

Ascension Lutheran Church and School "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 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.)

(\mathbf{P} = Pastor, \mathbf{C} = Congregation, \mathbf{A} = Reader/Assisting)

AS WE GATHER: The Lord not only teaches us what to pray for but also how to pray. With the words of the Lord's Prayer, we are directed in confidence to the Lord. When doubts arise, we are reminded of how earthly fathers give good gifts to their children and are encouraged to believe that God will do so even more for us, because of our Savior Jesus Christ. It can be tempting to think of ourselves as the center of our prayers instead of the God who graciously invites us to pray and promises to hear and answer us. Today we are encouraged to learn from Jesus and to pray in His name to the Father, trusting that He will give us all good things and all things needful because of our Savior Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"We Have Come Into His House"

We have come into His house And gathered in His name To worship Him, We have come into His house And gathered in His name To worship Him, We have come into His house And gathered in His name To worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

So forget about yourself And concentrate on Him And worship Him. So forget about yourself And concentrate on Him And worship Him. So forget about yourself And concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

He is all my righteousness; I stand complete in Him And worship Him, He is all my righteousness; I stand complete in Him And worship Him. He is all my righteousness; I stand complete in Him And worship Christ the Lord, Worship Him, Christ, the Lord.

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

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

OPENING SCRIPTURE

- P Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love;
- **O** LORD, according to Your justice give me life.
- P Hear my cry, O God;
- listen to my prayer.
- From the ends of the earth I call to You, I call as my heart grows faint;
- **C** lead me to the Rock that is higher than I.
- P For You have been my refuge,
- **C** a strong tower against the foe.

CONFESSION

(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.
- C 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.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.
- And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 138:1-8 (ESV)

(David praises God for His mercy and love.)

¹ I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; ² I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word. ³On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶ For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

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

EPISTLE

Colossians 2:13-19 (ESV)

(Once we were dead in trespasses and sins, but God made us alive in Christ.)

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him.

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

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 11:1–13 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.Glory to You, O Lord.

("Lord, teach us to pray.")

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ² And He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵ And He said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

С

Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN

"In Holy Conversation"

(tune: The Church's One Foundation)

In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer, And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share. We come His will obeying, As children bringing needs; And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations Begin in child-like ways; We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise. With care our Father listens To ev'ry thought expressed, Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.

As holy conversation, In silence or by word, In ev'ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard. So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

"Dad?"

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

Remembering Your gracious invitation, let us approach the throne of grace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and offer prayers and supplications to the Father on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

- O Lord, You taught us to call You Father and to pray with confidence. Grant us Your Spirit that we may give You the burdens of our hearts in the name of Jesus and wait upon You to answer; Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Remind us, O Lord, to approach Your mercy with the humility of faith, rejoicing in what Your Son has accomplished for our salvation and in mercy for the whole world. Keep us from pride and arrogance, that, trusting You to grant us all things needful and beneficial, our hearts may rest in peace; Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Deliver us from selfish greed and instill within us Your own compassion, that we do not pass those in need or turn away from those who cry out for mercy; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Give to our President, the Congress, our Governor, the legislature of this state, and all judges, the wisdom of Your Word and Spirit, that they may serve with faithfulness for the common good and we may be enabled to serve You in peace and quietness; Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Give comfort, healing, and peace to the sick, the suffering, the aged, and the dying. We especially pray for...Grant them peace, patience, and courage until they are delivered from all their afflictions; Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- You have opened Your hand to us and granted us gifts well beyond what we deserve or have asked. We give You thanks for the blessings of baptisms, birthdays, and anniversaries to be celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- 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** 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.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 13 for the Benediction)

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

(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

"Come Share The Lord"

We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts Like living flame. For through the loving Son, The Father makes us one. Come take the bread, Come drink the wine, Come share the Lord.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread. The Lord Who pours the cup Is risen from the dead. The One we love the most Is now our gracious host. Come take the bread, Come drink the wine, Come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing, We'll see the glory of our Lord And coming King. Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait. Come take the bread, Come drink the wine, Come share the Lord.

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, What needless pain we bear. All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge! Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do Thy friends despise forsake Thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield Thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear; May we ever, Lord be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer. Soon, in glory bright unclouded There will be no need for prayer; Rapture, praise and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Father of mercy and God of all consolation, hear the prayers of Your people and inhabit our hearts with Your Spirit so that we may have words to pray and hearts to believe that You hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

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.
 Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"To God Be The Glory"

To God be the glory, Great things He hath done, So loved He the world That He gave us His Son Who yielded His life An atonement for sin, And opened the life-gate That all may go in.

(Chorus) Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father Through Jesus, the Son, And give Him the glory, Great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, The purchase of blood To every believer The promise of God; The vilest offender Who truly believes, That moment from Jesus A pardon receives. (chorus)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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Thank you to the McInaney's for the lovely Altar flowers in honor of Keilynne and Keilah's baptisms to the glory of God.

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† ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AND POTLUCK

We will all Worship together with **one** worship service on Sunday, Aug.28 at 10:30am for our annual Friendship Sunday worship service. The service will be followed by a potluck gathering in the Community Room. The church will provide chicken, drinks, and dinnerware for all. If you have a favorite side dish or dessert, please bring it if you can. Invite your friends and family and join us for Worship, Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

- Following is a general guide for what food to bring. Remember, keep the number of servings per dish to 6-8 people.
 - Last names beginning with A through Q please bring a side dish, i.e. salad, casserole, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, chips, etc.
 - Last names beginning with R through Z please bring a dessert.

Can you help with setup and/or cleanup? Contact Margo Bachhuber or Debbie Rekdahl or sign up in the Narthex on the sheet provided there.

† WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES:

A word of thanks to our choir and soloists for their musical contributions to our worship in the past months. Also, thank you to those who are sharing special music during the summer months.

CHOIR IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP and BLESSING!

Please come and join in singing with our choir! Do you enjoy singing, but aren't comfortable singing by yourself, then choir is for you. It is a chance to be a part of beautiful music that contributes to our corporate worship, glorifies the Lord, and blesses everyone involved. You also can be part of a group that enjoys fellowship and fun each week and can learn basic music skills along the way. Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, August 25 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary. Please see Brad Hall if you have any questions.

HANDCHIME CHOIR

Do you have interest in playing music for worship in a group where you DON'T have to sing? Then chimes are for you! You don't have to have any prior musical knowledge, but we can teach it to you along the way. Okay, maybe it would help if you can keep a beat! Please see Brad Hall if you would like to participate.

† BOTTOMS UP FUNDRAISER SALE!

To get ready for our next ministry program, we are organizing the basement classrooms. There will be a sale of toys and supplies that are no longer needed on Friday, August 12 and Saturday, August 13 from 10am to 4pm. Volunteers are needed both days to manage the sale. Check with Karla Deal about helping.

† FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

God's blessings for an exciting new year for our Church. Even though our ending June balance was unusually negative, the overall yearly budget was met appropriately. Going into the new financial year, we are balanced (which was the goal of the June accounting) and moving forward. Thank you for your loving and financial support of our Church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, July 30					
Sunday, July 24	8:30am 9:45am	Worship Education Hour			
	11:00am 6:00pm	Worship w/communion Online Worship Posted			
Friday, July 29	6:30pm	Noche Familiar			
EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, July 31 – Saturday, Aug. 6					
Sunday, July 31	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship Online Worship Posted			
Tuesday, Aug. 2 Wednesday, Aug. 3 Friday, Aug. 5	6:00pm 11:00am 6:30pm	Elder Meeting CareConnect Noche Familiar			

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder: Acolytes:	Bruce Blubaum	Dan Parshall
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney
	Jim Eckart	Bob Freeman James Freeman
		Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis	Christina Freeman
	Heather Gulde	
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jessica Brown
Flowers:	Both Services	Merci McInaney
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	John Knoke
	Needed	Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Karla Deal	Carol Hoefer
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and
		Rebecca Williamson

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, The family of Shorty Bauch, Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-inlaw 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).

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Gabby Webber Jennifer Alvarado Keilynne Woods	7/25 7/27 7/27	Ayde Alvarado Victor Alvarado Keilah Woods	7/27 7/27 7/28
BIRTHDAYS:			
Lorraine Haggard	7/25	Judy Blubaum	7/26
Barbara Schrader	7/26	Josue Aguilar	7/30
Erica Teyema	7/30		

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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