

**“BY WHAT  
AUTHORITY  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
THESE THINGS?”**

**MATTHEW 21:23, NIV**

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”**

**Sunday, September 27, 2026**

## EIGHTEENTH 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: “Whose Authority?”

**AS WE GATHER:** The way of Christ stands firm against all transgressions. God’s chosen, sinful people frequently gripe, complain, and hurl insults against God, daring to challenge His authority. But God heartily desires that His people would be transformed with a new heart and a new spirit. His way is one of comfort, love, affection, sympathy, and joy. God’s people receive all of this incredible goodness when they turn from transgressions, confess guilt, acknowledge His authority, and receive His grace.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

#### “Beautiful Savior” (contemporary)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

#### *Chorus*

**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! **(chorus)**

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## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 43:4; 124:8; Isaiah 25:9*

**P** I will go to the altar of God,

**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

**C** This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** God invites His whole creation to the great feast of His salvation. That we may boldly enter into His gates of mercy, let us lift up our prayer of repentance and faith.

**C** Lord God, heavenly Father, with thanksgiving for Your great love and promise of new life and hope for living, we confess to You all our sins, our defiance, our neglect of Your call, as well as our failure to be of help to our neighbor and one another. We humbly pray, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew and cleanse our hearts and minds, and give us true faith in Your promised grace and deliverance.

**P** The feast of God's salvation has already begun for you by your Baptism into Christ. Now receive the Lord's abiding forgiveness, faith, strength, and help to live in the certain hope of eternal life in fellowship with Him: 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 exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 READING**

Philippians 2:1–18 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete My joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup> Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup> And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. <sup>14</sup> Do all things without grumbling or disputing, <sup>15</sup> that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. <sup>17</sup> Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup> Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Carlos Velázquez

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–32 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>23</sup> And when He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?” <sup>24</sup> Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?”

And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" <sup>26</sup> But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>28</sup> And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. <sup>29</sup> And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. <sup>30</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. <sup>31</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

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

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

## PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

**"Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service"**

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- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service  
     Bore the weight of human need,  
     Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
     Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
     We, Your servants, bring the worship  
     Not of voice alone, but heart,  
     Consecrating to Your purpose  
     Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless;  
     Still the hungry cry for bread;  
     Still the captives long for freedom;  
     Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
     As, O Lord, Your deep compassion  
     Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
     Use the love Your Spirit kindles  
     Still to save and make us whole.

3 As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness,  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving,  
Your abundant life to share.

4 Called by worship to Your service,  
Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged,  
Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
May Your mercy know and live.

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## **SERMON**

### **“WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY?”**

Pr. Carlos Velázquez  
Matthew 21:23–32

## **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.)*

**“Rejoice In The Lord”** *(from Philippians 4:4-7)*

*(8:30am)*

Music by John A. Behnke

### **Ascension Choir**

Rejoice in the Lord, always rejoice in the Lord,

and again I say Rejoice!

Let all know your moderation.

For the Lord is at hand.

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything,

by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,

let your requests be made to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all human understanding,

will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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## 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.

Almighty God, we give You thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness that You have bestowed on us as Your own creation. For Your whole creation and the blessings of this life, we give You praise and thanks. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Grant Your blessing and guidance on Your holy Church in this world to be the beacon of the light of Your salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Send upon the ministers of Your church and the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, making all pastors diligent to preach Your Holy Word, and send Your people faithful obedience that they be comforted and strengthened in faith and do all things that are well pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Guide and direct the governments of all nations to seek the ways of Your will in peace and justice, especially in the face of all adversity. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Help all who call upon You in any need, especially...that they have patience in times of sorrow or suffering and be freed from their afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Let us remember with love and thanksgiving all those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 14 for the benediction.)

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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

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

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

## PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

#### “Come Unto Jesus”

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.  
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy.  
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,  
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife.  
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying  
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.

#### *Chorus*

**Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.**

Come, taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners.  
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.  
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore. **(chorus)**

Come, now and follow Him, this life forsaking.  
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.  
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.  
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.  
Life everlasting He offers to us.

### ***Final Chorus***

**Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.  
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.**

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Lay down your burdens, He is enough.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.  
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.**

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### **“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

### ***Refrain***

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thro' death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conqu'rors we are! **(refrain)**

His Word shall not fail you, He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! **(refrain)**

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

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 strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent 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** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### “Knowing You”

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

#### *Chorus*

**Knowing You, Jesus knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.**

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. (*chorus*)

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die. **(chorus)**

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**G** Thanks be to God.

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**† VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING TODAY**

There will be a Voters Assembly today in the Community Room after late worship.

**† 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!

**† ALL SAINTS’ DAY REMEMBRANCE LUNCHEON**

You are warmly invited to this special gathering for anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Whether your loss was recent or many years ago, you are welcome.

Please bring a meaningful memento that reminds you of your loved one. During our time together, each person will have an opportunity to share what they brought and why it is special to them. Becky Oswald, a Thanatologist and Grief Coach, will gently guide us as we share a meal, tell stories, and remember those we hold dear.

**Space is limited to twenty**, and an RSVP is needed. Please contact the church office at 503-665-8821 or [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) to reserve your place.

**† 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.

## † OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Human Care Board is sponsoring an Operation Christmas Child collection event September 20 through November 22. This program was developed by Samaritan's Purse to share Jesus' love with children around the world. To participate, please pick up shoebox(es), instruction sheet(s), and label(s) in the Narthex under the coat rack. When your box is completed, place it under the coat rack before November 22. On November 22, the boxes will be delivered to the collection site and shipped to children in need around the world.

## † MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS

It is time for us to outfit a new family with essentials at My Father's House. Please check out the whiteboard in the Narthex to see what you can donate. Write your name by the item you will buy and then bring it to the Community room after you have bought it. All items must be new and unopened. Thank you for your generosity!

## † 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)

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## MILESTONES – Sunday, Sept. 27 – Sat., Oct. 3

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

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|---------------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Kysa Schaefer | Sept. 27 | Rick Wymore | Oct. 1 |
| Benjamin Mora | Oct. 2   |             |        |

### BIRTHDAYS:

|                 |          |                |          |
|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Lukas Arronson  | Sept. 28 | Carol Reiniger | Sept. 29 |
| Andrew Interian | Oct. 3   |                |          |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

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## Attendance

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**Adult Ed:** Sunday, Sept. 20 22

**Worship:** Sunday, Sept. 20 8:30am 51  
11:00am 54  
**TOTAL 105**

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## DEDICATED OFFERINGS

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August Dedicated Offerings \$ 260

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN. SEPT. 27 – SAT., OCT. 3

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|                         |         |                                            |
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| <b>Sunday, Sept. 27</b> | 8:30am  | Worship                                    |
|                         | 9:45am  | Adult Ed and Sunday School                 |
|                         | 11:00am | Worship with Communion                     |
|                         | 12:15pm | Voters Assembly Meeting                    |
|                         | 5:00pm  | Spanish Worship                            |
| <b>Monday, Sept. 28</b> | 6:00pm  | Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine |
|                         |         |                                            |
| <b>Thursday, Oct 1</b>  | 6:00pm  | Praise Team                                |
|                         | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice                             |

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., OCT. 4 – SAT., OCT. 10

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| <b>Sunday, Oct. 4</b>   | 8:30am      | Worship with Communion                     |
| <b>LWML Sunday</b>      | All Morning | Bake Sale and Crafts                       |
|                         | 9:45am      | Adult Ed and Sunday School                 |
|                         | 11:00am     | Worship                                    |
|                         | 12:15pm     | Bell Practice                              |
|                         | 5:00pm      | Spanish Worship                            |
| <b>Monday, Oct. 5</b>   | 1:00pm      | Human Care Board                           |
|                         | 6:00pm      | Young Adult Bible Study at Christ the Vine |
|                         |             |                                            |
| <b>Tuesday, Oct. 6</b>  | 6:00pm      | Elder Meeting                              |
| <b>Thursday, Oct. 8</b> | 6:00pm      | Praise Team                                |
|                         | 7:00pm      | Choir Practice                             |

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## **ASSISTING THIS, SUNDAY, SEPT. 27**

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|                       | <b>8:30am</b>                            | <b>11:00am</b>                    |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Elder:</b>         | Dave Oswald                              | Randy Schroeder                   |
| <b>Ushers:</b>        | Duke Sheppard - 1<br>Bryant Sheppard - 2 | Rich Bartell - 1<br>Jae Evans - 2 |
| <b>Audio/Visual:</b>  | Stan Chapulis                            | Laura Potter                      |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b>    | Debbie Rekdahl                           | John Hazen                        |
| <b>Greeters:</b>      | Nancy Thomas                             | Heather Gulde                     |
| <b>Readers:</b>       | Carlyn Staudt                            | Mark Wheeler                      |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>   | Both Services:                           | Jan Oswald                        |
| <b>Flowers:</b>       | Both Services:                           | <b>NEEDED</b>                     |
| <b>Counters:</b>      | Both Services:                           | Dave and Jan Oswald               |
| <b>Sunday School:</b> | Sunday School:                           | Carrie and Carolyn                |

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, OCT 4**

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|                       | <b>8:30am</b>                         | <b>11:00am</b>                       |
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| <b>Elder:</b>         | Randy Schroeder                       | Bob Ritchie                          |
| <b>Ushers:</b>        | John Aden -1<br>Mike Adams - 2        | Rich Bartell - 1<br>Marcus Young - 2 |
| <b>Audio/Visual:</b>  | Stan Chapulis                         | <b>NEEDED</b>                        |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b>    | Laura Potter                          | Michele Sprengle                     |
| <b>Greeters:</b>      | Margo Bachhuber<br>Elizabeth Alvarado | Riki Neagle                          |
| <b>Readers:</b>       | Karon Keup                            | J. E. Knox                           |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>   | Both Services:                        | Virginia Jacobs                      |
| <b>Flowers:</b>       | Both Services:                        | Stan Chapulis                        |
| <b>Counters:</b>      | Both Services:                        | Virginia Jacobs                      |
| <b>Sunday School:</b> | Sunday School:                        | <b>NEEDED</b> and Cynthia            |

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## **GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS**

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



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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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