

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 15, 2022

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 **♣**

Theme: "A Match Made in Heaven"

AS WE GATHER: We and all people have been "married" to this fallen world since our first parents ate forbidden fruit at their reception in Eden. But now, everyone baptized into Christ, Jews and Gentiles alike, are invited to the wedding of the Church to Jesus, her Bridegroom. The "little while" (Good Friday to Easter morning) is over, and Christ is with us now, especially as we receive His body and blood in the Lord's Supper. It is only a foretaste of the feast to come, when He will make all things new, and the tears and sorrow we experience now will be in the past. Jesus has come and brings pleasure eternal!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN "All Creatures Of Our God And King"

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing: Alleluia, alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam And silver moon with softer gleam: O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O ev'ryone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Let all things their Creator bless
And worship God in humbleness.
Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION John 16:20; Revelation 21:6

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.
- Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.
- P Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." 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.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Bridegroom of the Church, You have done everything needed for us to join You at the heavenly wedding feast that has no end. Guide us so that our thoughts, words, and deeds may testify that we are no longer wed to this world, but are Yours, now and always; 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.
- And also with you.

→ THE WORD →

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18 (ESV)

(God convinces Peter that Gentiles may be baptized into the one Church.)

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. 7 And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.'10 This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. 11 And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.

¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.
¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Revelation 21:1–7 (ESV)

(John sees a vision of the new Jerusalem, adorned as a bride for her husband, coming from heaven.)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 13:31-35 (ESV)

(Jesus gives a new commandment: to love as He has loved.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "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 pierced 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!

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!

SERMON "From Fear to Faith" Pastor Dan Parshall

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) "The Lord Is My Shepherd"
Allen Pote
Ascension Choir

The Lord is my shepherd.
Nothing shall I want.
My Shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,
Leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,
Who restores my life.
Leads me in the paths of righteousness

For the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me,
Your rod and staff will comfort me.
The Lord is my shepherd,
Nothing shall I want.

My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green.

Leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,

Who restores my life.

Leads me in the paths of righteousness

For the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me, In the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, Anoint my head with oil, My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy, Shall follow me all the days of. my life, And in the house of my God I will live forever. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church and all people in their various needs.

You told Peter, "What God has made clean, do not call common." Remember those people on the margins of society, O Lord; provide caring people and institutions, open doors of opportunity, and free them from the results of their past poor decisions. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- Peter and the others recognized that they could not "stand in God's way." Guide the Church's clergy and lay leaders here and around the world to seek Your will, Lord Jesus, working together creatively to find new ways to spread the Gospel in accord with Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- P Holy Lord, in John's vision You proclaimed, "Behold, I am making all things new." Grant that seedtime and harvest, sun and rain produce bountiful harvests that we all rejoice in Your many blessings. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Lord over all, as You foretold, often we "will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice," so we see injustice, oppression, constant warfare, and unrest in many nations. Raise up wise leaders intent on serving their citizens, police and first responders focused on maintaining the peace, and armed forces determined to reestablish calm. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Savior, by the faith given us by the Holy Spirit, we look forward to the wedding feast of the Lamb, who will end mourning, crying, and pain. We especially pray for...as fits Your gracious plans, give them peace, joy, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy.
- hear our prayer.
- Lord, You bless us in so many ways and today we thank You for those who are celebrating baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting that You have heard us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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 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.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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 HYMNS

"Come, Let Us Eat"

(Leader/ALL)
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take together, Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In His presence now we meet and rest, In His presence now we meet and rest.

In the presence of our Lord we gather, In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word, Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

"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 THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks that here in time You have already assured us of our invitation to the wedding feast above. Keep the vision of that joyful eternity before us until faith turns to sight and we 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

- 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

HYMN "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound! That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures. He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures. Thro' many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.

DISMISSAL

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

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† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES

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

† 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-IOI 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!

† THANK YOU

Miki Etzel would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and visits while she was recuperating from her accident. She is grateful to her Lord Jesus for allowing her to be a part of such a loving congregation.

† MISSION BOARD AND ASENSION THANKS!

The Mission Board and all of us here at Ascension would like to thank Jeanette Krogh and Cindy Reinert for their sacrificial giving in leading the Jesus Bracelets project. Then going above and beyond by personally delivering 11,000 bracelets to the LCMS Mission Board in St. Louis.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

MaryLou May, Pastor Jim, 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).

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† MILESTONES					
BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:					
Karla Deal	5/15	Joe Knox	5/15		
Diana Laxton	5/15	Jean Dillon	5/16		
Karon Keup	5/19	Hana Laughton	5/20		
BIRTHDAYS:					
Rachel Kelley	5/18	Gertrude Bublies	5/19		
Justino Gamboa Itzab	5/21	Rosemary Knox	5/21		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2022

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Dave Oswald John Hazen

Acolytes: Jaden Mundo
Ushers: Stan Chapulis Joshua Mundo

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Jim Eckart Jonathan Mundo

Randy Schroeder

NEEDED

Audio/Visual:Laura PotterWyatt BrownPowerPoint:Rebecca WilliamsonJessica Brown

Greeters: Norma Dillon Esperanza Gutiérrez

Jean Dillon Margaret Hubbard

Readers: Jim Eckart Michele Sprengle Altar Circle: Both Services Karen Zahursky

Flowers: Both Services

Counters: Both Services Karon Keup and

Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Randy Bryant Herb Hoefer

Acolytes:

Ushers: Bob Rekdahl Matthias McInaney

NEEDED Marcus Young

Bob Freeman James Freeman

Audio/Visual: Stan Chapulis Laura Potter

PowerPoint: Wanda Cassetty Rebecca Williamson

Greeters: Sue Lewis Christina Freeman

Heather Gulde

Readers: Randy Bryant Carol Hoefer

Altar Circle: Both Services Margo Bachhuber

Flowers: Both Services

Counters: Both Services Dave and Jan Oswald

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK - Sunday, May 15 - Saturday, May 21

Sunday, May 15	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, May 17	6:00pm	NO 3:10 Group
Wednesday, May 18	11:00am	CareConnect
Thursday, May 19	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 20	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, May 21	8:00am	Church Clean-up

NEXT WEEK -Sunday, May 22 - Saturday, May 28

Sunday, May 22	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Thursday, May 26	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 27	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, May 28	10:30am	Chosen Bible Study

Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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