

Do not be conformed

to this world, but be
transformed by the
renewal of your mind.



Romans 12:2 (ESV)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, August 23, 2026

THIRTEENTH 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 on the cup return table.)*

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 comulgar con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.)*

+ PREPARATION +

TITLE: "THE CASE FOR GRACE"

AS WE GATHER: Sometimes people at worship are seemingly surprised when the same hymn is sung at services two weeks in a row or even twice in the same month. Many hymns are chosen in a way that honors the statement of Martin Luther: "A good song may well be sung often" (WLS § 1839). Luther expressed this truism as he was commenting on how frequently telling and retelling the grace of God is a good thing for Christian people. He states in a sermon from 1537: "This is grace: the forgiveness of sins for the sake of the Lord Christ, the covering up of all sins" (WLS § 1839). Our lives are shaped by the amazing grace of God, for which, through our faithful worship, we offer our thanks again and again.

PRELUDE

"Marvelous Grace"

words by J.H. Johnston, music by D.B. Towner

Quartet

WELCOME

"O Sing My Soul"

O sing my soul, the ancient song, and lend Your highest praise
To Him who is the King of old and dwells in endless days.
How resplendent His glory, How majestic His name!
Now to the Uncreated One, O Let the anthem raise.

O worship Him, our Father God, The Spirit and The Word,
Who fashioned all things from His joy, and saw that it was good.
What perfection of friendship, what communion we shared!
But choosing death, we fell from life aside the guilty pair.

Now hear, my soul, the gospel song, attend the joyful news,
For Christ has come, the perfect Son, His Father's will to choose.
In our place He did suffer, In our place became sin.
The death of death, the death of Christ who stands alive again!

Now, people of the risen Lord, O hear the call to go.
Into the world we have been sent as messengers of hope.
Christ alone be our treasure, Christ alone our reward.
Come, bid the nations sing with us the praises of the Lord.

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 29:1–2, 11; 96:3–4a

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- C** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- P** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
- C** For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised.
- P** May the LORD give strength to His people!
- C** May the LORD bless His people with peace!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C** Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. We fail to do the good You demand and often choose the bad You condemn. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.

P God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”

1 What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3 No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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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, each day You graciously provide for all our needs. By the working of the Holy Spirit within us, enable us to be vessels of Your grace and kindness, that those who see our good works done to Your glory may give thanks to You as the source of all that is good and holy. This we ask 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

Isaiah 51:1-6 (ESV)

- ¹“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.
³For the LORD comforts Zion;
He comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.
⁴“Give attention to Me, My people,
and give ear to Me, My nation;
for a law will go out from Me,
and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
My salvation has gone out,
and My arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for Me,
and for My arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but My salvation will be forever,
and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:33-12:8 (ESV)

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been His counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to Him
that He might be repaid?”

³⁶For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be
glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is
your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be
transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may
discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and
perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you
not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think
with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God
has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the
members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many,
are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.
⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use
them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving;
the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his
exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who
leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth
chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He
asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵He said to them, “But who
do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God.”

¹⁷And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“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.

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SERMON **“RICH IN GRACE”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Romans 11:33-12:8

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.)

“Leaning On The Everlasting Arms”

words by E.A. Hoffman, music by A.J. Showalter

Quartet

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord, bestow upon us Your riches and wisdom. Grant us increasing knowledge of You through Your Word, and help us to trust in Your grace and favor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O God, give the Church and all her servants grace to fulfill the ministries to which You have committed them. Grant each of us the strength to confess Christ boldly before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of compassion, Abraham was only one when You called him, but You blessed and multiplied him. Protect mothers with child, and equip fathers to lead and raise their households in Your fear and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, bless and guide our president, Congress, governor and all civil leaders, that they may faithfully pursue peace and unity in the realm. Give also to all judges and magistrates wisdom and the grace to pursue justice with mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Righteous Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we might not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Thank You for every opportunity we have to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, by which You preserve us holy and blameless in Christ until He comes again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You have redeemed us in Christ and declared us righteous and holy in Him. Graciously grant that we may offer You our very selves as living sacrifices, that we may glorify You in all we think, say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, our God, You are our life and our length of days. Sustain and strengthen those who suffer sickness, affliction, and all who mourn...Comfort them with the promise of everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all goodness, thank You for the joys and blessings of this life, and for new life in You...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 14 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
on the cup return table.)*

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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Agnus Dei



C 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



“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.**

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
We celebrate with one accord;
It is our comfort in distress,
Our heart’s sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with His own blood
The judgment that against us stood;
For us He full atonement made,
And all our debt He fully paid.
- 3 That this forever true shall be
He gives a solemn guarantee:
In this His holy Supper here
We taste His love so sweet, so near.
- 4 His Word proclaims and we believe
That in this Supper we receive
His very body, as He said,
His very blood for sinners shed.
- 7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Text: Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.,
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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that this Sacrament we have now received may strengthen us in faith and in loving service to one another. As we have shared in the hospitality of Your Table, grant that we live each day as Your people who are given to heartfelt charity and loving service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

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.)

“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”

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- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s head,
You are her one foundation;
In You she trusts, before You bows,
And waits for Your salvation.
Built on this rock secure,
Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay
And all things pass away.
O hear, O hear us, Jesus!
- 2 O Lord, let this Your little flock,
Your name alone confessing,
Continue in Your loving care,
True unity possessing.
Your sacraments, O Lord,
And Your saving Word
To us, Lord, pure retain.
Grant that they may remain
Our only strength and comfort.
- 3 Help us to serve You evermore
With hearts both pure and lowly;
And may Your Word, that light divine,
Shine on in splendor holy
That we repentance show,
In faith ever grow;
The pow’r of sin destroy
And evils that annoy.
O make us faithful Christians.

- 4 And for Your Gospel let us dare
To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear Your blessed cross,
To find in You all pleasure.
O grant us steadfastness
In joy and distress,
Lest we, Lord, You forsake.
Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and gladness.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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*Thanks to John and Wendy Hazen for the lovely altar flowers
in honor of Grace's birthday given to the glory of God.*

† CHOIR BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

If you are interested in singing in the choir join us at 7:00pm on Thursday, Sept. 3.

† LADIES BIBLE STUDY

The choice for our next Ladies Bible Study beginning Tuesday, September 8 at 2:00pm in the Community Room will be “God’s Relentless Love” by Sharla Fritz. Each session will have a short video that accompanies it. This is going to be a great study! Get your book right away from Amazon or Concordia Publishing House. If you cannot get online, please call Michele and she will help you get your book.

† HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

During the month of August, the Human Care board will be collecting kid-friendly foods such as peanut butter, tuna, macaroni and cheese, pasta, granola bars and cereal for Food 4 Families, which serves underprivileged families in the Centennial School District. Please join with us by donating kid friendly foods in one of the collection boxes under the coat rack in the Narthex.

† IRON MEN DEVOTION

All men are invited. Saturday, Aug. 29 at 8:00am.

† FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY – ALL CHURCH WORSHIP

Join us Sunday, August 30 at 10:30am for our annual all church worship! A potluck lunch will follow in the Community Room. The church will provide chicken, drinks and dinnerware for all. The congregation is invited to supply mains, salads, sides and desserts! Invite your friends and family and plan to join us for worship, fellowship, food, and fun at Ascension’s annual gathering. Remember just ONE service that day!

FOOD NEEDS: Please make sure any hot dish is ready to serve when you arrive. We will not be turning on the ovens.

Check out the list in the narthex to sign up for items to bring! If you cannot contribute, please do not let that keep you from coming.

† CHURCH WORK PARTY

You are invited to help beautify our church on September 12 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. We hope to work outside, weather permitting.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jaimie Bailey, Heather Gulde, Carolyn Shore, Mark (a friend of the Bryant's), Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Diana (sister-in-law of Randy Bryant), Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Fort Riley Kansas (grandson of the Zeller's)

MILESTONES – Sunday, Aug. 23 – Sat., Aug. 29

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: None

BIRTHDAYS:

Grace Fogarty	Aug. 24	Andrew Freeman	Aug. 25
Bob Ritchie	Aug. 25	Randy Schroeder	Aug. 27
Carlyn Staudt	Aug. 27	Chad Zeebuyth	Aug. 27
Duke Sheppard	Aug. 29		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 23

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Duke Sheppard-1 Bryant Sheppard-2	Rich Bartell-1 Jae Evans-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Heather Gulde	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Sue Rotramel	Rich Bartell
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services:	John and Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services:	Lottie Guericke and Stan Chapulis
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Carrie and Carolyn

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

	10:30am	
Elder:	Bob Ritchie	
Ushers:	Rich Bartell-1 Paul Walter-2	
Audio/Visual:	J. E. Knox	
PowerPoint:	Rosemary Knox	
Greeter:	Nancy Thomas	
Reader:	Mark Wheeler	
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services:	Debbie and Wayne Noonan
Counters:	Both Services:	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	No Sunday School

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

Sunday, Aug. 23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Aug. 24	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Aug. 27	6:00pm	Praise Team
Saturday, Aug. 29	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., AUG. 30 – SAT., SEPT. 5

Sunday, Aug. 30	10:30am	ALL Church Worship
	12:00am	Luncheon
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Aug. 31	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Sept. 3	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

Attendance

Adult Ed: Sunday, August 16	27
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Worship: Sunday, August 16	8:30am	50
	11:00am	57
	TOTAL =	107

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

July General Fund Tithes	\$ 31,603
July Expenses	<u>\$ 31,363</u>
Difference	+ \$ 240

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

July Dedicated Offerings	\$ 129
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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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