

Because  
I live,  
you also  
will live  
- Jesus  
John 14:19



Ascension Lutheran Church  
Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 16, 2021

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 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 ✠

### “A Living God... With Us and in Us”

#### AS WE GATHER

At Ascension Lutheran Church, we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord last Thursday. Our namesake is often overlooked, but still a part of God’s wonderful plan of salvation. In the ten days following Christ taking His rightful place with the Father in heaven, the disciples were waiting. Their only consolation were the words of Jesus, who promised them a Helper. We are not orphans and abandoned but have a living God with us and in us forever!

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME

#### HYMN

#### “Praise To The Lord, The Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, The King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, For He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near;  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o’er all things so wondrously reigning,  
And as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, Who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again.  
Gladly forever adore Him.

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 6:9; 54:1–2; 102:1–2*

**P** Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
**C** let my cry come to You!

**P** Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my distress!  
**C** Incline Your ear to me; answer me speedily in the day when I call!

**P** O God, save me, by Your name, and vindicate me by Your might.  
**C** O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.

**P** The LORD has heard my plea;  
**C** the LORD accepts my prayer.

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**P** Let us humble ourselves before God and confess our sins to Him, praying for His gracious forgiveness.  
**C** O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put You first. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and finally by Your grace bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him 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

**Exodus 19:3b-8 (ESV)**

(We are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.)

<sup>3</sup> The LORD called to [Moses] out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup> ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

### EPISTLE

**Romans 8:12-17 (ESV)**

(We are heirs of God’s kingdom.)

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

<sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:8-21 (ESV)

(We are living temples of the living God.)

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

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

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know Me, Philip? Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. <sup>11</sup> Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SONG****(8:30 Choir)****“Speak, O Lord”**

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend  
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson  
**Ascension Choir**

**(11:00 All)****“Speak, O Lord”**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity;  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail:  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us;  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

**SERMON****“DWELLING PLACE”**

**John 14:8-21**  
**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.**

## PRAYER FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(We offer prayers for all things and people; 1 Timothy 2:1-2)*

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

Lord of creation, You have made us priests and heirs by Your love. Although we are unworthy of these titles, we ask that You hold us up in Your calling to live for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus, grant to all servants of Your Word attentive hearts to listen to Your voice as they speak Your Word among people who do not yet know how much You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Mighty God, our Protector and Refuge, look in mercy upon those suffering persecution for the sake of Your name. Many have been forsaken even by father, mother and friend. Take them into Your keeping, hear their cries and do not let them be afraid. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord of all nations, since it is Your will that we would pray for all in authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers on behalf of our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges. Teach them the testimony of truth, that they may be wise and effective in their offices. 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** Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**



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

- P** Lord, in prayer, we approach Your throne of grace with confidence and gladness and pray as You have taught us:
- 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 11 for the Benediction)

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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

### 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.**

## DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

### **“I Need Thee Every Hour”**

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.  
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their power When Thou art nigh.  
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;  
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.  
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;  
Oh make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son.  
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.  
I need Thee O I need Thee, Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now my Savior, I come to Thee.

### **“Living For Jesus”**

Living for Jesus, a life that is true.  
Striving to please Him in all that I do.  
Yielding allegiance glad hearted and free.  
This is the pathway of blessing for me.

#### **(Chorus)**

**O Jesus, Lord and Savior,  
I give myself to Thee.  
For Thou in Thy atonement,  
Didst give Thyself for me.**

**I own no other master,  
My heart shall be Thy throne.  
My life I give henceforth to live,  
O Christ for Thee alone.**

Living for Jesus who died in my place,  
Bearing on Calvary, my sin and disgrace.  
Such love constrains me, to answer His call,  
Follow His leading and give Him my all. **(chorus)**

Living for Jesus, wherever I am.  
Doing each duty in His holy name.  
Willing to suffer affliction or loss.  
Deeming each trial, a part of my cross. **(chorus)**

Living for Jesus thro' earth's little while,  
My dearest treasure, the light of His smile,  
Seeking the lost ones He died to redeem,  
Bringing the weary to find rest in Him. **(chorus)**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, by Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your only Son, that believing in Him, we may have everlasting life. By Your Holy Spirit, give to us Your comfort in trouble and guard us against all doubt, that we remain steadfast in the faith and come, at last, to life eternal; 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**      *1 Thessalonians 5: 14-15*

**P** Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no man evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, and love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**C** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## HYMN

### “The Lord, My God, Be Praised”

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;  
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;  
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day  
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,  
The Father’s own dear Son Whose life for me was given,  
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood  
And gives to me by faith The highest heav’nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,  
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.  
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow’r,  
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow’s gloomy hour.



*(please stand)*

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living,  
To whom the heav’nly host Their laud and praise are giving.  
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,  
God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

## DISMISSAL

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## † 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 at [alcpportland.org](mailto:office@alcpportland.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](mailto:preschool@vanflock.org) and Lisa Hergert at [lhergert0324@gmail.com](mailto:lhergert0324@gmail.com)

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests at 503-665-8821 or e-mail: [office@alcpportland.org](mailto:office@alcpportland.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

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## EVENTS AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### **THIS WEEK**

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#### **Sunday, May 16**

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

#### **Thursday, May 20**

7:00pm      Choir Rehearsal

### **NEXT WEEK**

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#### **Sunday, May 23**

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

#### **Thursday, May 27**

7:00pm      Choir Rehearsal

## † MILESTONES

### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Karon Keup	5/19	Sonia Bublies	5/22
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### **BIRTHDAYS**

Rachel Kelley	5/18	Gertrud Bublies	5/19
Erika Deal	5/20	Justino Gamboa Itzab	5/21
Rosemary Knox	5/21	John Knoke	5/22

**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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