

Ascension Lutheran Church and School "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" July 31, 2022

# Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2022

**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE** We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 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 hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)

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

#### **♣** PREPARATION **♣**

# THEME: "Remember Your Baptism"

AS WE GATHER: Our Scriptures for the day remind us that some things in life are more valuable. Just as Jesus tells a man wanting his fair share of an inheritance, your soul can be required. Then to whom shall your things belong? But while Paul in the Epistle reminds his readers about what their lives were like once upon a time, he also reminds them that in Holy Baptism they have been raised with Christ and promises that they (we!) will appear with Him in glory. Today is a day to look up to the things that are above, remember our Baptism, and "serve the LORD with gladness!" (Psalm 100:2).

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME

SONG

"Father Welcomes"

Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son. Father giving His salvation, life forever has been won.

Little children, come to me, for My kingdom is of these. Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin. **(chorus)** 

In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured. Those who are baptized and believe, shall be born again. **(chorus)** 

Let us daily die to sin, let us daily rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, live in the peace of God. **(chorus)** 

#### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father, who graciously calls us His sons and daughters.
- C Amen.

- In the name of the 

  → Son, whose death and resurrection has given us eternal life.
- C Amen.
- In the name of the Holy Spirit, who has given us the gift of faith to trust all the promises of God.
- C Amen.

# **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM** Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1–4

In his Letter to the Romans, Paul wrote, "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

And in today's Letter to the Colossians, Paul writes, "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Let us therefore remember our Baptism:

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your righteous judgment You condemned the evil and unbelieving world through the flood. Yet, according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We give thanks for Your boundless grace, by which You have blessed us with true faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. You sent a saving flood to wash away our sins, which were inherited from Adam. We praise You for drowning the old Adam in us and bringing the new to life. Grant that we respond to Your great love by serving, obeying, and sharing You with joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH

- Do you renounce the devil, all his works, and all his ways?
- Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life 

  → everlasting.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted us new birth in Holy Baptism and made us members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom.
- We humbly implore You that, as we are Your children, You would keep us in our baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure we may faithfully lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Peace 

  → be with you.
- C Amen.

#### **+** THE WORD **+**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 100 (ESV)

(A Psalm for giving thanks.)

- <sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! <sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE**

Colossians 3:1–11 (ESV)

(In Baptism, our old selves were buried with Christ; therefore, our new self ought to reflect His presence in how we live.)

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. 11 Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave free; but Christ is all, and in all.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

#### **HOLY GOSPEL**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And He told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

**HYMN** "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" (tune: Christ, the Life of All the Living)

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sins, disturb my soul no longer; I am baptized into Christ. I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me
Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Death, you cannot end my gladness; I am baptized into Christ! When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit Paradise! Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!

Open-eyed my grave is staring; Even there I'll sleep secure.

Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:

I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of Paradise!

**SERMON** 

"REFLECTIONS"

Colossians 3:1–11 Pr. Jim Sprengle

# THIRD ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED and Explanation

- 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.
- P What does this mean?
- I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

### "Alleluia"

G. P. Telemann/arr. Liebergen Bonnie Webber and Barbara Greco, duo

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Remembering our Baptism does not necessarily mean recapturing the moment, for many of us were baptized as infants. But it does mean a willingness to follow our Lord each day. The Lord guide us as we bring our prayers before Him.

- "One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15b). For all who are deceived by the world's valuing property over people and power over service, that God would open their eyes that they serve Him above all, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who focus on themselves, trusting their own efforts rather than relying on the mercy and blessings of our heavenly Father, that God would move them to loving service for the people around them, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the Church around the world, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, calling people to follow our Lord as pilgrims treading toward the gracious and eternal promises of Christ, that God would protect and direct her, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the leaders of the nations, that God would guide them to provide decent food, clothing, and shelter for their citizens and protection both from enemies outside their borders and from lawlessness within, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who do not know Christ's resurrection, but see the grave as the end of life, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to trust in our Lord's victory, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For health care workers, first responders, and all who minister to people nearing the end of this mortal life, that God would sustain them in their ministry and use them as His instruments for Jesus' sake, let us pray to the Lord:
- Lord, have mercy.
- For all who call out to God for relief from illness, pain, or difficult circumstances...that God would hear their prayers and graciously answer them in His almighty wisdom and love, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- For those who are celebrating this week...that the Lord bless and preserve them in the year to come and give them thankful hearts for His gracious gifts, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

#### BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### **BENEDICTION**

- The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who graciously calls you His sons and daughters; the 
  → Son, whose death and resurrection has given you eternal life; and the Holy Spirit, who has given you the gift of faith to trust all the promises of God—be upon you, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN** "All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" (tune: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice)

All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven, And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given. Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to everyone Baptized into Christ Jesus!

In baptism we now put on Christ –
Our shame is fully covered
With all that He once sacrificed
And freely for us suffered.
For here the flood of His own blood
Now makes us holy, right, and good
Before our heav'nly Father.

O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

So use it well! You are made new –
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

#### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### † ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AND POTLUCK

We will all Worship together with **one** worship service on Sunday, Aug.28 at 10:30am for our annual Friendship Sunday worship service. The service will be followed by a potluck gathering in the Community Room. The church will provide chicken, drinks, and dinnerware for all. If you have a favorite side dish or dessert, please bring it if you can. Invite your friends and family and join us for Worship, Fellowship, Food, and Fun!

- Following is a general guide for what food to bring. Remember, keep the number of servings per dish to 6-8 people.
  - Last names beginning with A through Q please bring a side dish, i.e. salad, casserole, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, chips, etc.
  - Last names beginning with R through Z please bring a dessert.

Can you help with setup and/or cleanup? Contact Margo Bachhuber or Debbie Rekdahl or sign up in the Narthex on the sheet provided there.

# † BOTTOMS UP FUNDRAISER SALE!

To get ready for our next ministry program, we are organizing the basement classrooms. There will be a sale of toys and supplies that are no longer needed on **Friday**, **August 12 and Saturday**, **August 13 from 10am to 4pm**. Volunteers are needed both days to manage the sale. Check with Karla Deal about helping.

# † FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

God's blessings for an exciting new year for our Church. Even though our ending June balance was unusually negative, the overall yearly budget was met appropriately. Going into the new financial year, we are balanced (which was the goal of the June accounting) and moving forward. Thank you for your loving and financial support of our Church.

# **† WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES:**

A word of thanks to our choir and soloists for their musical contributions to our worship in the past months. Also, thank you to those who are sharing special music during the summer months.

#### CHOIR IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FELLOWSHIP and BLESSING!

Please come and join in singing with our choir! Do you enjoy singing, but aren't comfortable singing by yourself, then choir is for you. It is a chance to be a part of beautiful music that contributes to our corporate worship, glorifies the Lord, and blesses everyone involved. You also can be part of a group that enjoys fellowship and fun each week and can learn basic music skills along the way. **Our first rehearsal will be Thursday, August 25 at 7:00pm** in the Sanctuary. Please see Brad Hall if you have any questions.

#### HANDCHIME CHOIR

Do you have interest in playing music for worship in a group where you DON'T have to sing? Then chimes are for you! You don't have to have any prior musical knowledge, but we can teach it to you along the way. Okay, maybe it would help if you can keep a beat! Please see Brad Hall if you would like to participate.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK –</b>	Sunday, July	y 31 – Saturday, Aug. 6
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Sunday, July 31	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Aug. 2 Wednesday, Aug. 3 Friday, Aug. 5	6:00pm 11:00am 6:30pm	Elder Meeting CareConnect Noche Familiar

# EVENTS NEXT WEEK - Sunday, Aug. 7 - Saturday, Aug. 6

Sunday, Aug. 7	8:30am	Worship with communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Aug. 9	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Friday, Aug. 12	10am-4pm	Bottoms Up Fundraiser
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Aug. 13	10am-4pm	Bottoms Up Fundraiser
	5:00-7:00pm	Choir Partv

# ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS JULY 31, 2022

8:30am 11:00am

**Elder:** Randy Schroeder John Hazen

Acolytes:

**Ushers:** Stan Chapulis John Knoke

Needed Marcus Young

Audio/Visual: Michele Sprengle J. E. Knox

PowerPoint: Jenny Schuldheisz Rosemary Knox

Greeters:Debbie RekdahlRiki NeagleReaders:Karla DealCarol HoeferAltar Circle:Both ServicesVirginia Jacobs

Flowers: Both Services

**Counters:** Both Services Bonnie Webber and

Rebecca Williamson

# ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

8:30am 11:00am
Elder: Dave Oswald Bob Ritchie

Acolvtes:

Ushers: Jim Eckart John Knoke

Stan Chapulis Marcus Young

Randy Schroeder

NEEDED

Audio/Visual:Laura PotterMichele SprenglePowerPoint:Debbie RekdahlJohn HazenGreeters:Margo BachhuberRiki Neagle

Elizabeth Alvarado Carrie Graham

Readers: Karla Deal Carlyn Staudt
Altar Circle: Both Services Debbie Rekdahl

Flowers: Both Services

**Counters:** Both Services Bob and Elaina Ritchie

# **† PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

#### † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

† MILESTONES					
BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:					
Trever Fogarty	8/1	Travis Osgood	8/1		
Barbara Schrader	8/5				
BIRTHDAYS:					
Teresa Osgood	8/2	Will Teyema	8/2		
Jim Eckart	8/5	Trever Fogarty	8/6		

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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# **Our Mission Statement:**

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

# Our Vision Statement:

"Take part...Join Jesus on His mission"

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

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

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