"The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are One."

John 17:22

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, June 1, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Lords 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 Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones 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.)

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: "DWELLING IN UNITY"

AS WE GATHER: Unity is elusive. Unity depends not on us but on the sacrifice of Christ for us. The Readings help us move closer toward recognizing that unity. To fill Judas's spot, instead of taking a vote, the disciples asked God to decide. The overwhelming glories of heaven and Jesus' return can be reason enough to act as faith-filled servants. But perhaps the strongest impetus to serve is listening to Him pray for us in His High Priestly Prayer in the Gospel. In short, we need to set aside other matters and pray in Jesus' name. Only then can we dwell together in unity.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

"Bind Us Together"

Chorus

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together With cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, Bind us together, Bind us together with love.

There is only one God, There is only one King There is only one Body, That is why we sing **(chorus)**

Made for the glory of God, Purchased by His precious Son; Given the grace to be clean, For Jesus the victory has won. **(chorus)**

You are the family of God, You are the promise divine; You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. **(chorus)**

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INVOCATION

- C Amen.

OPENING

Psalm 133

- Today's psalm points to our unity as forgiven sinners. Our unity is with those who preceded us in the Old Testament, for we know that all who trust in Christ, the fulfillment of all God's promises, are children of God and brothers and sisters of one another. Let us speak the psalm in unison.
- Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard,

on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!

For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

CONFESSION

We yearn for the Lord's blessing of life and the gift of unity. Sadly, sin breaks the unity that God intended for His creation, whether it's the unity between people or the unity between humanity and God. Our sinful condition has separated us from Him ever since the fall. To this day, it continues to disrupt our relationships with other people, and can lead to conflict, resentment, and a lack of love, unity, and fellowship.

With godly sorrow and humble hearts, we come before the Lord, mindful of our sin and of our great need for His mercy and help.

(sung – "Rock of Ages" – stanza 2)

Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands; Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- ▶ Let us consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.
- For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. (*Psalm 51:3-4*)
- Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(sung – "Rock of Ages" – stanza 3)

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling. Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace; Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

- Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live. Let us pray.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- In His great love our Father sent His only-begotten Son to pay for all sin and to rise victorious. We are one because of that gracious act! 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.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Father, grant us faith to see beyond earthly divisions to the unity that exists between You and everyone who trusts in You for eternal salvation, 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

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 22:1-6; 12-20 (ESV)

Acts 1:12-14 (ESV)

¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. ⁴They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. ⁶And He said to me,

"These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place." . . .

¹²"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with Me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." ¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." ¹⁷The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ¹⁸I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come. Lord Jesus!

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:20-26 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.
 Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰[Jesus said:] "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²² The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are One, ²³I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the

foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. ²⁶I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

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

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB 649

- Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love; The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.
- Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.
- We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear, And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.
- When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.
- From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 And sin we shall be free
 And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity.

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SERMON "UNITY IN CHRIST"

Pr. Jim Sprengle John 17:20-26

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 ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For our brothers and sisters in the one church here and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, that the Holy Spirit would guide and govern those who call Jesus Lord and that they be led into the way of truth, let us pray to the Lord.

- Grant that they keep the faith in the unity of spirit in the bond of peace. Grant that they please You in all they do.
- For those who sit in places of authority in this world, that God bless them and protect them, let us pray to the Lord.
- Grant that they respond to His grace by following His will and His commandments.
- For those who travel, that they reach their destinations safely, serving Christ wherever they go, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Grant them wisdom and protection wherever they may be.

- For all who raise crops and tend herds, all who distribute the world's bounty, and all who manage the resources of God's good creation, let us pray to the Lord.
- Open their eyes to see their efforts as serving God by ministering to the needs of people here and around the world.
- For all who call out to God for healing and comfort...that He visit and relieve them in His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- Open doors of opportunity that we may aid their recovery and peace.
- For our brothers and sisters who celebrate the good gifts of the Lord...let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Grant us a spirit of joy and gratitude in all things.
- Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, heavenly Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

 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.
- G 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

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

"Behold The Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us: and we remember: The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Torn for you: eat and remember The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you: drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God. So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith We rise to respond: and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, We proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King.

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"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness; He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel. The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven; Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love. The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing. (chorus)

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You; All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. **(chorus)**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again reminded us of Your Son's singular sacrifice for all sinners. We pray that, so united, we may seek out ways to serve You and the people around us, empowered by Your great love; 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

- P The blessing of God—the Father, who loved us from eternity; the + Son, who gave Himself for the sins of all; and the Holy Spirit, who has enlivened faith within us—accompany you, now and always.
- C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity May one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. All praise to the Father, by Whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Thank you to Rick and Robin Wymore for the lovely Altar flowers, in honor of Jillian, Olivia and Brittany's birthdays, given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† VOTER'S ASSEMBLY TODAY

Join us for our Voter's Assembly TODAY following the 11:00am worship.

† HELPING ZARAPHATH'S PANTRY

During the month of June, the Human Care Board is requesting that members donate toilet paper, other paper products and Ziplock bags and other paper products into the box in the narthex labeled Zaraphath's Pantry. These items will be delivered to Zaraphath's Pantry to meet essential needs for people in our community.

† THRIVENT MEMBERS ... GET INSPIRED!

Thrivent offers members two \$250 Action Team cards each year free! These can support projects like food drives, donations to My Father's House, property upkeep, children's ministry supplies, and more.

If you're a Thrivent member and want to learn more, write your information on the sheet in the Narthex or email Stan Chapulis at alcfinance1440@gmail.com with your name, and phone number. He'll reach out when opportunities arise and guide you through the process. Need help with paper forms? Contact Neil Zeller at 503-490-5696. Don't miss this great opportunity of service.

† INTRODUCING "IRON MEN" – MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST AND DEVOTION

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

This group meets the fourth Saturday of each month from 8:00– 9:00am. The next meeting is Saturday, June 28 in the Community Room.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Pastor Jim.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Bonnie Webber, Ed Hubbard, Bill Guthrie, Joann Schulz's grandson (Brett), Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Randy Bryant's sister-in-law (Diana), Riki Neagle, Mike Fogarty, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Bryant Sheppard, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' sister (Mayra), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz) Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson); Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney); Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs); Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs); Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson). Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller) Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

LAST WEEK AT ASCENSION	
Offerings for Sunday, May 25, 2025	\$4,651.67
Weekly Budgeted Needs Difference	<u>\$8,240.72</u> (- \$3,589.05)
Attendance Last Week	
Sunday, May 25, 2025:	8:30am – 37
Total Attendance:	<u>11:00am –65</u> 102

MILESTONES –	Sunday.	June 1 -	Saturday	v. June 7
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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Lily Fogarty Gertrud Bublies Bea Kirchner	Jun 1 Jun 5 Jun 5	Julie Williamson Rachel Kelley	Jun 1 Jun 5
BIRTHDAYS:			
Erik Teyema	June 2	Kaydence Altizer	June 6
Hana Brandt	June 6	Justino Gamboa	June 6
Wyatt Brown	June 7		

WEDDINGS: None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JUNE 1, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am	
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen	
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney	
	John Aden	NEEDED	
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle / Caleb	
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Alex Hodges	
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Wendy Hazen	
	Elizabeth Alvarado		
Readers:	Karon Keup	J. E. Knox	
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber		
Flowers:	Both Services: Rick and Robin Wymore		
Counters:	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald		
Sunday School	9:45am: Hana and Gina		

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUN., JUNE 8, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Paul Walter
	Jim Eckart	Bob Freeman
		James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Tom Osgood	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Christina Freeman
Readers:	None Needed	None Needed
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
Flowers:	Both Services: Karon Keup	
Counters:	Both Services: Sheryl Maier and Karon Keup	
Sunday School	9:45am: Michele and Carrie-Last Sunday School	
	until Sept. 7. Have a great summer!	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JUNE 1 – SAT., JUNE 7

Sunday, June 1	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 12:15pm 12:15pm 5:00pm	Worship with Communion Adult Ed and Sunday School Worship Voter's Assembly NO Bell Practice Spanish Worship
Monday, June 2	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, June 3	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, June 4	6:30pm	C-101
Thursday, June 5	6:00pm	Praise Team
Friday, June 6	5:30pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., JUNE 8 - SAT., JUNE 14

Sunday, June 8	8:30am	Worship
Pentecost	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
Monday, June 9	1:00pm	Human Care Board Mtg.
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, June 10	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 11	6:30pm	C-101
Thursday, June 12	6:00pm	Praise Team
Upcoming Events:		
Sunday, May 15	11:00am	Confirmation

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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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