

*“Peace!
Be still!”*



Ascension Lutheran Church

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, June 23, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 Lords 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 Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones 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.)*

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: “Together in the Storm”

As We Gather: For all of the Bible’s reassurances of how much God loves us, cares for us, protects and guides us, it is, nevertheless, of our fallen, sinful nature that we still at times harbor doubts and even despairingly want to argue with God Himself and question His love and promises. The undying question is “Why?” The troubles, setbacks, trials, tragedies, and reverses in life do that. The Word before us today describes those times with the imagery of the destructive power of raging water and the greater power of God to deliver from threatening distress. Even when threatened with a raging flood, we are reminded that our help is still in the God who created everything.

Prelude

Christ The Sure And Steady Anchor

Welcome

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

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- 1 “Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest.”
O blessèd voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.
- 2 “Come unto Me, ye wand’rers,
And I will give you light.”
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

4 “And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary, Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt., Text: Public domain

Invocation

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

Baptism

(8:30am)

Roberta (Bobbie) Adams

Apostles' Creed

(page 8)

Opening Scripture

2 Corinthians 6:2b; Psalm 124:8

- P** Behold, now is the favorable time;
C behold, now is the day of salvation.
P Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C who made heaven and earth.

Confession and Absolution

P “In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.” Let us prepare to receive the Lord’s instruction and deliverance this day by recalling our brokenness and sin, begging our Creator and Redeemer for forgiveness and deliverance.

(silence to reflect and confess)

C **Almighty God, in our weakness we are tempted to complain about our troubles and sufferings. At times, we fail to give You the glory for all the good in our lives. Speak now Your promised forgiveness to us. Give us the faith to endure, trusting solely in Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.**

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.**

Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.

Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.

Thank You, Lord, for giving to me

Thy great salvation so rich and free!

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, even when we do not understand the great tribulations of life, help us to come to You daily in true repentance.

- P** Grant to us true humility of faith and trust in Your everlasting love; 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

Job 38:1-11 (ESV)

- ¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Dress for action like a man;
I will question you, and you make it known to Me.
⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell Me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or Who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or Who laid its cornerstone,
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸“Or Who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

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

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (ESV)

- ¹Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs’ Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. ³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”

⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

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.
Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all.**

When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil. **(chorus)**

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone.
Faultless stand before the throne. **(chorus x2)**

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Sermon

“HOLD ON”

Mark 4:35-41
Pr. Jim Sprenkle

Apostles' Creed

11:00am

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.)

We Give Thee But Thine Own

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

- 2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

- 6 And we believe Thy Word,
Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,
We do it unto Thee.

We Give Thee But Thine Own, Text: William W. How, 1823–97, Text: Public domain

New Member Welcome

(8:30am)

Jim Conway - Adult Confirmation
Mike Adams - Adult Confirmation
Roberta (Bobbie) Adams - Adult Confirmation
Barbara Conway - Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, You see the chaos and rage of the world unhinged from Your design and guidance. Turn the hearts of tyrants and calm the minds of those lost in error. Raise up and strengthen leaders who know and follow Your will of peace and freedom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to Your whole church throughout the world the boldness and humility to proclaim Your righteous judgments and Your gracious redemption to all. Give courage to all pastors and teachers in Your church to speak Your Word to a world in need of Your mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all Your people here present who wait upon You for forgiveness, instruction, and the courage of faith, be our very present help to trust in Your grace with all our being. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear our petitions for all who are sick; for the homebound in our congregation; for any who cry to You for help and healing, and for those who have requested our prayers...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks for Your goodness, O Lord, and for the blessings celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We remember all who have gone before us and are with You beyond the troubles of this world. Keep Your heavenly light in our hearts and minds that we may walk in sure and certain hope of our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

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.**

Lord's Prayer (sung)

tune: Immortal, Invisible

Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread;
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!

(8:30am service, please turn to page 15 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

This Is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion, My constant friend is He;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.

Refrain

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free!
For His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.**

"Let not your heart be troubled", His tender words I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear.
Though by the path He leadeth, But one step I may see,
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. **(refrain)**

Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, From care He sets me free!
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know He watches me. **(refrain)**

His Eye Is On The Sparrow, © Public Domain Charles Hutchinson Gabriel / Civilla Durfee Martin

Post Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O God, You neither slumber nor sleep but graciously have fulfilled our desire for Your help by feeding us with heavenly food, the precious body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

P By His living in us, guide us waking and guard us sleeping that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace; for You live and reign in our world today, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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 FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

He Leadeth Me

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(Refrain)

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful fol-l'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.**

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. **(refrain)**

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

Thank you to Sheryl Maier for the beautiful Altar flowers in honor of Jere and Haylee's birthdays, to the glory of God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 23, 2024

† THE CHOSEN SEASON 4: NO WATCH PARTY JULY 13

We will see you again on July 27 at 10:30am for episode 2!

† MEMORIALS

Mike Hatley Memorial, Saturday, July 6 at 11:00am

Bob Rekdahl Memorial, Saturday July 20 at 1:00pm.

† CHILD BEYOND INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Sunday, June 30, the Mission Board will host a Sunday to support Child Beyond, International (CBI). The fundraiser and church services will inform and encourage our members as to how we can support this ministry.

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, JUNE 23– SATURDAY, JUNE 29

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Carrie Graham	June 24	Jere Maier	June 28
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BIRTHDAYS:

Jere Maier	June 23	Katie Nelson	June 26
Ginny Whitney	June 26	Haylee Harris	June 27
Doug Whittier	June 27	Audrina Trevino	June 28
Karen Arronson	June 29		

WEDDINGS:

Johnnie and Kim Driessner June 24, 1977

Gary and Maxine Markwart Jun 29, 1969

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Debbie Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb and Carol Hoefer, Mike Fogarty, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Mel Haggard, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), Cindy Linnemann, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse. *Home Bound.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JUNE 23, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:	NEEDED	Alex Hodges
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart	Matthias McInaney Paul Walter Eric Kreps NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier Nancy Thomas	Celia Kreps
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Julie Williamson
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	Sheryl Maier
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School	9:45am	Michele and Carrie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., JUNE 30, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Marcus Young NEEDED	Marcus Young Neil Zeller
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Wanda Cassetty	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Bonnie Webber
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	John and Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Sheryl Maier

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Do you have a family member in the military? Please email the information to office@alcportland.org so we can pray for them!

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve – Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy – Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);
 Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
 Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
 Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).
 Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)
 Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JUNE 23– SAT., JUNE 29

Sunday, June 23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship with Comm.
Monday, June 24		Newsletter Items Due
Wednesday, June 26	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, June 27	6:00pm	Praise Team
Friday, June 28	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JUNE 30– SAT., JULY 6

Sunday, June 30 Mission Sunday	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, July 1	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 2	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, July 3	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, July 4	6:00pm	Praise Team
Friday, July 5	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, July 6	11:00am	Mike Hatley Memorial

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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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