



Ascension Lutheran Church and School
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
May 1, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“God Himself Is Present”

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.

God is in His temple; All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'ence.

He alone On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.

“Holy, holy, holy!” Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.

Bow Your ear To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.

Like the holy angels, Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.

Let Your will Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on our behalf, You made us worthy to approach You in confident faith. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to give You all the praise each day in what we think, say, and do; through 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 ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22 (ESV)

(Jesus appears to Saul, who then proclaims
Him to be the Son of God.)

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. ⁴And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Rev. Herb Hoefler

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–14 (ESV)

(Peter is restored.)

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

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

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast."

Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart.

**To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole. **(ref.)**

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God. **(refrain)**

Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few. **(ref.)**

Thy righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails Save that which is of Thee. **(refrain)**

**SERMON "You Are My Witnesses" John 21: 1–14
Rev. Herb Hoefler**

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for ourselves, for all members of the Body of Christ as we proclaim His resurrection, and for all people in their various needs.

C Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb,
worthy is the Lamb!

P Guide Your Church, Lord Jesus, as she witnesses to Your victory over sin and death. Direct all who announce the Gospel promise of eternity in Your presence and protect all the newly-baptized as they grow in understanding Your love. Use all agencies of health and welfare, as well as the governments of the nations, so that peace and prosperity may be realized for all people. Grant insight into the world around us through ongoing scientific research so that we may more fully enjoy Your good creation.

C Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb,
worthy is the Lamb!

P O Holy Spirit, be among us here in this place and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. In Your mercy, give us strength and opportunity to grow in love toward one another and in service to our communities. We pray for those near and dear to us, especially...Grant them health, healing, and comfort.

C **You alone are Lord and God!**

Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb,
C **worthy is the Lamb!**

P Thank You, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our brothers and sisters, who will be celebrating this week... knowing that give them this life and these milestones:

C **You alone are Lord and God!**

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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

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

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who 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 SONG

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe.
Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks that You have strengthened us with the body and blood of Your Son, who alone is worthy of worship and praise.

C **Use our hearts and minds, our bodies and abilities, to demonstrate His love each day until we see Him in glory face-to-face;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION *Romans 6:3–4*

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.
Numbers 6:24–26

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete Alleluia!
At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner’s stead, Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 1, 2022

† **FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION-PUZZLE AND GAME SALE**

Donate your useable games and puzzles! Bring donations to the Community Room prior to May 15 and place them on the tables designated for the sale. Take a game or puzzle, leave a donation, it is that simple. Sale will last about three weeks!

† **C-101 IS COMING!**

What? Christianity101—Basics of the Christian Faith

When? Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7pm. with eight sessions each Wednesday, ending July 20.

Where? The Community Room.

Who? Those seeking membership, explorers in the faith, and anyone who wants a refresher!

† **THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES**

Our Next Class is Saturday, May 14 from 10:30am to noon.

† **VANCE PROPERTIES PLANNING**

The Vance Vision Plan is a conceptual plan for future use of Multnomah County's 90-acre Vance properties in west Gresham's Rockwood/Centennial neighborhood. The plan was released in March 2022. The Board of County Commissioners was briefed on the plan on March 15, 2022. An executive summary of the plan is also available. For more information visit: <https://www.multco.us/vance-properties-planning>

† **PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Rich Zahursky, The family of Fred Greco, The family of Ray Brown, MaryLou May, Miki Etzel, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *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).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, May 1 – Saturday, May 7

Sunday, May 1	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
	3:00pm	Community Room in use
Tuesday, May 3	6:00pm	NO Elder Meeting
Wednesday, May 4	11:00am	NO CareConnect
	7:00pm	NO Online Bible Study
Thursday, May 5	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 6	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, May 8 – Saturday, May 14

Sunday, May 8	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, May 10	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 11	7:00pm	NO Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, May 12	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 13	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, May 14	10:30am	Chosen Bible Study

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Shorty Bauch	5/1	Mike Fogarty	5/1
Mel Haggard	5/1	Alex Ritchie	5/1
Brooklyn Spencer	5/1	Eli Deal	5/2
Ellie Graham	5/2	Janice Hart	5/3
Mark Schiely	5/5	Hilary Sylvia	5/5
Rebecca Williamson	5/5		

BIRTHDAYS:

Donna Strutz	5/4	Wanda Cassetty	5/5
Millie Edwards	5/5	Lily Fogarty	5/5
Herb Hoefler	5/5	Andrea Bryant	5/6
Esperanza Gutierrez	5/6	Samantha Cassetty	5/7
Lois Fabbri	5/7	Nichole Fogarty	5/7

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Keith and Sue Wentela May 2, 1981

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart NEEDED	John Knoke Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl NEEDED	Eric Kreps Evan Kreps Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Julie Williamson
Readers:	Travis Osgood	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Rebecca Williamson and Bonnie Webber

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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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