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and give to the poor and you  
will have Treasure in heaven: and  
come, follow Me." *Mark 10:21*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021



## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021

**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!

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

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

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

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

(El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beban alcohol y obleas libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).

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

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### Theme: “The Path to Prosperity”

**AS WE GATHER:** The fifth stanza of the New Year’s hymn “Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year” reflects on the guidance that Jesus gives us throughout the year: “With Him as Lord to lead our way in want and in prosperity; What need we fear in earth or space; In this new year of grace!” Christian people know that the Lord Jesus Christ is leading the way through every year. When we trust in Him, true prosperity comes in the form of peace and a sure hope in His promises.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### SONG

#### “Bless The Lord” (10,000 Reasons)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul,  
I’ll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it’s a new day dawning,  
It’s time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **(chorus)**

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(chorus)**

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 92:1–4; 93:5*

- P** It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- C** **to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**
- P** For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
- C** **at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**
- P** Your decrees are very trustworthy;
- C** **holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

## CONFESSION

- P** We give You thanks, Lord, for hearing us as we come before You with humble and repentant hearts.

**(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 2)**

**Not the labor of my hands,  
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

- P** Let us consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 3)

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

- P** Almighty God,  
**C** have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### ABSOLUTION

- P** As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  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.  
Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to You. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules 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

**Ecclesiastes 5:10–16 (ESV)**

(Enjoyment of life is a gift of God.)

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. <sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### LAMBS' LESSON

**Pr. Jim Sprengle**

### HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 10:17–31 (ESV)**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

(With God all things are possible.)

<sup>17</sup> And as He was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he said to Him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

- C** <sup>23</sup> **Jesus looked around and said to His disciples,**
- P** “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”
- C** <sup>24</sup> **And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus said to them again,**
- P** “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”
- C** <sup>26</sup> **And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said,**
- P** <sup>27</sup> “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.”
- C** <sup>28</sup> **Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left everything and followed You.” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said,**
- P** “Truly, I say to you, there is no one <sup>30</sup> who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for My sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

### HYMN

#### “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (tune: Munich)

O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

**SERMON      “WEALTH BEYOND MEASURE”**

**Mark 10:17–31  
Pr Jim Sprengle**

## **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.)*

**(8:30)**

**“Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace”**

Stan Pethel

**Ascension Choir**

*Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place;  
Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,  
Now we humbly come to You.  
With our songs and with our praise,  
In Your presence we stand amazed.  
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place.*

*Let the call go out to all who truly seek the Lord,  
To come and join this joyous song we sing;  
Come rejoice and lend your voice and sing in one accord  
The glorious songs of praise to Him we bring.  
Lord of glory, Lord of power,  
Be with us this very hour;  
We have gathered in Your name,  
And Your promises we claim.*

*With our songs and with our praise,  
In Your presence we stand amazed.  
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place.  
Let Your Spirit fill this place.*

*Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place;  
Let Your Spirit fill this place.  
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace.*

**INSTALLATION (11:00)** Hana Laughton, Deaconess Intern

**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.

O God, with us salvation is impossible, but with You all things are possible. Give boldness to Your Church to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose death and resurrection the way to Your kingdom has been opened. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Spare the servants of Your Church from love of wealth and from fear of the difficulty of their task, that they would gladly set aside every comfort for Your sake and for the Gospel.  
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** When the righteous cry, You hear, O Lord, and deliver them out of all their troubles. Draw near to save the brokenhearted, the crushed in spirit, the sick and those in need *especially*...  
Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, You have given us so much to enjoy and be thankful for. We remember in prayer and rejoice with those who will be celebrating this week *especially*...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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

(11:00 service, please turn to page 14 for the Benediction)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

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

**PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

*(Latin for "Peace of the Lord" - the response is, "Amen!", or "So be it!")*

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

**C** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**"On Eagles' Wings"**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in His shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:**

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **(refrain)**

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **(refrain)**

For to His angels He's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone. **(refrain)**

### **“I Am the Bread of Life”**

“I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to Me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father beckons.”

### **(Refrain)**

**“And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up  
On the last day.”**

“The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever,  
you shall live forever.” **(refrain)**

“Unless you eat  
Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.” **(refrain)**

“I am the Resurrection,  
I am the Life.  
If you believe in Me,  
Even though you die,  
You shall live forever.” **(refrain)**

Yes, Lord, I believe  
That You are the Christ,  
The Son of God,  
Who has come into the world. **(refrain)**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed Meal shared at Your gracious invitation, to deliver Your holy people from every evil, to teach us to love You perfectly, and to make us truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior Jesus Christ. At morning, noontime, and evening, help us to faithfully follow our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

## SONG

### “You Are My All In All”

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jew'l,  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

## DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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**† LWML SUNDAY:****OUR HEARTS IN HIS HAND – FUNDRAISER RESULTS:**

Ascension's LWML'ers invite you to join us as we **PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!** We also thank all the ladies who donated their time and efforts to provide many craft, Christmas Corner, and baked items to raise money for our LWML-Oregon District Mission Grant recipients, and Missions in general. Our LWML Sunday **Fundraiser Sales and Donations Total \$951.26.** We could not have accomplished this without a team of "Our Hearts in HIS Hand" people! We are blessed with a caring and sharing church family which, combined with prayer and worldwide efforts from the Lutheran Women in Mission, we can do many things. Please continue to pray for our Mites, Missions and Missionaries, in all places. **MANY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!**

**† NEW SOLVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

The Mission Board is organizing another volunteer opportunity with the SOLVE organization. On Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9-11:00am, we will plant native conifer trees and remove invasive species at Springbrook Park, Lake Oswego. To sign up, contact the office at 503-665-8821 or [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org). We are offering to fill ten volunteer spots.

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**† MILESTONES**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Joel Fogarty	10/19	Johnnie Driessner	10/22
Marlys Natonick	10/22	Cindy Reinert	10/23

**BIRTHDAYS**

Mark Schiely	10/18	Kathy Parshall	10/18
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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – None****† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Eilers Family, Mae Smith, The Laxton Family, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Bill Ritchie, Esperanza Gutierrez, Marty Blankenburg, Elaina Ritchie, Richard Robertson, Rich Zahursky, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath.  
\*Home Bound.

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

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	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum (WA)	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Randy Schroeder Marcus Young	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz (sound)	Wyatt Brown
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Jessica Brown
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Michele Sprengle
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Karla Deal
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Karla Deal
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

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	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Josie Latter	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Marcus Young	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Wanda Cassetty (sound)	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Michele Sprengle	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Carol Hoefler
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Michele Sprengle
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup Sheryl Maier

## † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (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 — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

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### NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 17 – Saturday, Oct. 23

<b>Sunday, Oct. 17</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship-Install Deaconess Hana Loughton
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 19</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 20</b>	4:00pm	CareConnect – <i>Informational Meeting</i>
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Oct. 21</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Oct. 22</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar-Family Night
	7:00pm	First Confirmation
<b>Saturday, Oct. 23</b>	9:00am	SOLVE Mission-Tree Project
<b>Saturday, Oct. 23, and Sunday Oct. 24</b>		Camp Meriwether Youth Trip

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### NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 24 – Saturday, Oct. 30

<b>Sunday, Oct. 24</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 26</b>		Newsletters Items Due
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 27</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Oct. 28</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Oct. 29</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar-Family Night
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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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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