



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Sermon Series ~ Mosaic - The Christian Life  
Week 5 - Sunday, August 29, 2021

**Mosaic – The Christian Life**  
**August Sermon Series**  
**Sunday August 29, 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 hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).*

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### **Mosaic – Community**

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 form 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.

### **“Room for Community”**

**As we gather:** Many congregations are friendly and welcoming, and over the years, many visitors have mentioned that Ascension is a “friendly” congregation. However, just being friendly is different than being a place where we have real friends. It takes time to build friendship and community, but the body of Christ grows richer and more committed to one another as we build our connections. What a blessing the new Community Room is for us to share in our own congregation’s community, and as we reach into the surrounding “community” to welcome them into the fellowship.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **HYMN/SONG**

## **Favorites**

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

*1 John 1:6–10*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- 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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF 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.)*

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You said it was not good for us to be alone. You have shown us through the examples in Your word that when we participate in community, we grow the most. Build our bond of community as we walk with You; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

**C** And also with you.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Ephesians 4:1–6 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit-- just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—<sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

**Acts 2:41–47 (ESV)**

<sup>41</sup> So those who received His word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and

breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the nineteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received Him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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

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

## PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

## HYMN/SONG

## Favorites

**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.)*

**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.

Build community with love and caring, rather than brokenness and indifference. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**P** Build community with friendship and compassion, rather than self-centeredness and independence. Lord, in your mercy,

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

**P** Build community with unity and togetherness, rather than mistrust and misunderstanding for us and the people of all nations. 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.**



## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS      AUGUST 29, 2021**

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### **† LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK?**

Immanuel Lutheran Church is seeking a person to serve as an Administrative Assistant. The work schedule is for up to 20 hours per week, requires work hours from 9:00am to 1:00pm during the Preschool school year.

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### **† MILESTONES**

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#### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Karen Arronson      9/1

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Byers      8/29

Scott Fabbri      9/1

Julie Ernst      9/1

Ashley Fogarty      9/4

#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry and Janice Hart      Sept. 3, 1961

### **† PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

### **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Ray Brown, Elly Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Bonnie Webber, Carolyn Erdmann, Carlyn Staudt, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, 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).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION**

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### **THIS WEEK – AUGUST 29–SEPTEMBER 4**

<b>Sunday, Aug. 29</b>	10:30am	All Church Worship
	12:00pm	Picnic Luncheon
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 1</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Sept. 2</b>	7:00pm	No Choir Rehearsal Today
<b>Friday, Sept. 3</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

### **NEXT WEEK – SEPTEMBER 5–11**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 5</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Education
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 7</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 8</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Sept. 9</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY**


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**10:30am**

<b>Elder:</b>	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Wyatt Brown
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jessica Brown
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Marty Blankenburg
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Karla Deal
<b>Counters:</b>	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Flowers:</b>	Karla Deal

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPT. 5**


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**8:30am****11:00am**

<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefer (WA)	Bob Ritchie (WA)
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	NEED	NEED
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Rebecca Williamson	Riki Neagle
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elizabeth Alvarado	Bonnie Webber
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Bonnie Webber
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	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.

## STAFF

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