



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sermon Series ~ Mosaic - The Christian Life
Week 2 - Sunday, August 8, 2021

Sermon Series for August 2021

Mosaic – The Christian Life

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 hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Mosaic – Worship (Means of Grace)

Mosaics are a form of art that date back thousands of years. During a trip to the Holy Land, our group saw several large mosaics that formed beautiful scenes. Mosaics are usually made with small tiles or broken bits that, when put together in the right way, form something beautiful. Each person in the body of Christ is a small piece in a much larger scene. As we look at God’s work in the end, we will see a beautiful picture made up of many pieces. Join us each Sunday in August as we examine the important pieces that make up our individual Christian life, and our place in the bigger picture of God’s work in the body of Christ.

“Call and Response”

As we gather: On occasion, a worship service will include an “antiphon.” The Christian Cyclopedia explains that an antiphon (*from Greek for ‘to sound in answer’*) is something sung or spoken responsively, usually as part of a liturgy. *In the exchange between officiant and congregation or choir it consists of a verse or sentence chanted or spoken and the response.*¹ A beautiful picture of God’s grace is shown in this exchange. God calls out with His Word and His Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord’s Supper) to which we respond in praise and thanksgiving. What happens when the call goes out and no one responds? Worship is the rhythm of God’s grace coming to us and our response to Him in praise and thanksgiving – a most encouraging experience for all who are involved!

¹ cyclopedia.lcms.org/display.asp?t1=A&word=ANTIPHONOriginal. Editions ©Copyright 1954, 1975, 2000, Concordia Publishing House

PRELUDE (11:00)

“Amazing Love” “Because He Lives”

Mark Wheeler, Carlyn Staudt and Brad Hall - trio

WELCOME

HYMN

“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

The gifts Christ freely gives
He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride,
His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts
Are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ
And cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font
Where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes
Us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins
With water and His Word;
The triune God Himself
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

The gifts of grace and peace
From absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's
For us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need
Is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends
Us forth in His blest care.

The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.

INVOCATION

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

G Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1–4; Revelation 15:3–4

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
- C** **Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**
- P** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!
- C** **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.**
- P** Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!
- C** **Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!**
- P** Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy.
- C** **All nations will come and worship You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:6–10

- P** If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,
- C** **we lie and do not practice the truth.**
- P** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,
- C** **and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** If we say we have not sinned,
- C** **we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.**

Silence for reflection.

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 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

“Thank You, Lord”

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me
Thy great salvation so rich and free!

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom You have made. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for Your immeasurable love in the redemption of the

world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray, give us such an awareness of Your mercies that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but also in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages.

G Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

G And also with you.

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING

1 Chronicles 16:23-31 (ESV)

(King David worships the Lord as the Ark of the Covenant is brought to Jerusalem)

²³ Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day.
²⁴ Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! ²⁵ For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and He is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. ²⁷ Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and joy are in His place. ²⁸ Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! ²⁹ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; ³⁰ tremble before Him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)

(Worship is a part of encouraging one another in Christ)

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:19–26 (ESV)

(The woman at the well receives instruction from Jesus about worship)

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“By Grace I’m Saved”

By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace, grace through His Son.

SERMON

“BREAKTHROUGH”

Hebrews 10:19-25
Pastor 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.)

(11:00)

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

Mark Wheeler, Carlyn Staudt, Brad Hall - trio

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.

Lord, as we have gathered today with brothers and sisters in Christ to hear Your Word and to receive Your forgiveness through the Word and Sacraments, we offer up to You our praise for these, Your means of grace. In our churches, in our homes, with our families, among our neighbors, in schools, and at our places of work—in every place where we carry out our daily callings—may the abundant fruit of the Spirit be expressed through our words and actions. Through that fruit, may Jesus’ love be reflected in the love we show to others, and may the Holy Spirit work through our words of witness, as the seed of the Gospel is sown among them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, we delight to praise and worship You without ceasing. You are powerful to break through the difficulties in our lives. We will not be overwhelmed with our circumstances, but instead behold Your beauty and greatness. We praise Your name and proclaim Your salvation day after day. We declare Your glory among the nations, Your marvelous deeds among all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

(A prayer for persecuted Christians)

P Heavenly Father, we worship You and we acknowledge that You know all of those who suffer in Your name. We remember those who are imprisoned for their faith and ask that they would join with the Apostle Paul to see that even though they remain captive, their chains have furthered the gospel, not frustrated it. May they inspire and embolden their fellow believers to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. For those who are tortured both in body and mind, give them the grace to endure and to see their suffering as part of following in Christ's footsteps. For those asked to pay the ultimate price--who are martyred because of their love for You--may they truly know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death. 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

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

(8:30 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.

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

(Jesus instituted, or established the Lord's Supper for us; 1Cor 11:23-26; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20)

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.

(chorus)

When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees. (chorus)

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees. **(chorus)**

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of Life,
In this holy meal
Let us know Your love anew,
We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of Life,
Come and live within
Let Your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine,
Lord, this food is good
Love and mercy come to us,
Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine,
Who can understand
How His mercy works in these,
Yet Lord we believe.

God is here, O so near,
Nearer than our thoughts
Stay with us where'er we go,
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal
May we always feed on You,
On the Bread that is true.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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

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.
- G** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“Now Thank We All Our God”

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.

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!



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.
C **Thanks be to God!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS August 8, 2021

† WORSHIP AND A PICNIC LUNCH, SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, AUG. 29

Invite your friends and family to join us for worship and a picnic lunch in our **new Community Room**.

- **ONE** Church Service at 10:30 a.m. (in the sanctuary)
- Potluck Picnic in the Community Room will follow at about noon
- And...Brad will lead us in a sing-a-long!

Crispy fried chicken, drinks, and chips will be supplied. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex if you would like to bring a main dish or salad or dessert to share.

Contact Margo Bachhuber or Debbie Rekdahl to volunteer for any of the following:

- One or two people to set up and lead outside games and prizes for the children
- People to set up the Community Room
- People to clean up the Community Room and Kitchen

Join us for worship and fellowship with friends, family, and good food.

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Barendse	8/8	Danny Graham	8/14
Suzy Lambert	8/12	Leone Walton	8/14
Mary Niska	8/13		

BIRTHDAYS

Lesly Aguilar	8/8	Suzy Lambert	8/12
Don Brown	8/8	Cindy Reinert	8/13
Rosalba Lavadores Tziu	8/8	Elaine Miller	8/14
David Oswald	8/8	Seydi Moreno	8/14

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Herb and Carol Hofer 8/13/1966

ASSISTING IN SERVICE Today, Aug. 8, 2021

	<u>8:30am</u>	11:00am
Elder:	Herb Hoefler	Bob Ritchie (WA)
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Riki Neagle
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Richard Robertson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis/ Heather Gulde	Rebecca Williamson
Readers:	Travis Osgood	J. E. Knox
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup / Sheryl Maier
Flowers:	Both Services	None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021

	<u>8:30am</u>	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Tony Aguilar (WA)
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Randy Schroeder	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Norma Dillon	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Wanda Cassetty	Karon Keup
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Counters:	Both Services	J. E. and Rosemary Knox
Flowers:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Ray Brown, Elly Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Bonnie Webber, Carolyn Erdmann, Julie Williamson, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Sylvia Guthrie, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, 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.

† 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).

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – August 8–14

Sunday, Aug. 8	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Education
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Aug. 10	6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 11	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Friday, August 13	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

NEXT WEEK – August 15–21

Sunday, Aug. 15	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Education
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Aug. 17	6:00pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, Aug. 18	6:00pm	3:10 Group
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Friday, Aug. 20	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Aug. 21	8:30am	Church Work Party

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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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