



God's  
word is  
not  
bound.

*2 Timothy 2:9, ESV*

Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

October 09, 2022

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 09, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: “God’s Word in Power”

**AS WE GATHER:** Last week we learned that Timothy, the addressee of today’s Epistle, had a Christian mother and grandmother who passed the Word to him. In today’s Gospel, Jesus simply tells the lepers to “go” and they are healed on the way. God’s Word is sufficient, for not only was the Samaritan leper healed of his disease, but also his sins were forgiven. We also were dead in sins but now are alive in Christ Jesus. May God strengthen you to share His Word as it goes out freely into the world!

### PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### HYMN

#### “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.



Thou art giving and forgiving.  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountain-head of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 111:4-10*

**P** Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

**C** **in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

**P** Great are the works of the LORD,

**C** **studied by all who delight in them.**

**P** Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

**C** **and His righteousness endures forever.**

**P** He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

**C** **the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

**P** He provides food for those who fear Him;

**C** **He remembers His covenant forever.**

**P** He has shown His people the power of His works,

**C** **in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

**P** The works of His hands are faithful and just;

**C** **all His precepts are trustworthy;**

**P** they are established forever and ever,

**C** **to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

**P** He sent redemption to His people;

**C** **He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name!**

**P** The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

**C** **all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*2 Timothy 2:10*

**P** Because of the suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, our heavenly Father will not hold our sins against us but offers forgiveness, life, and salvation to all who call on Him for mercy and grace. Let us then confess our sins to Him in confident faith.

**C** Gracious God, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, turn us from selfish ways to walk in paths pleasing to You. Amen.

**P** Hear God's Word in power! In the mercy of almighty God, He gave His Son to live as one of us and to die for us. 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.

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your powerful Word, and praise Your holy name; 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 2:1–3 (ESV)

(God's Word goes out.)

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1–13 (ESV)

(The Word of God is not bound!)

<sup>1</sup> You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup> An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. <sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, He remains faithful-- for He cannot deny Himself.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 17:11–19 (ESV)**

(Only one leper thanks Jesus for his healing.)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” <sup>14</sup> When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**PRAYER and LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED**

**HYMN**

**“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”**

Word of God, come down on earth,  
Living rain from heav’n descending;  
Touch our hearts and bring to birth  
Faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere You;  
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

Word eternal, throned on high,  
Word that brought to life creation,  
Word that came from heav’n to die,  
Crucified for our salvation,  
Saving Word, the world restoring,  
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.



Word that caused blind eyes to see,  
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;  
Deaf we are: our healer be;  
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.  
Be our Word in pity spoken,  
Heal the world, by sin now broken.

## **SERMON**

## **“UNBOUND”**

**2 Timothy 2:1–13**  
**Pr. Jim Sprengle**

## **CREED (sung)**

### **“In God The Father I Believe”** (tune: *Kingsfold*)

In God the Father I believe, Almighty Lord of all  
Who made the heavens and the earth: His name be praised in awe.  
And I believe in Jesus Christ, The Father’s only Son;  
Conceiv-ed by the Holy Ghost, Of virgin Mary born.

Who suffered when He stood condemned By Pontius Pilate’s code;  
Was crucified, was dead, As He Himself had long foretold.  
Our Lord was buried in a tomb, Descended into hell,  
But on the third day He arose Again on earth to dwell.

Ascending into heav’n above He sits at God’s right hand;  
From there He shall return to judge The living and the dead.  
In God the Spirit I believe, Who guides a holy church;  
The universal body that Victorious shall emerge.

I do believe that all the saints Must now commune in love,  
And that, redeemed by Jesus’ blood, Our sins are pardoned us.  
And at life’s end, my body frail, Upraised from earthly strife,  
Is resurrected and renewed In everlasting life!

## **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)*

(11:00)

## **“Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You”**

Jay Althouse  
**Ascension Choir**

*Lord, I stretch my hands to You;  
No other help I know  
If You should leave me all alone,  
Where, then, shall I go?*

*Oh, Lord. I give my soul to You.  
I seek Your care and love.  
No other blessings do I need  
But those from You above.*

*Lord, I ask You: Give me faith,  
And help me understand  
And, Lord, when I this life shall leave,  
Just hold me in Your hand.*

*Lord, I stretch my hands to You, to You:  
No other help I know.  
If You should leave me all alone,  
Where, then, shall I go?  
Oh, Lord, oh, Lord, my hands to You. Amen.*

## **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.

We pray, gracious God, for all who have recently come to faith. Protect each individual, guide new brothers and sisters in the Church wherever it is found, and lead young pastors like Timothy to proclaim Your Word confidently. Nurture them all with Your Word and Sacraments so that they grow in grace and knowledge of our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus, be with all who labor to grow crops and transport food, build homes and provide shelter, and open local stores and provide clothing. Give them wisdom to meet the needs of the people around them and joy in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord our God, raise up leaders who seek peace across national borders and justice within them. Provide wisdom for trained counselors and direction for friends and neighbors that they may calm troubled hearts and ease strained nerves.  
Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Loving Lord, we pray for those who struggle with long-term illness and sudden emergencies, and those mourn the loss of loved ones especially...Strengthen them in their faith and hear their prayers. Be with first responders, emergency technicians, doctors, and nurses, and all who use their gifts to relieve pain and restore health. Use us all with our various abilities to work for the common good. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious Lord, we praise You for all Your good gifts, and we pray for those who celebrate this week...May their rejoicing be a witness to others of Your goodness and love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.  
**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.**

(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 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.

**C** Amen.

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

#### “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

**(chorus)**

**When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. **(chorus)**

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees. **(chorus)**

### **“Jesus Messiah”**

He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

#### **(Chorus)**

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven;  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing. **(chorus)**

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. **(chorus)**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have met our deepest needs in this Sacrament. Strengthen us thereby so that at the end of each day we know we have given You all the glory for what we have thought, said, and done; 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

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- 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

### HYMN “Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

The name of Jesus charms our fears  
And bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears,  
Brings life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;  
He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood avails for me.

See all our sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb has made us whole.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry human soul.

To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and Heav'n.

## DISMISSAL

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

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**† 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!

**† 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 22 at 10:30am.

**† CONFIRMATION BEGINS OCT. 14 AT 7PM****† SECURITY GUIDELINES FOR OUR PREMISES**

This document will be posted in the Narthex. Please review so you will be aware of these procedures.

**† CRAFTING CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY AT 2:00PM****† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.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.

## † **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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## † **MILESTONES**

### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Emily Whitney	10/10	John Haase	10/11
Bill Guthrie	10/13	Briana Laxton	10/14
Matthias McInaney	10/15	Linda Fogarty	10/15

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Savannah Spencer	10/10	Johnnie Driessner	10/11
Amy Haase	10/15		

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Rob and Amy Haase Oct 13, 1988

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, OCT. 9, 2022**

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

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 2022**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefer	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo Johnnie Driessner NEEDED
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Rebecca Williamson	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	NEEDED
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 9 – Saturday, Oct. 15**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 9</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	4:00pm	Spanish Service w/ Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 11</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday Oct. 12</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Oct. 13</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Oct. 14</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
<b>Saturday, Oct. 15</b>	8:30am	Church Clean -up
	10:00am	LWML Zone Rally

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 16 – Saturday, Oct. 22**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 16</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Monday, Oct. 17</b>	11:00am	Stewardship Meeting
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 18</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday Oct. 19</b>	11:00am	Care Connect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Oct. 20</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Oct. 21</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
<b>Saturday, Oct. 22</b>	8:30am	Chosen 2 Study

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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