



"TELL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED:

"See I have  
prepared My  
dinner...  
Everything  
is ready;  
come to the  
wedding  
banquet."

MATTHEW 22:4 (ESV)

Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 15, 2023

**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 +**

### **Theme: “Welcome to the Banquet”**

**As We Gather:** The Lord wants all people to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4), which is the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Therefore, He invites all people to come to the wedding banquet so they can partake in the blessings of His love and care. As His servants who already have faith and the gift of salvation, we are the ones who invite the people to His feast. Some will respond by coming, others will find something else to do. Still others will come but reject the truth and covering of righteousness He so freely gives. Which one are you?

### **Prelude**

(8:30)

### **“More Love, More Power”**

by Jude Del Hierro

**Bonnie Webber and Mark Wheeler, duo**

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## Welcome

### Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

- 1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.

### Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

- 2 With voice as full and strong  
As ocean's surging praise,  
Send forth the sturdy hymns of old,  
The psalms of ancient days. **(refrain)**

- 6 At last the march shall end;  
The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last,  
Jerusalem the blest. **(refrain)**

- △ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. **(refrain)**

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### Invocation

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

### Opening Sentences

Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10

- P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
**C** my soul shall exult in my God,  
**P** for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;  
**C** He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** God, our Father, our lives are plagued by trouble. We are showered with the violence and arrogance all around us.
- C** **We are humbled by the selfishness and complacency of our own hearts. O Lord, have mercy on us.**

- P** Our wives, our husbands, our children are in need. Our communities are row after row of houses filled with broken families and hurting people. Many are desperate, plummeting through despair.
- C** **Our work places are dark, crying out for the light of Your guidance and hope and love. O Lord, have mercy on us.**

### “Have Mercy”

In our arrogance and pride we come to You.  
In our weakness and our guilt we look to You.

### Refrain

**O Lord, our Lord, have mercy.**  
**O Lord, our Lord, have mercy.**

In our trouble and our pain we come to You.  
In our darkness and our grief we look to You. **(refrain)**

Mighty God of love and power we come to You.  
You are here, and You are now - we look to You. **(refrain)**

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- P** Lord, we lift our eyes to You and wait. Our hope is You alone.
- C** **I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)**
- P** Give thanks, for the Lord is rich in mercy and His compassion toward us is everlasting. He is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. This love is so great that He sent His only Son, Jesus, who knows your every need and struggle, and loved you so much that He gave His very life to give you pardon, peace, righteousness, and joy forever. As your pastor, I declare this promise of forgiveness to you today in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

- P** The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8)
- 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 invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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 25:6-9 (ESV)

- <sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
- <sup>7</sup>And He will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.
- <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of His people  
He will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Philippians 4:4-13 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. <sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son,

<sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. <sup>11</sup>"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

### Spread the Reign of God the Lord

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,  
Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call  
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will  
Made the world, upholds it still,  
How His own dear Son He gave  
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,  
Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price,  
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n  
Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true,  
Working both to will and do.
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,  
Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all  
See Your light and heed Your call.

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**Sermon**  
**“WHICH ONE ARE YOU?”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Matthew 22:1-14

**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.)*

**(8:30) “Enter His Courts With Praise!”**  
words based on Psalm 100  
music by Marty Parks  
**Ascension Choir**

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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.

In Your abundance, O Lord, You have supplied us with the rich food of the great feast in this blessed Eucharist and with the daily food that nourishes our bodies. Grant us grace so that we may receive these gifts with joy and respond with thanksgiving for the mighty acts by which Your Son has saved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** In Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have hidden the secret of contentment and the peace that surpasses all understanding. Give us this peace always and help us to learn contentment and joy by abiding in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** In Your Church, dear Father, You have brought together all nations and united us in the confession of Christ and the fellowship of His gifts. Keep us from presuming our worthiness and help us to depend upon Your grace and to proclaim the Lord's welcome to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** In the mercies daily and richly supplied, O Lord, You have granted us all things needful for this body and this life and supplied us with an abundance with which to aid our neighbor in need. Receive the tithes and offerings we bring before You in gratitude for all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** In Your compassion, merciful Father, You behold the plight of all people, whether in the suffering of their bodies or in their troubled minds. Give to them healing and peace according to Your will and comfort the grieving with Your promise of the resurrection and life to all who die in Christ. Today, we especially pray for...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Gracious Lord, we thank You for the abundance of Your goodness in our lives, and we rejoice with those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Recalling the saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we pray You, Father, to bring us at last with them into the joy of Your presence and into the blessed marriage feast of the Lamb, which knows no end. Help us to fight the good fight and keep the faith so that we may look forward with joy to the reunion with all those who have gone before through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom, and by whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.**

**(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 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**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## **+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +**

### **Communion Song**

Take this bread I give to you,  
And as you do, remember Me.

This bread is My body broken just for you.  
Take it (take it), eat it (eat it), each time you do;  
Remember Me, remember Me.

Take this cup I fill for you,  
And as you do, remember Me.

This cup is the new cov'nant I'm makin' with you.  
Take it (take it), drink it (drink it), each time you do;  
Remember Me, remember Me.

Take this love I've given you, and as you do, remember Me,  
Remember Me, remember Me.

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## **Before The Throne Of God Above**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look, and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable "I Am",  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ,  
And marvel at this love divine,  
God's perfect Son was sacrificed  
To make me righteous in God's eyes.  
This river's depths I cannot know,  
But I can glory in its flood;  
The Lord Most High has bowed down low,  
And poured on me His glorious love,  
And poured on me His glorious love.

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

**P** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, to You we give thanks and praise for having rescued us from sin and death and having raised us up from the pit of despair to the holy joy of Your presence and peace. Keep us in this holy joy all the days of our lives until at last we know You face to face in the marriage feast of the Lamb on high; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Announcements

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

## Rejoice, The Lord Is King

tune: Darwall's 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart.  
Lift up your voice; Rejoice; Again I say rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns, The God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:  
Lift up your heart.  
Lift up your voice; Rejoice; Again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come  
And take His servants up To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart.  
Lift up your voice; Rejoice; Again I say rejoice!  
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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to Karon Keup for the lovely altar flowers,  
in memory of her brother Rodney.*

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS      OCTOBER 15, 2023**

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## **† WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat, 2937 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, OR, the driveway is in the back of the house. Join us Saturday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan 14, 2024. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Space is limited to 14 participants. Talk to Jan Oswald for more details.

## **† LWML SUNDAY NEWS**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Our women of LWML want to thank all the craft-makers and goodie bakers who participated in our mission efforts, and we are so grateful for the support of Pastor Jim and all our church family! Our efforts at LWML Sunday at Ascension raised a total of \$683.60. This includes donated Mites, fundraiser sales, and your generous "keep the change" donations. That total does not even include the countless hours that many have used in the making of their crafts and baked goods. Yes, "It takes a village". With combined efforts around the world, we can and do make a difference in spreading the Good News of Christ Jesus, our Savior! Please remember to pray for our missions and missionaries, near and far, and give thanks to our Lord for His countless blessings!

## **† THANKS, FROM CAROL HOEFER**

In recent years I've often been asked "Who is your support?" I have always included "my church family" in my response. Once again you have shared your care and concern. Your prayers are felt and greatly appreciated. Thank you, Carol Hoefer.

## **† A LOOK AT TODAY AND A PLAN FOR TOMORROW HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR GAUGES?**

**Who?** ALL members and friends of Ascension  
**When?** Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10:30am to 2:00pm  
**Where?** Ascension Community Room (Yummy lunch provided)  
**Why?** To gauge our current state of affairs and identify areas we can grow as a congregation.

## **† HELP WITH BIBLES!**

The Outreach Board is handing out Bibles on a regular basis. We recently needed to purchase six more cases. We will have a free will offering after the services today and next week.

## **† MISSION TRAINING CENTER**

The Stewardship Board wants to know if you have heard about MTC? Mission Training Center is based out of Concordia University - Irvine and offers college level courses online for anyone who wants to grow in specific areas of ministry. Classes range from the study of God's Word to practical classes on equipping people to run church ministries, reach out with the Gospel, and many other topics. If you are interested in these courses, go to their website, or talk to Pr Jim to learn more. [www.missiontrainingcenter.com](http://www.missiontrainingcenter.com)

## **† MIKI ETZEL MEMORIAL**

The memorial is planned for Saturday, Nov. 4. The time is to be determined.

## **† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call 503-665-8821 Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

## **† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

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

## **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Carol Hoefer, Jim Eckart, Jaden Saunders, Audrey Bauch, The family of Brayson Pardue, Diana Laxton, Carolyn Barendse, Herb Reiniger's brother; Roger, Gina Kreps, Kevin McInaney, Randy Bryant's Brother, Alma Bangs, Judy Blubaum, Virginia Jacobs' Brother; Robert, Cindy Linnemann, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart. \*Home Bound.

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, OCT. 15, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b> Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder	<b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Carlyn Staudt	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 22, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney Evan Kreps Eric Kreps Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Celia Kreps
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Karon Keup
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Jan Oswald
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., OCT. 15 - SAT., OCT. 21

<b>Sunday, Oct. 15</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 17</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 18</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 4)
<b>Thursday, Oct. 19</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Oct. 20</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., OCT. 22 - SAT., OCT. 28

<b>Sunday, Oct. 22</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/ Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 24</b>		Newsletter Items Due
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 25</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 5)
<b>Thursday, Oct. 26</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Oct. 27</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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## † MILESTONES - SUNDAY, OCT. 15 – SATURDAY, OCT. 21

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Fogarty	Oct. 15	Matthias McInaney	Oct. 15
Joel Fogarty	Oct. 19		

### BIRTHDAYS:

Amy Haase	Oct. 15	Kathy Parshall	Oct. 18
Mark Schiely	Oct. 18		

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## Our Mission Statement:

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## Our Vision Statement:

*“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”*

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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