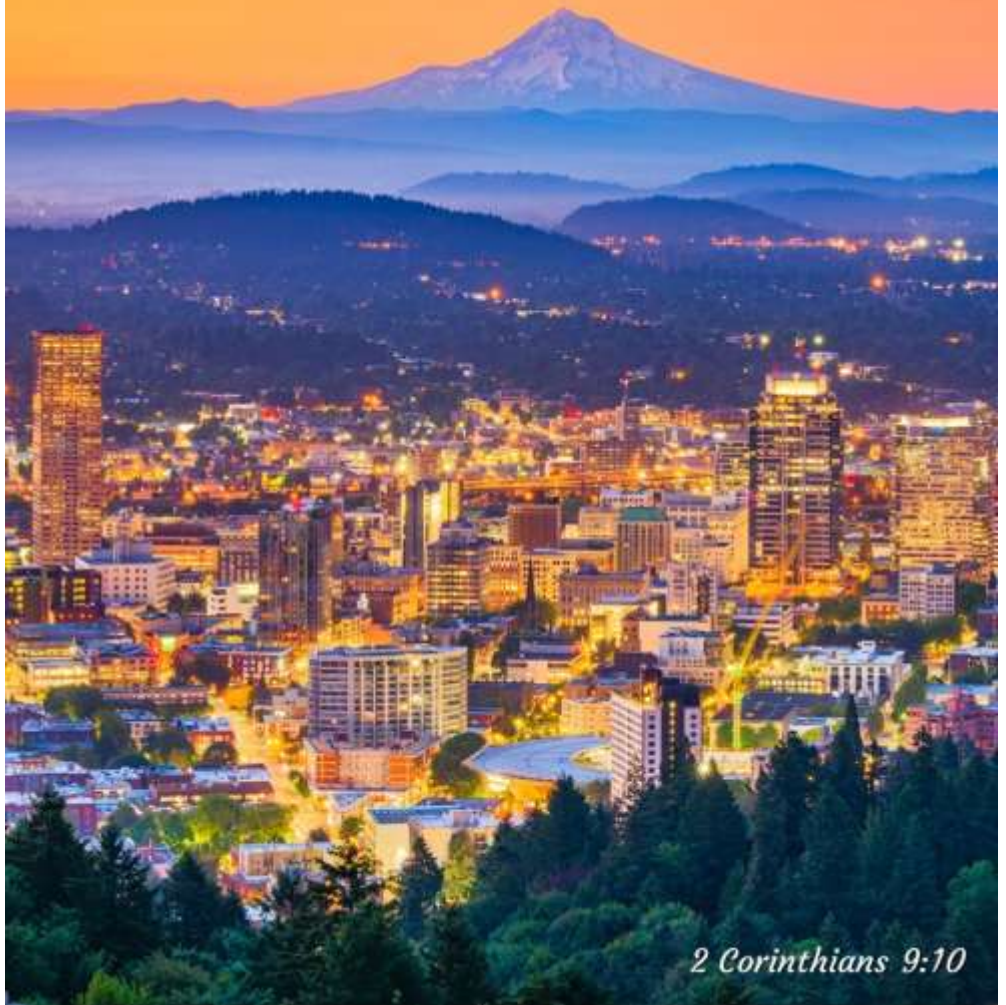


*He who supplies seed to the sower  
and bread for food will supply  
and multiply your seed for sowing  
and increase the harvest of  
your righteousness.*



*2 Corinthians 9:10*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday October 19, 2025

## SECOND SUNDAY OF STEWARDSHIP FAITHFUL IN RESPONSE – COMMITMENT SUNDAY

**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.)*

***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.)*

## **THEME: “OFFERING OURSELVES IN FAITH”**

**AS WE GATHER:** Today is Commitment Sunday, as we dedicate our gifts and commitments to God. When God calls His people, He also provides all that is needed to fulfill His purposes. Esther stepped forward in courage, trusting that God’s plan would prevail. The Apostle Paul reminds us that as we sow generously, God multiplies the fruit of our giving. The poor widow shows what true trust looks like as she holds nothing back from the Lord. So it is with us, as cheerful giving flows from hearts that know God has already given everything in Christ. Our time, our talents, and our treasures are not burdens to bear, but blessings to share. In faith, we place them into His hands, confident that He will use them to bring grace, hope, and salvation to many. As we give, we join in the joy of God’s abundant harvest... a harvest that glorifies Him and blesses His people.

### **PRELUDE**

## WELCOME

### “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

LSB 720

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe Him near.
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found.
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord,  
Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word,  
Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
With full and endless sight.

## INVOCATION

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

**G** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** With humble and repentant hearts, we confess where we have fallen short of God's glory and purpose for us:

*(A brief silence for self-reflection)*

**G** Gracious and faithful God, You call us to trust in Your perfect plans and to commit our lives and gifts to Your purposes. Yet we confess that we often hesitate to give ourselves fully to You. Oftentimes, we hold back our giving and our obedience, and we doubt that You will provide what we need.

**We cling to our own security and limit what You would accomplish through us. Forgive us, Lord, for our small faith and our guarded hearts. Teach us again the joy of cheerful giving, the courage of Esther, and the trust of the widow who placed all she had in Your hands.**

**P** Almighty God, in His mercy, never stops giving to us, and His faithfulness never fails. In Christ Jesus, God has given you everything – forgiveness, life, and salvation – and He continues to provide all that you need for body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

Go in peace, confident that the Lord who sows His grace in you will also bring forth fruit through you, to the glory of His holy name.

**C Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You provide every good gift and call us to trust You with joyful hearts. As Esther stepped forward in faith and the widow gave all she had, so move us by Your Spirit to commit our time, talents, and treasure to Your service. Let our cheerful giving overflow in thanksgiving, and cause the fruits of Your grace to abound in every work of love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **GREETING OF PEACE**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**C** And also with you.

### **“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”**

- 1 No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
- 3 With every breath I long to follow Jesus,  
For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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## **+ THE WORD +**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Esther 5:1-6 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king’s palace, in front of the king’s quarters, while the king was sitting on his royal throne inside the throne room opposite the entrance to the palace. <sup>2</sup> And when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, she won favor in his sight, and he held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter.

<sup>3</sup> And the king said to her, “What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given you, even to the half of my kingdom.” <sup>4</sup> And Esther said, “If it please the king, let the king and Haman come today to a feast that I have prepared for the king.” <sup>5</sup> Then the king said, “Bring Haman quickly, so that we may do as Esther has asked.” So the king and Haman came to the feast that Esther had prepared. <sup>6</sup> And as they were drinking wine after the feast, the king said to Esther, “What is your wish? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup> The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written, “He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup> He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. <sup>12</sup> For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup> By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup> while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:1-4 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>1</sup> Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, <sup>2</sup> and He saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> And He said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. <sup>4</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

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

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

## PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

**"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"**

LSB 782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings  
New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
For Your love we offer praise.

**Refrain** Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation  
Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
May our care encircle all. **(refrain)**

3 In His earthly life, our Savior  
Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication  
Offer love that never ends. **(refrain)**

△ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! **(refrain)**

**SERMON**  
**“REAPING AND SOWING”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

**“What Shall I Offer My God”**

8:30am

based on Micah 6:6-8, James 4:10, Romans 12:1-21, Philippians 2:1-11;  
words and music by Lloyd Larson

**Ascension Choir**

*With what shall I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God?  
If I could bring a perfect offering, would the Lord be pleased with me?  
If I give the best of all I possess, Will I live eternally?  
With what shall I come before the Lord?  
What shall I offer my God?*

*God asks that I live justly revealing truth for all to see.  
God asks that I show mercy for those struggling to be free.  
And to walk humbly with the One Who gave life and breath to me.  
God exalts those who humbly walk with the Lord.*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,*

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## **FAITHFUL RESPONSE – DEDICATION OF COMMITMENTS**

*(For Such a Time as This – members and friends are invited to bring forward their commitment forms as a sign of faith and gratitude, placing them before the Lord)*

### **“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

LSB 784

- 1 Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
- 5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from Your hand. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father in heaven, You give to Your people a spirit not of fear, but of power and self-control. Bless Your people with winsomeness and wisdom, that they might confidently speak Your Word in faith and love to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty God, You support the work of Your Church through people gifted and sent by the Holy Spirit. Help us to recognize and use our gifts for Your will and plans, as we remain steadfast in serving You all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray for the ill and suffering and all who mourn...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray for those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 15 for 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

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

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **“Be Thou My Vision”**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;  
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:  
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

### **“Glorious Is Thy Name, Most Holy”**

1 Glorious is Thy name, Most Holy,  
God and Father of us all;  
We Thy servants bow before Thee,  
Strive to answer ev'ry call.  
Thou with life's great good hast blest us,  
Cared for us from earliest years;  
Unto Thee our thanks we render;  
Thy deep love o'ercomes all fears.

- 2 For our world of need and anguish  
We would lift to Thee our prayer.  
Faithful stewards of Thy bounty  
May we with our brothers share.  
In the name of Christ our Savior,  
Who redeems and sets us free,  
Gifts we bring of heart and treasure,  
That our lives may worthier be.
- 3 In the midst of time we journey,  
From Thy hand comes each new day;  
We would use it in Thy service,  
Humbly, wisely, while we may.  
So to Thee, Lord and Creator,  
Praise and honor we accord;  
Thine the earth and Thine the heavens,  
Thro' all th'Eternal Word.

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

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

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, Who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve 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.

## **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.)

### “Now Thank We All Our God”

LSB 895

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
    With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
    In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
    Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
    And still is ours today.
  
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
    Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
    And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
    And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
    In this world and the next!
  
- △ 3 All praise and thanks to God  
    The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
    With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
    Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
    And shall be evermore.

## DISMISSAL

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

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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**† TRUNK-OR-TREAT OCT. 25**

The Outreach Board will host a Trunk-or-Treat in our parking lot on October 25 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. This annual event is a great way to reach out to our neighbors. If you can help contact Cindy Reinert.

**† OCTOBER YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT**

The youth and family will be meeting on Friday, Oct. 24 at 6:30. Look for more details soon.

**† 2026 FLOWER CHART**

The 2026 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you to choose your special day. Check out the new chart across from the mailboxes and pick your date early!

**† LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION –**

Growing in God's Grace - 2025 Fall Gathering

All women are invited to join us for the Fall Saturday, Nov. 1 from 9:00am to 1:00pm (Lunch provided). Christ the Vine Lutheran Church, 18677 SE Highway 212, Damascus, OR, 97089.

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

The family of Ed Hubbard, Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, The family of Bill Guthrie, Joann Schulz, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Fogarty, \*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 – Deployed to Poland (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

## † A NOTE ABOUT DONATIONS MADE VIA CHECK

Please make all checks payable to Ascension Lutheran Church, regardless of what they are for. Be sure to note the intended purpose on the "For" line, and we'll direct the funds accordingly.

Checks made out to other organizations (like LWML) cannot be deposited by the church. Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and supporting our ministries smoothly.

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### ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., OCT. 19, 2025

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Duke Sheppard Bryant Sheppard	Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Michele Sprengle
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Rick and Robin Wymore	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Carrie and Carolyn (Michele)	

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### ASSISTING NEXT WEEK, SUN., OCT. 26, 2025

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	Wyatt Brown
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rich Bartell Mike Adams	Matthias Mclananey John Aden
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Michele Sprengle
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Sue Lewis
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Sue Rotramel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Hana and Gina	

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### MILESTONES – Sunday, Oct. 19 through Sat., Oct. 25

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#### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Johnnie Driessner    Oct. 22                      Cindy Reinert                      Oct. 23

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Bjorn Heglie Oct. 21 Keilynne Woods Oct. 24

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Steven and Kysa Sheaffer Oct. 21, 2017

**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., OCT. 19 – SAT., OCT. 25**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 19</b>	8:30am	Worship-Communion
<b>Commitment Sunday</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Oct. 20</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Thursday, Oct. 23</b>		Newsletter Articles Due
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Oct. 24</b>	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night
<b>Saturday, Oct. 25</b>	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion
	1:00pm	Private Event-Community Room
	2:00pm	Trunk-or-Treat

**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., OCT. 26 – SAT., NOV. 1**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 26</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>Reformation Sunday</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship-Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship-Communion
<b>Monday, Oct. 27</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Thursday, Oct. 30</b>		Newsletter Articles Due
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

<b>Offerings year-to-date</b>	<b>Month-to-Date</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$14,933.98	\$110,989.41
<b>Expense</b>	<u>\$12,180.16</u>	<u>\$114,235.50</u>
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 2,753.82	- ( <b>\$ 3,246.09</b> )

**Attendance Last Week**

Sunday, Oct. 12	8:30am – 45
	11:00am – <u>56</u>
	<b>TOTAL = 101</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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