



*“Lord,*  
teach us to pray...”

Luke 11:1

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”  
Sunday, July 27, 2025

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE** We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:**

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

***Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy:*** *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### THEME: “BOLD IN PRAYER”

**AS WE GATHER:** In 1535, Martin Luther was asked by Peter, his barber, for instruction on prayer. Luther wrote a little book explaining how he organizes his own prayers to God. He pointed to the Lord’s Prayer as well as the Ten Commandments and the Apostles’ Creed as ways to focus and form his prayers. The Bible is filled with people who prayed consistently—people like Abraham, Moses, Hannah, and David. In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray and shares two stories to emphasize the importance of bold, persistent prayer.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

#### “Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father all-glorious,  
O’er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend.

3 Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

"Come, Thou Almighty King", Text: English, before 1760, alt., Text: Public domain

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SCRIPTURE John 15:7, 16; Rom. 12:12; 1Thess. 5:17-18

- P** Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- C** **If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**
- P** Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
- C** **You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Most merciful God,
- C** we call upon You because we are troubled by our sins—our sinful thoughts, words, and actions. We are equally troubled by those times when we have failed to act or speak up. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who delivered us through His perfect life, death, and resurrection so that we may glorify You with our lives.
- P** Our God hears our prayers for mercy and graciously forgives our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace.
- C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; 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

Genesis 18:20-33 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to Me. And if not, I will know." <sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

<sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes.

<sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will You destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to Him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it."

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went His way, when He had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

Colossians 2:6-15 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

<sup>9</sup>For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1-13 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And He said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

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

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

## PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear.  
All because we do not carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge!  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”, Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–86, Text: Public domain

**SERMON**  
**“THE BEST DAD”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Luke 11:1-13

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.

Heavenly Father, You hear the prayers of Your dear children and care for all their needs of body and soul. As we come before You with our petitions, unburden our hearts from the weight of our sins and troubles, and give us faith to live in light of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord, You have bestowed a high honor and duty upon Your Church by teaching her to pray and promising to hear her. Bless our pastors in their prayers for Your people and hear us all as we offer our petitions in the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Everlasting God, You have called the hearts of fathers to their children by bringing Your Son into our world. Nurture the life of prayer in the homes of Your people, that we all would know the full blessing of Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord God, You have ordered the nations that men would seek after You. Curb the wickedness of this world, embolden the witness of the righteous, and make our nation a repentant and faithful place where Your gracious presence is welcomed with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty God, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. As You heard and considered the prayers of faithful Abraham, hear our prayers on behalf of the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...Spare their lives, and through all things draw them ever closer to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious Lord, thank You for all that we enjoy and for those milestones celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same 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 13 for Closing Scripture)**

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**We believe in the real presence of the body  
and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do  
not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMN +**

**“The Lamb”**

LSB 547

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain

**Refrain Worthy is the Lamb  
Whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **(refrain)**
- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. **(refrain)**
- 4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. **(refrain)**
- 5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **(refrain)**

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

We thank You, merciful Father, for giving us the good gifts of Your grace through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus. In Your mercy, strengthen our faith and lead us to trust in Your grace and mercy; 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 SCRIPTURE

from Psalms 50 and 119

**P** Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

**C** With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.

**P** I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies.

**C** I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your words.

**P** My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

**C** Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;

**P** Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

## **BENEDICTION**

2 Thess. 2:16-17

**P** May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

**C** Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **“Beautiful Savior”**

LSB 537

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

"Beautiful Savior", Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904, Text: Public domain

## DISMISSAL

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

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*Thank you to Chad and Audrey Zeebuyth  
for the lovely Altar flowers, given in honor of their  
22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, to the glory of God.*

**† LADIES BIBLE STUDY TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 12**

The Ladies Bible Study will begin again on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 2:00pm in the Community Room. We will be studying a book by Sharla Fritz called, *Bless These Lips*. This eight-lesson Bible study centered on Scripture; examines things people say that get in the way of their relationship with God and with others. Look in your mailbox for more information about getting your book. All ladies are invited to join!

**† THANK YOU FROM PASTOR HERB**

Thanks for the one-thousand-dollar donation to the Mission of Christ Network on behalf of my mission expenses in the Orientation and Mission Service in Montreal, Canada.

**† BAKING ITEMS FOR SNOW CAP**

During the month of July, the Human Care Board is requesting that members donate baking items into the Snow Cap bin in the narthex. (Suggested items include sugar, flour, chocolate chips, nuts, etc.) Thank you for your support. The Human Care Board

**† FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY – ALL CHURCH WORSHIP**

Join us on Sunday, August 24 at 10:30am for our annual all church worship! A potluck lunch will follow in the Community Room. The church will provide the main course, drinks and dinnerware for all. The congregation is invited to supply their favorite 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!

**HOSPITALITY NEEDS HELPERS:**

Contact the church office if you can help: Call (503) 665-8821 or email [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

**FOOD NEEDS:**

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.

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Ed Hubbard, Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, Bill Guthrie, Joann Schulz's grandson (Brett), Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Mike Fogarty, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

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

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 Neil and Deb Zeller)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Camp Riley KS (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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## MILESTONES – Sunday, July 27 through August 2

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Ayde Alvarado	July 27	Jennifer Alvarado	July 27
Victor R. Alvarado	July 27	Keilynn Woods	July 27
Keilah Woods	July 28	Trever Fogarty	Aug. 1
Travis Osgood	Aug. 1		

### BIRTHDAYS:

Luis Interian	July 29	Josue Aguilar	July 30
Erika Teyema	July 30	Teresa Osgood	Aug. 2
Will Teyema	Aug. 2		

### WEDDINGS:

Don and Clydette Hilliard	July 31, 1976
Eric and Celia Kreps	Aug. 1, 1998
Don and Norma Dillon	Aug. 2, 1970

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JULY 27, 2025

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart	John Aden
	Mike Adams	Matthias McInaney
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Wyatt Brown
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Katherine Houk
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Sue Lewis
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Mark Wheeler
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Chad and Audrey Zeebuyth	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUN., AUG. 3, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefler	Wyatt Brown
<b>Ushers:</b>	Duke Sheppard Bryant Sheppard	Marcus Young Paul Walter
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Karon Keup	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Wanda Cassetty	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Sandy Kirchner and Cindy Reinert	

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JULY 27 – SAT., AUGUST 2**

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<b>Sunday, July 27</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	<b>NO</b> Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
<b>Monday, July 28</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Thursday, July 31</b>	6:00pm	<b>NO</b> Praise Team

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., AUG. 3 – SAT., AUGUST 9**

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<b>Sunday, Aug. 3</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	<b>NO</b> Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Aug. 4</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Aug. 5</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Thursday, Aug. 7</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team

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**LAST WEEK AT ASCENSION**

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<b>Offerings for Sunday, July 20, 2025</b>	\$10,403.60
<b>Weekly Budgeted Needs</b>	<u>\$8,240.72</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 2,162.88</b>
<b>Attendance Last Week</b>	
Sunday Worship, July 20	8:30am –62
	<u>11:00am –47</u>
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>109</b>

# 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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