



"AND SHOULD NOT
YOU HAVE HAD
mercy
ON YOUR FELLOW SERVANT,
AS I HAD
mercy
ON YOU?"

MATTHEW 18:33, ESV

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, September 13, 2026

SIXTEENTH 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 comulgan 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 +

THEME: “FORGIVEN FORGIVERS”

AS WE GATHER: It often irritates us when a kindness extended to others is not returned. When we fail to forgive others as we have been forgiven, something greater is at stake. In the parable of the unforgiving servant, Jesus ties together the forgiveness we receive from God and the forgiveness we offer to others in His name. That connection becomes prayer in the words of the Lord’s Prayer: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Part of this is the reminder of the great debt of sin of which we have been forgiven and of the petty things we cling to and refuse to forgive of our brothers. While this might seem to lay a burden upon the Christian, it is instead the call to live out what is the ground and center of our relationship with God in our daily lives with others. This treasure of forgiveness only grows in us as we apply it and give it away to others.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Let It Be Said Of Us”

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore ev’ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight, that we finished the course
Knowing within us the pow’r of the risen Lord.

Chorus

**Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy, by the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song
‘Til the likeness of Jesus be through us made known.
Let the cross be our glory and the Lord be our song.**

Let it be said of us: we were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love, and delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace, heeding unity's call;
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

(chorus twice)

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION

P Today, as we examine our hearts, we realize that we can be blind to our own faults. We cover them up. We rationalize them. We tend to excuse ourselves and blame others. We try to sweep them under the rug. The Lord's Prayer teaches us the opposite. For our own good we need to be more conscious of our own failings and more willing to forgive the failings of others. For all of us, for an entire race caught in its own sinfulness and helplessness, there is no alternative to forgiveness. Sin is a debt we cannot pay. Let us confess that sin before God and one another as we seek His forgiveness and His cleansing from all unrighteousness.

“Confession Song”

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for You
In the things I say and do,
And have fallen short of living in Your love.

Chorus

**Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray,
And take my sin away
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above,
And have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only You can set me free. **(chorus)**

Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father, Back to Your home again.
Bless Your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin, Let it begin! **(chorus)**

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ABSOLUTION

P God's forgiveness is both free and freeing. We always have the option of receiving His forgiveness when we repent. And when we've been hurt by another, He gives us the freedom to forgive that person completely. We always have the privilege of passing along the wonderful forgiveness we have received. We don't need to wait for the other person to come to us. If we look to God and depend on Him, He will enable us to love and understand others as He loves and understands them. We receive the riches of God's forgiveness because of Jesus' sacrificial love shown on Calvary's cross. It is then, in that promise, that as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, in Your goodness You acted with patience toward us sinners and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Grant to us patience with the erring and grace to forgive one another as You have forgiven us, presuming nothing but in all things holding fast to Jesus Christ; through Him who died that we might live and who now 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

Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12 (ESV)

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

LSB 843

- 1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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SERMON

“GIVING UP OUR RIGHT”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Matthew 18:21-35

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Silence for prayer

- P** Grant us, O Lord, wisdom to consider the manifold sins Your grace has forgiven and courage to show this forgiveness to others in Your name. Keep us from withholding with the mercy You have so generously shown to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord, and teach us not to count the cost of forgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give boldness to Your church, that we who know the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified and risen proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Bless the pastors who faithfully deliver these gifts to us in Word and Sacrament and the church workers who serve us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us, O Lord, from the burden of those who would lead us without the wisdom and counsel of Your Word and give to us in this land and throughout the world leaders who will act with integrity and justice to all. Bring peace to the troubled regions of our world and help us to work together for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless this congregation and all missions and mission fields with an abundance of Your Holy Spirit, that the work of Your kingdom would prosper among us for the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give Your blessing to the homes in which Your people dwell, to the married and single, to those with children, and to those whose desire for a child has not been fulfilled, that in every place and at every time we rejoice in Your goodness in ordering all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver us, O Lord, from every temptation that would befall us and teach us to lean upon Your strength and to be covered with the righteousness of Christ when the devil comes seeking whom he may devour. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** The days are coming, O Lord, when all will be held to account before You. Grant us faith through these difficult days that we, according to Your promise, be brought to everlasting life, joined with the faithful who have lived and died in Christ and know Your perfect peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Deliver, O Lord, the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and those whose spirits despair, that by Your healing and strength they endure the day of their trial and be kept safe in Your arms to everlasting life...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We give You thanks, Lord of all joy, for the gifts of life and milestones celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** You know our needs and have promised to give us all things needful for this life and to bring us to everlasting life. Grant us grateful hearts that we be encouraged by Your mercies, new every morning, and live and rest in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, 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 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
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

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

“Behold The Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember:
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this Bread of life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond: and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering,
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

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“Oh, How He Loves You And Me”

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me!
He gave His life, What more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for sinners to show.
What He did there Brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me!

Oh, how He loves you and me,
Oh, how He loves you and me!
He gave His life, What more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me!

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

C for His steadfast love endures forever!

P Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise that You are always faithful in Your promises and in Your gifts. Grant that we may so receive the gifts of Your grace, that we be led by Your Spirit to live holy, upright, and godly lives, multiplying Your mercies by forgiving one another as You have forgiven us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING

P Forgiveness - what a joyful gift!

C You love me, Father God, as if I never turned away.

P You give what I can never earn,

C A favor, Lord, I can't return, a debt I cannot pay.

P Forgiveness - what a joyful sound!

C I'll share Your gift with all around, for none of us can pay.

P Forget what others owe to me!

C I set us both completely free! I wipe their wrong away!

P Loving Father, morning by morning bathe our hearts, our homes, our friendships, our workplace, our church, and our world in the healing and peace of Your forgiveness, through Christ our Lord.

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.)

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

(tune: How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds)

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
 There God is ever found;
 Brought here together by Christ’s love
 By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 His charity we learn;
 Let us with heart and mind and soul
 Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults
 As we our faults confess,
 And let us love each other well
 In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
 Let all contention cease;
 Be God’s the glory that we seek;
 Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God.

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*Thanks to Margo Bachhuber for the lovely
altar flowers given to the glory of God.*

† IRON MEN DEVOTION

Iron Men will meet on Saturday Sept. 26 at 8:00am. Join with other men in your church family to grow in faith and fellowship.

† LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 4

Learn about LWML Mission Grants and help us raise funds! Celebrate LWML Sunday by supporting our Mites and Mission offerings. You can participate by donating or purchasing homemade/baked goods and “calorie-free” craft items for our sale.

Donated items should be pre-priced and may be dropped off:

- Saturday, October 3, from 10:30 a.m. to Noon, while we set up our display in the Narthex; or
- Sunday morning before worship.

We will also have a “Blessings Table” featuring small donated items from our members. (*No clothing, please!*) Select an item and make a donation to support Mites and Mission.

Checks should be made payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, with LWML noted on the memo line. Cash is also welcome. We are unable to accept credit cards. Thank you!

† 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)

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

MILESTONES – Sunday, Sept. 13 – Sat., Sept. 19

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Jonathan Mundo	Sept. 14	Chenery Whittier	Sept. 18
Carlyn Staudt	Sept. 19		

BIRTHDAYS:

Karen Zahursky	Sept. 14	Josie Latter	Sept. 16
Whitney Latter	Sept. 16	Chenery Whittier	Sept. 17
Stan Chapulis	Sept. 18	Paul Walter	Sept. 18

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

ASSISTING THIS, SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefer
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis-1 NEEDED-2	Rich Bartell-1 Matthias McInaney-2
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Luke Hodges
PowerPoint:	Tom Osgood	Alex Hodges
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Joann Schulz	Peggy Hall
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services:	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services:	Sheryl Maier and Karon Keup
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Carrie and Carolyn

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Mike Adams-1 John Aden-2	Don Brown-1 Marcus Young-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Sue Rotramel	Rich Bartell
Altar Guild:	Both Services:	Barb Cochran
Flowers:	Both Services:	Klara Schmidt
Counters:	Both Services:	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School:	Sunday School:	Carolyn and Gina

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN. SEPT. 13 – SAT., SEPT. 19

Sunday, Sept. 13	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Sept. 14	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Sept. 17	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 20 – SAT., SEPT. 26

Sunday, Sept. 20	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Sept. 21	1:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine
Thursday, Sept. 24	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday, Sept. 26	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

August General Fund Tithes	\$ 34,452
August Expenses	<u>\$ 33,756</u>
Difference	+ \$ 696

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

August Dedicated Offerings	\$ 260
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Attendance

Adult Ed: Sunday, Sept. 6	34
Worship: Sunday, Sept. 6	10:30am 61
	<u>11:00am 46</u>
	TOTAL 107

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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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