



“I will follow You
wherever You go.”
Luke 9:57

Ascension Lutheran Church
“A Church for Families, A Family for Everyone”
Sunday, June 26, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 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!

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: “Believing Is Following”

AS WE GATHER: In the long season after Pentecost, our attention turns to Christian growth and discipleship. We use the word discipleship frequently, but do we understand its meaning? Our faith is a wonderful gift by God’s grace, and from it flows a lifelong response to serve Him. Today’s Gospel lesson calls us to consider what it means to follow Jesus. It is a costly endeavor that includes bearing a cross, but it’s all worth it in the end. We belong to a God who sustains us for our life of faith, including what it takes to follow!

PRELUDE **“All Things Work Together For Good”**
(11:00) *(based on Romans 8:28)*
 Music by John Carter
 Barb Greco & Carlyn Staudt, duo

WELCOME

SONG “Shout To The Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I’ll love You, forever I’ll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

INVOCATION

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Beloved of God, live as children of the light.
C **We clothe ourselves with faith and love, and the hope of salvation.**

P Christ died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep,
we may live with Christ.
C **We give thanks for Christ's saving work.**

P In Christ, the God of heaven has made His home on earth.
C **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

P Highest of all creation, He lives among the least.
C **He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

P Come now, all who thirst, and drink of the water of life.
C **Come now, all who hunger, and be filled with good things.**

P Come now, all who seek,
C **and encounter the abundant love of the almighty God.**

CONFESSION (sung)

P Let us confess our sin to the Lord as we pray and sing:

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for You
In the things I say and do,
And have fallen short of living in Your love.

(Chorus)

**Lord, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only You can set me free.

Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father, Back to Your home again.
Bless Your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin, Let it begin! **(chorus)**

ABSOLUTION

P The Spirit of God anointed Jesus to walk in perfect obedience to the Father's commands. His death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave prove that His grace alone gives His presence, provision, and purpose to all who belong to Him by faith. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our 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.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, instill in us the love of Your name and fill us with the promises of Your Word; being assured of Christ's victory over death and the grave, we are free to love and serve our neighbors in the work He has given us to do; 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 ✠

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13–25 (ESV)

(The fruit of the Spirit is present in those who belong to Christ Jesus.)

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62 (ESV)

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

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

(Jesus sets His face toward Jerusalem and calls His followers to purposefully proclaim the kingdom of God.)

⁵¹ When the days drew near for Him to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him.

⁵³ But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But He turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, "I will follow You wherever You go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." ⁵⁹ To another He said, "Follow Me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow You, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus"

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross,
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus, Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of His creation.
Jesus, unto You I die, There to live with You on high.

PRAYERS ARE GATHERED BY AN ELDER

SERMON

"MORE THAN A BELIEVER"

Luke 9:51–62

Pastor Jim Sprengle

WE SING OUR FAITH ~ THE CREED IN SONG

“In God The Father I Believe”

(tune: Kingsfold)

In God the Father I believe, Almighty Lord of all
Who made the heavens and the earth: His name be praised in awe.
And I believe in Jesus Christ, The Father’s only Son;
Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Of virgin Mary born.

Who suffered when He stood condemned By Pontius Pilate’s code;
Was crucified, was dead, As He Himself had long foretold.
Our Lord was buried in a tomb, Descended into hell,
But on the third day He arose Again on earth to dwell.

Ascending into heaven above He sits at God’s right hand;
From there He shall return to judge The living and the dead.
In God the Spirit I believe, Who guides a holy church;
The universal body that Victorious shall emerge.

I do believe that all the saints Must now commune in love,
And that, redeemed by Jesus’ blood, Our sins are pardoned us.
And at life’s end, my body frail, Upraised from earthly strife,
Is resurrected and renewed In everlasting life!

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)

“All Things Work Together For Good”

(based on Romans 8:28)

Music by John Carter

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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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have created us in Your image and called us into fellowship with Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to know that You are always with us—guiding our steps, providing for our lives, hearing our prayers, and answering us in ways that are for our good and that bring glory to Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your presence in our lives.

P You reign over all the universe as King of kings and Lord of lords! In You, Lord Jesus, all things are held together. In You, Lord Jesus, we live and move and have our being. You provide well for all those who belong to You. Grant us hearts to receive Your Word, hands to extend Your love to others, and feet to walk by Your Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer and receive our thanks for Your provision in our lives.

P Merciful Lord, we pray Your blessing upon all who lead and govern us, for all who protect us from harm and danger, and for all who work for the well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation. Grant that Your presence and provision be known in our families and in the lives of our children. Remind those who are homebound, hospitalized, or ailing in any way that they are never alone, for You are always with them. We especially pray for...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all joy, we pray for and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week...Thank you for all of Your good and gracious gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your faithful hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, ever trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

(8:30am service, please turn to page 12 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.

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

“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)

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
"O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!"

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift of Your Son's body and blood. Assure us through Christ's victory over death and the grave and strengthen us to do the things You have given us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 25; Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

P For freedom Christ has set us free;
C **stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.**

P If we live by the Spirit,
C **let us also walk by the Spirit.**

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,
C **who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

P Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
C **and their words to the ends of the world.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P 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.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (tune: *Munich*)

O Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, My Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle If thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway If thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking In accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised To all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory There shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised To serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, My Master and my friend.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 26, 2022

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Members and friends with Covid, family of Shorty Bauch, Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Larry Hart, 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, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath.

*Home Bound.

† 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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2

Sunday, June 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday June 229	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, July 1	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, July 3 – Saturday, July 9

Sunday, July 3	8:30am	Worship w/communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday July 4	All Day	Church Office Closed
Tuesday July 5	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday July 6	11:00am	CareConnect
	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, July 8	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, July 9	10:30am	The Chosen Bible Study

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

Elder:	8:30am Randy Bryant	11:00am Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young James Freeman Robert Freeman Wyatt Brown
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Jessica Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Christina Freeman
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie and Rebecca

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022

Elder:	8:30am Dave Oswald	11:00am Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart NEEDED	Marcus Young John Knoke
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham Riki Neagle
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie and Rebecca

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Jere Maier	6/28	Don Tigges	6/30
Kaydence Altizer	7/1	Don Brown	7/1
Michele Sprengle	7/1		

BIRTHDAYS:

Katie Nelson	6/26	Haylee Harris	6/27
Doug Whittier	6/27	Karen Arronson	6/29
Luis Interian	7/2	Fredia Moore	7/2

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Spencer and Rachel Kelley June 30, 2016

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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):

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