

ard the voice of the Lord,
hall I send, and who will go
aid, "Here am I. Send me!"
id, "Go, and tell this peo-

Isaiah 6:8

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

February 6, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6, 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 comulgar 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: “Holy Makes Us Holy”

AS WE GATHER: God calls us to be His holy people. Through the words of the prophet Isaiah and through his experience in God’s presence, the Lord reassures us that in love He forgives our sins and makes it possible for us to be holy in His sight. In the Hebrew language, to express what we would call a comparative word, you would say the “base word” twice—so “holier” would be expressed “holy, holy,” and that which is the holiest would be spoken of in the superlative as “holy, holy, holy.” And that is what our God is! Yet He knows us and cares for us individually. How amazing is that!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b*

- P** Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
- C** O LORD, be my helper.
- P** Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
- C** let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- P** The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
- C** which shines brighter and brighter until full day.
Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

- P** Let us now make our confession to our merciful Father in heaven.
- O God, our holy Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that we have not lived lives that are holy and have not shaped all our actions so that they are in accord with Your commands.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless.
- C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, our loving Father, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You call us, as You called the first disciples, to follow You as fishers of men. Make us to love You with our whole strength and with our whole heart and do the things that are pleasing in Your sight; 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.

C **And also with you.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

(Isaiah has an amazing vision of the seraphim.)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸ And I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1–11 (ESV)

(Jesus facilitates a miraculous catch of fish.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

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

P On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, He asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon,

C “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

P And Simon answered,

C “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at Your word I will let down the nets.”

P And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying,

C “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”

P For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon,

C “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

P And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

“Jesus Calls Us”

Jesus calls us o’er the tumult
Of our life’s wild, restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying “Christian, follow Me.”

As, of old, apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world’s golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying “Christian, love Me more.”

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love Me more than these.”

Jesus calls us; by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

SERMON

“STEPPING UP TO STEP OUT”

Isaiah 6:1-8

Pastor Jim Sprengle

APOSTLES’ CREED

The First Article and Luther’s Explanation

P In the First Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, who is completely holy. It is the blessed work of God the Father to give us life, direct the plan of our span of days, and preserve us throughout our earthly journey. We confess:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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 Gift of Love”

(based on 1 Corinthians 13)

words and music by Hal Hopson

Ascension Choir

(11:00)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus,
As stewards true receive.
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give.

And we believe Thy word,
Though dim our faith may be.
Whatever task we do,
O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Luke 19:38

P Having heard God's call to follow Jesus, let us bring before Him the needs and concerns of the church, the world, and ourselves.

For all who call on the name of Jesus throughout the world and for our own church body, that those who receive the call to preach do it well by the power of the Holy Spirit, that all who are called to ministry tasks fulfill our callings with humility and grace for the building up of the Body of Christ, that missionaries called to various places in the world, speak the Gospel with clarity and live in ways that draw people to following Christ, Holy God,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P For our Ascension congregation, that our elders and council lead us not only to consider our own needs, but also the needs of others, that the households of our congregation be places of forgiveness, peace, and genuine love, and that we who are gathered here today for worship hear our Lord's call and welcome newcomers in our midst, Holy God,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P For the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn, especially...that they would experience healing according to God's will. Holy God,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P For those who are celebrating...Holy God,

C **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

P These, and all of our prayers that remain unspoken or are too deep for words, we commend to You, Holy God, in trust that You hear us, You love us, and You desire our well-being; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 13 for the Benedictamus)

✠ 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.

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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in Heav’n above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the Heav'ns with sweet accord:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Lo, the apostolic train
Join Your sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow;
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

You are King of Glory, Christ;
Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
You have opened Heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name You.
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim You,
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

"Here I Am, Lord"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I Who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them,
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, as part of Your loving plan for us, You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the sustenance You have given us through this Holy Meal. As the broken bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into Your kingdom, for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN

“O Christ, Who Called The Twelve”
(tune: This Is My Father’s World)

O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow’ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they’d never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:

Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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Thanks to MaryLou May for the beautiful Altar flowers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEBRUARY 6, 2022

† RAY BROWN MEMORIAL

All are welcome to the memorial at 2:00pm on Thursday, Feb. 10.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† 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 — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Bill Ritchie, The family of Ray Brown, Bob Rekdahl, Fred Greco, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Rich Zahursky, Joyce (friend of Randy Bryant), 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), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: None

BIRTHDAYS

Eli Deal	2/9	Christina Freeman	2/12
Virginia Jacobs	2/12		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Marcus Young Bob Rekdahl Stan Chapulis <i>Needed</i>	John Knoke Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen (Sound)
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Rebecca Williamson	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	MaryLou May
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Marcus Young Stan Chapulis	Jonnie Driessner Matthias McInaney Evan Kreps Erik Kreps
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter (Sound)
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Julie Williamson
Readers:	Travis Osgood	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, Feb. 6 – Saturday, Feb. 12

Sunday, Feb. 6	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday Feb. 7	10:00am	Stewardship Board Meeting
Tuesday Feb. 8	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 9	11:00am	CareConnect
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Feb. 10	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 11	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Feb. 13 – Saturday, Feb. 19

Sunday, Feb. 13	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday Feb. 15	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Feb. 16	11:00am	CareConnect
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Feb. 17	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Feb. 18	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Feb. 19	8:00am	Church Clean-Up

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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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