

FOR EVERYONE WHO HAS BEEN BORN OF GOD

overcomes the world.

AND THIS IS THE VICTORY

that has overcome the world

OUR FAITH.

1 John 5:4



Ascension Lutheran Church and School

Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ May 09, 2021

MOTHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, MAY 09, 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 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 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 obleas libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “Amazing Love”

AS WE GATHER

“In the sight of God” is a phrase used throughout Scripture. It reminds us of God’s unceasing care and concern for His creation. In Proverbs: “Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man” (Proverbs 3:3–4). All our life is in God’s amazingly loving sight as He watches over all His creation and especially over people. Out of love for Christ and one another, we can strive to see others around us in the same way that God sees them.

PRELUDE (11:00)

“Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”
(based on today’s Epistle reading: 1 John 5: 3-4)
Daniel Burton
Ascension Choir

*Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God;
And ev’ry one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God,
For God is love, for God is love.*

*This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments:
For whatsoever is born of God, for whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world;
For this is the love of God, That we keep His commandments;
For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world;
For God is love, God is love.*

WELCOME

HYMN

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”
(tune: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds)

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul now love Him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His body joined, we are in Him made one.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 146:1–2, 5, 10*

P Praise the LORD!
C Praise the LORD, O my soul!

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C whose hope is in the LORD his God.

P The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
C Praise the LORD!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

(In silence, we confess to God, "What troubles me particularly is that . . .")

P Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
C **Gracious God, in heartfelt repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are sinful people by nature and often break Your commandments in thought, word, and deed. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the work of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

P God is loving and merciful. He sees us with loving eyes and graciously hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, 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.

Risen and ascended Lord, while we were still in our sins, You chose us, laid down Your life for us, and called us friends. By Your great love for us, inspire us to love one another and to go out into the world to bear fruit according to Your promise; for You live and reign with the Father 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 †

(The reading of God's Word is central to our worship, our life, and our faith; this portion of the service concludes with the sermon, or the preached Word.)

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48 (ESV)

(People from every nation are accepted by God.)

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him.

³⁶ As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed:

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. ⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.” ⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1–8 (ESV)

(The victory of Christ overcomes the world.)

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Obeying Christ's commands and remaining in His love)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

⁹ As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SONG

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us"

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom!

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 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 ADDRESSED

(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.)

(11:00)

(In honor of God's gift of mothers)

“Special Moments”

Dave and Jean Perry

Ascension Choir

*Lord, today we thank You for all that You have done: For earth and sky, for air we breathe,
Stars and morning sun, For friendships and for fam'lies, For mem'ries that we share,
For growing daily in Your love and in Your watchful care;*

*And for those special moments, Those times when when we recall
A father's guiding presence, a mother's gentle call, The laughter and the singing,
The teaching of Your way, The quiet times together that taught us how to pray.*

*Though the years go by too quickly, And our lives are rearranged,
Still the lessons learned in childhood Will always stay the same;
The sacred love God gave us, His grace to us bestowed,
Those special moments in our lives with those who loves us so;*

*And for those special moments, Those times when we recall
A father's guiding presence, a mother's gentle call,
The laughter and the singing, The teaching of Your Way,
The quiet times together That taught us how to pray.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

Alpha and Omega, we acknowledge that You hold us and all things in Your good hands. When we become overwhelmed, help us to trust that You are always good and You are at work to accomplish Your purposes in our lives. Grant us faith in Jesus, who has overcome the corrupt systems of this world and fullness of joy that comes from abiding in Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, as You have chosen us, empower and equip us; make us worthy of our calling that we may reveal Your love and show forth Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Everlasting God, as You abide in us, may we abide in You. We give thanks for areas where people can exercise their talents, where people are free to think and to act without hindrance. We pray for all who are enriching our world with their gifts. We pray for our families and friends. Lord, as You abide in us, may we abide in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give You thanks for our mothers. We are grateful that You chose to give us life through them, and that they received the gift of life from You and gave it to us. Thank You for the sacrifices they made in carrying us and giving us birth. We thank You for the women who raised us, who took us to church and taught us about You, and who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank You for those who gave so much. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** We pray for the ill, the 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 through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Mt 6:9ff; Lk 11:2ff)*

- P** Finally, let us pray for all things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:
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.**

(8:30 service, please turn to page 12 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

(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 SONGS

“Come To The Table”

Come to the table of mercy, Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty, Come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord’s invitation, Receive from His nail scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Come to the table of mercy, Prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty, Come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord’s invitation, Receive from His nail scarred hand;
Eat of the bread of salvation, Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

“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**)

(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 Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in the fellowship of the Church and together with all the saints do the good works that You desire us to do, reflecting Your amazing love for us. This we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.**

RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

“We Thank You, Lord, for Mothers”

(tune: The Church’s One Foundation)

We thank You, Lord, for mothers Who Your great kindness share
Through loving deeds for others As emblems of Your care.
May we true honor show them And joyfully express
That they are gifts among us To cherish and to bless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing”

Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mothers Day, May 9, 2021

† SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 and 11:00am with adult education class at 9:45am. Approximately 40 per service can attend. **Please call or email the office to save your space! 503-665-8821 or office atalcportland.org**

† HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you are coming to service, think about offering to be a servant during worship. Let Pastor or Michele know where you can help!

† PRESCHOOL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vancouver, WA currently seeks a part-time PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR for the 2021-2022 school year to lead a Christ-centered educational environment for learning and nurturing young children through Jesus' love. Start date: Summer 2021. For more information and a complete job description, please contact: Krista Moore at preschool@vanflock.org and Lisa Hergert at lhergert0324@gmail.com

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Jack Curry (nephew of Pastor Jim and Michele) Carolyn Erdmann, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, The Family of Randy Arronson, The family of Jim Kuether, Jr., Mary Niska, Larry Hart, The Family of Jack Webber, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, John Eilers and Family, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, The Family of Ordena Laxton, The Family of Wayne Rippon, Rich Zahursky, Audrey Bauch, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Elly Brown, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath, All those suffering or infected with Covid-19. *Home Bound.

† 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).

† ALTERNATIVES FOR HOMEBOUND WORSHIP AND DEVOTIONS

- Radio: KPDQ on 93.9FM Sunday mornings at 7:00am.
- alcportland.org for Bible Studies and Worship Services

EVENTS AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 9

8:30am Worship
9:45am Adult Education
11:00am Worship with Communion

Thursday, May 13

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, May 16

8:30am Worship with Communion
9:45am Adult Education
11:00am Worship

Thursday, May 20

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Bob Freeman	5/12	Christina Freeman	5/12
James Freeman	5/12	Blayne Lambert	5/12
Debbie Noonan	5/12	Ed Hubbard	5/14
Virginia Jacobs	5/14	Elaine Miller	5/14
Karla Deal	5/15	J.E. Knox	5/15
Diana Laxton	5/15		

BIRTHDAYS

Mel Haggard	5/9	Becky Knoke	5/9
Karla Deal	5/10	Carrie Graham	5/10
Jaden Mundo	5/11		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - None

Ascension Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

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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