUDY IN GOD’S WORD

Join us in the Community Room on Wednesday, May 17 for 8 Sessions from 6:00-7:00pm. Examine God’s Word from a new perspective. Whether you have no experience with Christianity or want to review what you learned long ago; this class is for you. Call or email on the sheet provided in the Narthex, call 503-665-8822 or office@alcportland.org

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who remembered me with your prayers.

And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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Dismissal

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

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¹[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in Me, and you will live in Me, and you will know that the Father is in Me, and you who have seen Me and heard My voice have seen the Father and have heard the voice of the Father who sent Me, and He has given life to whom He will. ²For I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴You know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also, for on you do know Him and have seen Him.” ⁸Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can I say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

SONG

“Cornerstone”

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

(Chorus)

Christ alone. Cornerstone.

Weak made strong in the Savior's love.

Sermon

“FOUNDATION TO OUR HOME”

Apostles' Creed

C 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

And then one day I'll cross that river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns! **(Chorus)**

Pr. Jim Sprengle

1 Peter 2:2-10

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have
refreshed us through this Meal. Daily remind us of
in You as a newborn, chosen, priestly people called
proclaim Your excellencies; through Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the H
one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

B The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you

C Amen.

Announcements

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information)

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

1 The Church's one foundation

He's alive and risen indeed!
Oh, praise Him for the mercy tree!

(Chorus)

**Death has died, love has won;
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Jesus Christ has overcome;
He has risen from the dead.**

One day soon we'll see His face;
Ev'ry tear, He'll wipe away.
No more pain or suffering;
Praise Him for the mercy tree. **(chorus twice)**

(Ending)

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree.

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“Because He Lives”

God sent His Son - they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He bled and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives!

(Chorus)

P Lord Jesus Christ, we bring before You all those who
built their lives on something other than You. We
You would draw them to Yourself that they may be
sure foundation. Christ is our cornerstone,
C on Him alone we build.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for our nation and its
our president and vice president and their staffs, f
and all lawmakers, for the Supreme Court and all
pray that You would shine Your wisdom upon the
servants. Guide them to perform their tasks with ju
equity. Christ is our cornerstone,
C on Him alone we build.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those who have
this world, including for the homeless, the poor, the
unemployed, those who are abused, and those who
advantage of. Lead each of these to steadier situa
that their lives may evermore be built on You. Chr
cornerstone,
C on Him alone we build.

P Lord Jesus Christ, You have borne our griefs and
our sorrows. Bring Your comfort all those who are
grief, *especially* . . . Point them to the hope that in
Father's house are many rooms, and You have go
prepare a place for us. Christ is our cornerstone,
C on Him alone we build.

P Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those struggling
relationship issues, whether that is friendships, fa

P For the blessings of baptisms, birthdays, and anniversaries
that we celebrate this week...Christ is our cornerstone,

C on Him alone we build

P Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all these people and
situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our
prayers and intercede for us and You live and reign with the
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.)

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

"Mercy Tree"

On a hill called Calvary
Stands an endless mercy tree.
Ev'ry broken, weary soul
Find your rest and be made whole.
Stripes of blood that stain its frame,
Shed to wash away our shame.
From the scars pure love released;
Salvation by the mercy tree.

In the sky between two thieves
Hung the blameless Prince of Peace,