



“We do not lose heart.”

2 Corinthians 4:16 (ESV)

Ascension Lutheran Church

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, June 9, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 +
“We Do Not Lose Heart”

As We Gather: In the face of a world seeming to be falling apart, and maybe even your personal “world,” God’s Word has great and convincing comfort and hope for you this day. That hope, however, begins with knowing the real cause of our troubles. It is our sin and alienation from God that is at the root of all anger, frustration, bitterness, and death. We easily “lose heart” when all seems hopeless for us. The center and substance of hope in God is Jesus Christ whose resurrection from all that is darkness and death to us is the means and strength of faith to endure and stand firm through all that troubles us. For “if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Romans 8:11). Far from being merely a blind hope for future deliverance, believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come far outweighs everything and anything that can happen to us now. Living in this hope, we do not lose heart.

Prelude

Welcome

How Firm a Foundation

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- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

How Firm a Foundation, Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt., Text: Public domain

Invocation

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

Opening Scripture

Psalm 124:8; 130:3–5

- P** Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities,
C **O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But with You there is forgiveness,
C **that You may be feared.**
- P** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
C **and in His word I hope.**

Confession

- P** As we come humbly before Him, we hear His Word: I have trusted in Your steadfast love;
C **my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**
- P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
C **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 2)

**Not the labor of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy laws demands;
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

- P** 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)**

- P** 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.**

- P** Let us pray.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

- P** The Lord hears your confession, and you may rejoice in His grace. The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ’s cross, where you were redeemed as God’s beloved children. So, give Him thanks and find His peace and comfort in this good news: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.
- Almighty God, You sent Your own beloved Son into our flesh to free us from the guilt and death of our sin. As He is risen from death and lives and reigns in victory, so raise us anew this day and always to the certain hope of eternal life in His name; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:8-15 (ESV)

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13 and 5:1 (ESV)

¹³Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with You into His presence. ¹⁵For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. ¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal...

¹For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Mark 3:20-35 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁰Then [Jesus] went home, and the crowd gathered again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹And when His family heard it, they went out to seize Him, for they were saying, "He is out of His mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons He casts out the demons." ²³And He called them to Him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. ²⁸"Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." ³¹And His mother and His brothers came, and standing outside they sent to Him and called Him. ³²And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are outside, seeking You." ³³And He answered them, "Who are My mother and My brothers?" ³⁴And looking about at those who sat around Him, He said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

- 1 Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope here given,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many_an anxious thought.
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
Likewise I to life shall waken.
He will bring me where He is;
Shall my courage then be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the Head
Rise and leave His members dead?
- 3 No, too closely I am bound
By my hope to Christ forever;
Faiths strong hand the Rock has found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never;
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.
- 4 I am flesh and must return
To the dust, whence I am taken;
But by faith I now discern
That from death I shall awaken
With my Savior to abide
In His glory, at His side.

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Sermon
“A NEW HEART”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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 Having heard the call of God’s grace, let us come near to His throne of grace with prayers on behalf of ourselves and all people according to their needs.

Make Your Church one family, a people born again of Your promise in baptismal water, who believe in You and who delight in Your mercies and sustain them in faith until that day when we shall dwell in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give courage and strength to all pastors and church workers who serve Your people in Your name, grant success to the proclamation of the Gospel, and guide Your Church through the Holy Spirit to be faithful amid persecution and steadfast against temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless our president, Congress, governor, legislature, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they lead with wisdom and serve with integrity on behalf of all people, and particularly for the unborn. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless the fruits of the earth and those who tend the fields on our behalf, bless all honest labor and industry, and give inspiration and grace to those who serve us with the arts and music. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to all families grace to love one another, that husbands and wives live in fidelity toward each other and show compassionate care to their children. Bless all women in childbirth and sustain the aged in strength of body and mind. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver the sick from the burdens of the flesh and grant them healing according to Your will, give peace to those troubled in mind, deliver the dying into Your everlasting arms, and comfort the grieving with hope. We pray for... Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks for the gifts You bestow on us and on those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things we would ask of You, O Lord, trusting in Your mercy to grant us only what is best for us. Give us faith, trusting in Your mercy, that we may abide in Your presence in peace, in the name 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.

(8:30am service, please turn to page ?? for the closing scripture.)

+ 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

I Come To The Cross

I come to the cross Seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross Where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness And into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.

Your arms are open, You call me by name.
You welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price For my guilt and my shame.
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come,
Jesus, I come to the cross.

(repeat from beginning)

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Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain Lead me, guide me, along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

- 1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
To help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **(refrain)**
- 2 Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **(refrain)**

- 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord, always let me Thy servant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. **(refrain)**

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Post Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.

Merciful God our Father, in giving us the body and blood of Your Son in this Holy Sacrament, You cause us already to live that eternal life in unity with all the company of heaven. All thanks and praise to You, our gracious God.

Help us to live truly new lives as Your true children all our days until by Your call we enter into the fullness of the resurrection; through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Closing Scripture

- P** So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.
- C** **For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.**
- P** For the things that are seen are transient,
- C** **but the things that are unseen are eternal.**
(2 Corinthians 4:16–18)

Benediction

- 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

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

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**Refrain It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **(refrain)**
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **(refrain)**
- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **(refrain)**

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Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
G **Thanks be to God!**

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† VOTERS ASSEMBLY

The voter's assembly will be today after the 11am service in the Community Room. There will be a light lunch served.

† THANKS, FROM MILLIE EDWARDS

A special thank you to my church family, for all the cards, phone calls and prayers during my recovery from my shoulder injury.

† WOMEN'S MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

The Study group will meet on Tuesday June 11 at 2:00pm. The current study from Donna Snow continues.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Debbie and Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb Hoefer and Carol Hoefer, The Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse. *Home Bound.

† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, JUNE 9– SATURDAY, JUNE 15

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Gary Markwart	June 13	Scott Fabbri	June 14
Carol Hoefer	June 15		

BIRTHDAYS:

Sue Wentela	June 11
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WEDDINGS:

Bob and Christina Freeman June 12, 1999
Mark and Val Schiely June 14, 1975
Neil and Debbie Zeller June 15, 1974

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JUNE 9, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Marcus Young	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney James Freeman Bob Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Michele Sprengle	Karon Keup
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Karon Keup
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
Sunday School	9:45am	Hana Brandt and Gina Kreps

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., JUNE 16, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Marcus Young John Aden NEEDED	Marcus Young Paul Walter
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Peggy Hall	Johnnie Driessner
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	Neil and Deb Zeller
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JUNE 9– SAT., JUNE 15

Sunday, June 9	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Voters Assembly
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
Tuesday, June 11	2:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 12	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	C-101
Thursday, June 13	6:00pm	Praise Team
Friday, June 14	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, June 15	1:00pm	Becky Brooks Memorial

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JUNE 16– SAT., JUNE 22

Sunday, June 16	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish
Tuesday, June 18	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, June 19	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	C-101
Thursday, June 20	6:00pm	Praise Team
Friday, June 21	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, June 22	10:30am	The Chosen Season 4 Ep. 2



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