



Fan into flame
the **GIFT** of **GOD**

2 Timothy 1:6

Ascension Lutheran Church
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
October 02, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022

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 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 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.)*

(P) = Pastor, (C) = Congregation, (A) = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

THEME: “The Gift of God”

AS WE GATHER: Today we are reminded of the greatest gift we have received: faith. In the Epistle, Paul rejoices over Timothy’s faith in our Savior, who “abolished death and brought life and immortality to light” (2 Timothy 1:10). Paul encourages Timothy to “guard the good deposit entrusted” to him and each person of faith (2 Timothy 1:14). Rejoice, for today that faith moves us to hear, listen, and respond in word and song.

Special thanks to Peggy Hall for her musical leadership in our worship this morning.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through Your Word to me draw near;
Preserve that Word in purity
That I Your child and heir may be.

Your Word it is that heals my heart,
That makes me whole in ev’ry part;
Your Word of joy within me sings,
True peace and blessedness it brings.



To God the Father, God the Son,
To God the Spirit, Three in One,
Honor and praise forever be
Now and through all eternity!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

BAPTISM Benjamin Mora (11:00am)
(Turn to page 7 for the Apostle's Creed)

OPENING RESPONSES Psalm 62:1-2

P On God rests my salvation and my glory;

C my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

P Trust in Him at all times, pour out your heart before Him;

C God is a refuge for us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins.

C **We confess, almighty God, that we have not always trusted Your promises; we have often neglected the gift of our Baptisms. We have failed You by our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We are helpless to change without Your grace and mercy. For Jesus' sake, forgive us and renew our trust in Your promises and protection.**

P Hear the Good News of your salvation: Faith is a gift from God by which we can trust Him, and through the sacrifice of His Son for us, God declares us righteous and forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, You have cleansed Your children in the waters of Holy Baptism. Renew our hearts in the true faith that knows Your forgiveness and daily accepts Your good and gracious will; 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 ✠

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1–14 (ESV)

(Paul thanks God for the faith God has given Timothy.)

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–6 (ESV)

(Faith as a mustard seed)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ And He said to His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN

“By Grace I’m Saved”

By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

SERMON

“THE GIFT OF GOD”

2 Timothy 1:1–14
Pr. Jim Sprengle

APOSTLES’ CREED *(8:30am)*

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 Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, receive our thanks that You preserve Your Word in this world of uncertainty, confusion and lies. Grant us to love Your Law and rejoice in Your Gospel continually, that we may live in Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Timothy learned of Christ from his faithful grandmother, Lois, and his faithful mother, Eunice. Bless all faithful parents and grandparents, that they might bear witness to Christ to their children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of life, we give You thanks for the blessings of Holy Baptism and Your claim on us. Please keep us ever mindful of Your grace and forgiveness in the waters of Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, grant Your mercy and healing to those who suffer and those in need of Your care, especially.... Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious Lord, we rejoice with and celebrate this week...Lord,
in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves
and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake
of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us
our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the
glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 11 for the Benediction)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ
in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness
of all our sins.**

*(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

(Latin for “Peace of the Lord”—the response is “Amen!” or “So be it!”)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord”

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you out-poured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

He, Who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers, life eternal yields;
With heav’nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv’n,
The certain joys of heirs of Heav’n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are, to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered love ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In Heaven's high and holy feast.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would continue to strengthen us so that we hear Your Word and live in faith toward You and in love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P God the Father, who created you; God the Son, who has given you His own righteousness; and God the Holy Spirit, whose gift of faith has enabled you to hear and believe the Gospel—bless you, be gracious to you, and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“Almighty Father, Bless The Word”

Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshipped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

DISMISSAL

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

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OCTOBER 2, 2022

† FLOWER CHART OPENINGS

Look at the flower chart and see if there are any special dates for which you might want to bring flowers. There are still dates left for this year.

† THE HUMAN CARE BOARD FOOD COLLECTION

is once again collecting nonperishable food for SnowCap on Thanksgiving Eve. Blue Walmart bags are available on the table next to the front door for your use.

† **THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 CONTINUES**

Our next class is Saturday October 8 at 10:30am.

† **TAKE A GOSPEL BRACELET, GIVE A GOSPEL BRACELET!**

There are bracelets available at the welcome desk! Take as many as you will give out! Think of giving some out with an invitation to ALC!

† **LOVE IN ACTION** (a ministry of the Human Care Board)

After several meetings and some new members, the Human Care Board is excited to announce Love in Action! If you know anyone who might need assistance with small maintenance issues, yard work, cleaning, rides, or other help, please write the request on the back of a Prayer Request Sheet in your pew rack. Hand it in just like a prayer request and Pr Jim will follow up. Know someone having surgery? Someone who needs a few meals during an illness? A family who needs a food box? Love in Action will do their best to help. Talk to Pr Jim if you have any questions.

† **CRAFTING CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY AT 2:00PM**

† **LWML'S MT. HOOD ZONE RALLY OCTOBER 15**

LWML is collecting items for an "Ingathering" and Rally being held Saturday, OCT 15th at Christ The Vine Lutheran Church. Non-perishable food items for CTV's Food Pantry are requested. **MOST NEEDED:** Protein Sources, such as peanut butter, tuna and other canned meat, stew, chili, etc. Bring items with you if you plan to attend or you can drop items off now through Friday, Oct. 13, 2022, in the bin in Ascension's Narthex marked "LWML". Additional information about the Rally will be included in our October Newsletter. All ladies in the Congregation are welcome to attend. Thank you!

† **PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Gina Kreps, Judy Blubaum, Brian Laxton, George and Carlee Metteer, Rev. Travis Loeslie, Emily Kohnke (Webber Family), Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, OCT. 2, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart NEEDED NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham Riki Neagle
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Michele Sprengle
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Marcus Young John Knoke Johnnie Driessner Randy Schroeder
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Julie Williamson
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Karon and Sheryl

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: None**BIRTHDAYS**

Jon Hart	10/03	Andrew Iterion	10/03
Keith Erdman	10/04	Linda Fogarty	10/05
Diana Laxton	10/07	Lila Theye	10/08

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Randy and Marcia Bryant Oct 7, 1977

EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 2 – Saturday, Oct. 8

Sunday, Sept. 2	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Oct. 4	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday Oct. 5	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Oct. 6	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 7	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Oct. 8	10:30am	Chosen 2 Bible Study

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 9 – Saturday, Oct. 15

Sunday, Oct. 9	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	4:00pm	Spanish Service w/ Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Oct. 11	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday Oct. 12	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Oct. 13	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 14	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Oct. 15	8:30am	Church Clean -up

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

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

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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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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