



Ascension Lutheran Church  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 18, 2021

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 18, 2021

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 obleas libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición).*

**(P) = Pastor, (C) = Congregation, (A) = Reader/Assisting)**

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Theme: “A Righteous Shepherd-King”**

### **AS WE GATHER**

In the Old Testament, God gave His people kings for their nation. But unlike the rulers of other nations, Israel’s kings were to rule in God’s name and after His heart and will and word. They were to rule God’s people like shepherds tending sheep, like David of old. Few, however, were faithful to their calling. In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus, God’s Son, having compassion on people as a shepherd has compassion on the sheep. Because of Jesus’ blood and righteousness, you have a King that cannot fail. He cares for you and will deliver you safely to your eternal home.

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **HYMN**

**“O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer”**

(tune: Hyfrydol)

O Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemer,  
We extol Your precious name;  
Yesterday, today, forever  
Your great love remains the same!  
Long before the world’s foundation  
You as LORD, the great I AM,  
Planned to bear the cross and save us,  
As God’s sacrificial Lamb.

You are worthy, ever reigning  
As the risen King of kings!  
“Blessing, honor, glory, power  
All creation ever sings!  
Gladly now we join that chorus,  
Awed by what our ransom cost,  
Praising You, our great Good Shepherd,  
Who would seek and save the lost.

You are Alpha and Omega,  
First and last, the start and end,  
One who was, who is, and will be,  
Yet You deign to be our friend!  
Living Water, Your great mercy  
Is a boundless reservoir,  
So that all whose souls are thirsty  
Drink of You and thirst no more.

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Ephesians 2:12–13, alt.*

**P** Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.  
**C** **But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You call on us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. Please grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Upon this, your confession, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## RESPONSE (sung)

**“Thank You, Lord”**

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.  
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.  
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free!

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

**Jeremiah 23:1–6 (ESV)**

(The righteous Branch)

<sup>1</sup>“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” declares the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for My people: “You have scattered My flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord. <sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He shall reign as King and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which He will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

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

## EPISTLE

**Ephesians 2:13; 19-22 (ESV)**

(Brought together by God.)

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

**Pr. Jim Sprengle**

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 6:30–44 (ESV)**

(Jesus feeds the five thousand.)

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

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

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> And when it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup> But He answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup> And He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup> Then He commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. <sup>41</sup> And taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And He divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN**

### **“The Church’s One Foundation”**

The Church’s one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev’ry nation,  
Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev’ry grace endued.

Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

## **SERMON**

### **“WHAT WE NEED”**

**Mark 6:30–44**  
**Pastor Jim Sprengle**

## **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.)*

### “Be Still, My Soul”

Music by Roy Hopp / Text by Herman Stuempfle, Jr.  
**Carlyn Staudt / Brad Hall, duo**

## 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.

Almighty God, You provide for our every need. Thank You for giving us our daily bread to care for our bodies, but especially the blood of Your Son to provide for our spiritual life. We praise You for calling us Your children and the sheep of Your fold. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, for You have commanded us to pray. Grant Your Holy Church peace and strength to give witness to Your mercy for all people. Bless our nation with faithful leaders who will govern according to Your will in righteousness. Sustain all who protect and defend us from harm and danger both in the world and in Your gift of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Endow Your ministers with compassion and grace to reach the lost and to serve Your people faithfully with Your Word and Sacraments. Guard and protect them from the assaults of the devil and all enemies of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Deliver and heal all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, especially...Like a shepherd, lead us all to the still waters and green pastures of Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Thank You, Lord, for the gifts You have given to those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** 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 (sung)

*(tune: Immortal, Invisible)*

**Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;  
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;  
O give to us daily our portion of bread;  
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.**

**Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know  
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;  
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,  
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!**

(11:00 service, please turn to page 11 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.**

### 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

### “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.

### “Beautiful Savior” (Contemporary)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end.

**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,  
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion  
And You reign, You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! **(chorus)**

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICTION *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

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

## HYMN

### **“Lead On, O King Eternal”**

(tune: The Day of Resurrection – *LANCASHIRE*)

Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
Your tents will be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Your grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords' loud clashing  
or roll of stirring drums  
with deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal;  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er Your face appears.  
Your cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

## DISMISSAL

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Scripture taken from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Capitalization of pronouns referring to the Deity has been added and is not part of the original English Standard Version text.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 3. Copyright © 2021 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Unless otherwise noted, all hymns printed in this service are in the Public Domain. Hymns, songs, and other music in this service that are copyrighted are internet streamed with permission under CCLI License #759893, OneLicense #A-729093 or LSB License #100030507.

"O Lord, Jesus Christ, Redeemer" Text: Stephen P. Starke. Copyright © 2007 Stephen P. Starke, admin. Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

"Thank You, Lord", Bessie Sykes / Seth Sykes. CCLI Song No. 16763. © 1940, 1945 Singspiration Music (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing, Inc., 741 Cool Springs Blvd., Franklin TN 37067) For use solely in accordance with the SongSelect Basic Terms of Agreement. All rights Reserved. CCLI License No. 759893

"Be Still My Soul", Text copyright © 2004 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved., Music copyright © 2004 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved., Used by permission under OneLicense #A-729093 "Come Share the Lord", Leech, Bryan Jeffery© 1984, 1987 Fred Bock Music Company CCLI License No. 759893

"Beautiful Savior", CCLI Song # 2492216 by Stuart Townend. © 1998 Thankyou Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing) For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. [www.ccli.com](http://www.ccli.com)  
CCLI License # 759893

*Thank you to Sue Lewis for the lovely Altar flowers in honor of her anniversary.*

## † LWML OREGON DISTRICT DAY RETREAT

*“Always Becoming Contagious Disciples”*

**Saturday, August 21 from 11:00am to 4:00pm (doors open at 10:30am)**

*Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8740 SE Sagert St., Tualatin, OR 97062.*

To find the registration form online, go to [www.LWMLor.org](http://www.LWMLor.org), and click on the “Events” drop-down menu. You may also get a hard copy on the LWML Bulletin Board at Ascension.

**Registration deadline is August 1.** If you are unable to carpool or attend this Day Retreat, perhaps you can help by dropping off some of the In-gathering \*items that we will use to make “Blessings Bags” for the Homeless. Please drop off in-gathering items by Sunday, August 15 so they can be packed in time to take to the retreat. Contact Mae Smith for more information.

*\*See the gray basket in the Narthex for a list of items you may contribute.*

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests at 503-665-8821 or e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Ray Brown, Elly Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Bonnie Webber, Carolyn Erdmann, Julie Williamson, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Sylvia Guthrie, Michele Sprengle, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, Rich Zahursky, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela’s granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath.

\*Home Bound.

## † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (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).

---

**ASSISTING IN SERVICE Today, Sunday, July 18, 2021**

---

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Tony Aguilar (WA)
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Needed	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Laura Potter	Jessica Brown
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter (Sound)	Wyatt Brown
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Sue Lewis

---

**ASSISTING IN SERVICE Next Sunday, July 25, 2021**

---

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Riki Neagle
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Riki Neagle (Sound)
<b>Greeters:</b>	Karla Deal	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Readers:</b>	Karla Deal	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Ed and Margaret Hubbard

---

**† MILESTONES**

---

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS - None****BIRTHDAYS**

Natalie Wentela                      7/20                      Carolyn Barendse                      7/23

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - None**

---

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION**

---

### **THIS WEEK – July 18-24**

#### **Sunday, July 18**

8:30am      Worship with Communion  
9:45am      Adult Education  
11:00am     Worship

#### **Tuesday, July 20**

6:00pm      3:10 Group

#### **Wednesday, July 21**

6:30pm      C-101 Insights to Christianity  
7:00pm      Online Bible Study

#### **Friday, July 23**

6:30pm      Noche Familiar

### **NEXT WEEK – July 25-31**

#### **Sunday, July 25**

8:30am      Worship  
9:45am      Adult Education  
11:00am     Worship with Communion

#### **Monday, July 26**

Newsletter Articles Due

#### **Wednesday, July 28**

6:30pm      C-101 Insights to Christianity  
7:00pm      Online Bible Study

#### **Friday, July 30**

6:30pm      Noche Familiar

# Ascension Lutheran Church

1440 SE 182nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97233  
Church: 503-665-8821 · Childcare Center: 503-667-6750  
Web Site: [www.alcportland.org](http://www.alcportland.org)  
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.

## STAFF

**Rev. Jim Sprengle, Pastor**  
[pastor@alcportland.org](mailto:pastor@alcportland.org)

**Ruberto Ek Yah, Vicar**  
[vicar@alcportland.org](mailto:vicar@alcportland.org)

**Michele Sprengle, Office Administrator**  
[office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

**Brad Hall, Worship and Music Coordinator**  
[worship@alcportland.org](mailto:worship@alcportland.org)

**Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson, Treasurers**  
[treasurer@alcportland.org](mailto:treasurer@alcportland.org)

**Wanda Cassetty, Council Secretary**  
[council@alcportland.org](mailto:council@alcportland.org)

