

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 14, 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 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lord's Table with us today: The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean 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: "Faith in Trial"

AS WE GATHER: Today's Epistle continues the list of heroes of faith begun last week. Today, the emphasis is on the trials they endured because of their faith. Unlike the false prophets in the Old Testament Reading, they had heard and believed the promises of God. No wonder faith in Christ, especially when it goes through trials, inevitably produces conflict with any unbelieving people near us, even though they might be members of our family! Today is a day to resolve to run the race with endurance, following our Lord Jesus, acting on faith each day until it is turned to sight.

PRELUDE

"A Time For Everything" (based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8) Music by Mark Hayes Carlyn Staudt, soloist

WELCOME

SONG

"Let It Be Said Of Us"

Let it be said of us
That the Lord was our passion,
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given;
That we fought the good fight,
That we finished the course,
Knowing within us the
Pow'r of the risen Lord.

(Chorus)
Let the cross be our glory,
And the Lord be our song,
By mercy made holy,
By the Spirit made strong.
Let the cross be our glory,
And the Lord be our song

'Til the likeness of Jesus Be through us made known. Let the cross be our glory, And the Lord be our song.

Let it be said of us:
We were marked by forgiveness,
We were known by our love,
And delighted in meekness.
We were ruled by His peace,
Heeding unity's call;
Joined as one body,
That Christ would be seen by all. (chorus)

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

PSALM *Psalm* 119:81–88

- Today we consider faith under trial. But we cannot remain strong without God's help. Let us begin by praying today's Psalm responsively.
- My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.
- My eyes long for Your promise;
 I ask, "When will You comfort me?"
 For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke, yet I have not forgotten Your statutes.
- My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.
- P How long must Your servant endure?
 When will You judge those who persecute me?
 The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;
 they do not live according to Your law.
 All Your commandments are sure;
 they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
- My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

- They have almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken Your precepts.
 In Your steadfast love give me life, that I may keep the testimonies of Your mouth.
- My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hebrews 12:1–2

Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because of our Lord's sacrifice in our place.

(silence for reflection)

- P Gracious heavenly Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- People of God, "we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses," all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame...is seated at the right hand of the throne of God," we can be confident that He fulfilled all God's promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen. Thanks be to God!

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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.
- And also with you.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 23:16–29 (ESV)

(God decries the false prophets.)

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you." 18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear His word, or who has paid attention to His word and listened? ¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and accomplished the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹ "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My council, then they would have proclaimed My words to My people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away?
²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.
²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make My people forget My name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot My name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has My word speak My word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹ Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

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

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:1–3 (ESV)

(The heroes of faith are the example we follow.)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider Him who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

(Jesus says families will be divided over Him.)

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

⁴⁹ "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is My distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

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

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN "Fight The Good Fight"

Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your Guide; God's boundless mercy will provide; Trust and your trusting soul shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not, Who holds you dear; Only believe and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

SERMON

"FIRE!"

Jeremiah 23:16–29 Pr. Jim Sprengle

APOSTLES' CREED

(After hearing the word of God read and proclaimed, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith. 1Corinthians 15:1ff; 1Pet. 3:18ff; 1Tim. 3:16. In some churches you will hear a testimony from one of the faithful – we all give our testimony together.)

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.)

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One;

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what The Lord has done for us.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks. Give thanks. (Repeat)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Psalm 119:81: Hebrews 11:19, 22–23

Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

Gracious God, our fathers in the faith gave a good confession of Your truth before the powers of this world. In the spirit of Jeremiah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and Moses, strengthen our hearts in days of division to confess in our words and lives the glory of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- Lord of hosts, You inspired Your servant Jeremiah to proclaim Your Word amid the lies of false prophets. Arm Your servants in our day with the power of Your Holy Spirit to contradict the lies of the enemy, and build up Your Church upon the eternal foundation of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You strengthen families in order to nurture their faith and train them in righteousness. Bless and help parents to bring up their children to resist temptation and to endure all things for the sake of Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- We thank You for giving us strength and comfort through our difficult times. We especially pray for those the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...that You would hear their prayers and graciously answer them according to Your will. Lord. in Your mercy.
- hear our prayer.

- Lord of all joy and blessing, we pray for those who are celebrating this week...that You would bless and preserve them in the year to come and give them thankful hearts for Your gracious gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.

(8:30 am service, please turn to page 13 for the Benediction)

나 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT 나 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.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.

- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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 SONGS

"This Is The Feast"

(Refrain)
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. (refrain)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His. **(refrain)**

Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **(refrain)**

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia. (refrain)

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace.

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion –
For more than conqu'rors we are! *(refrain)*

His Word shall not fail you – He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell! *(refrain)*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that in this Sacrament You have blessed us, refreshed us, and strengthened us firm in the faith of our Savior. Accompany us on our pilgrim journey that we may stand up to all trials and give You the glory for Your gracious presence and strength; 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

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross; Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss; From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead, Till ev'ry foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Ye that are men, now serve
Him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in His strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer; Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
The strife will not be long,
This day, the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song.
To Him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

DISMISSAL

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

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† 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 main meat, 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 for 6 to 8 people, i.e. salad, casserole, baked beans, vegetables, fruit, chips, etc.
 - Last names beginning with R through Z please bring a dessert serving 6 to 8 people.

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.

† A BIG THANK YOU FROM GINA KREPS

I want to say a big thank you to everyone for all the prayers while I was in the hospital and still while I am at home. I feel that all the prayers are the main reason that I have been doing as well as I have.

† WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS

CHOIR

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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK -	Sunday, Aug.	14 - Saturday,	Aug. 20
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Sunday, Aug. 14	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship with communion Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Aug. 16 Wednesday, Aug. 17 Friday, Aug. 19 Saturday, Aug. 20	6:00pm 11:00am 6:30pm 8:30am	3:10 Group CareConnect Noche Familiar Church Cleanup

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - Sunday, Aug. 21 - Saturday, Aug. 27

8:30am	Worship with communion
9:45am	Education Hour
11:00am	Worship
6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
7:00pm	First Choir Practice
6:30pm	Noche Familiar
10:30am	Chosen Bible Study 2
	9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm 6:30pm

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS AUGUST 14, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Herb Hoefer

Acolytes:

Ushers: Bob Rekdahl Johnnie Driessner

NEEDED Matthias McInaney

Bob Freeman Marcus Young

Audio/Visual: Michele Sprengle Laura Potter

PowerPoint:Teresa OsgoodRebecca WilliamsonGreeters:NeededJulie WilliamsonReaders:??Julie Williamson

Altar Circle: Both Services Wendy Hazen

Flowers: Both Services

Counters: Both Services Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Randy Schroeder John Hazen

Acolytes: Jaden Mundo

Ushers: Stan Chapulis Jonathan Mundo
Jim Eckart Joshua Mundo

Bob Rekdahl

Randy Schroeder

Audio/Visual: Laura Potter J.E. Knox

PowerPoint:Rebecca WilliamsonRosemary KnoxGreeters:Norma DillonMargaret Hubbard

Jean Dillon Esperanza Gutierrez

: Jim Eckart Carol Hoefer

Readers: Jim Eckart Carol Hoefer **Altar Circle:** Both Services Margo Bachhuber

Flowers: Both Services John and Wendy Hazen

Counters: Both Services Karon Keup and

Sheryl Maier

† 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, Emily Kohnke (Webber Family), 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);

8/14

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

† MILESTONES

Danny Graham

BAP	ПSМ	BIRT	HDA	YS:

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Jessica Brown	8/17	Barbara Lewis	8/17
Dan Parshall	8/17	KaiLeah Woods	8/20
BIRTHDAYS:			
Elaine Miller	8/14	Seydi Moreno	8/14
Randy Bryant	8/16	Barbara Greco	8/18
Ellen Rawls	8/18	Dan Parshall	8/19
Jessica Brown	8/20		

Marty Blankenburg

8/16

Wedding Anniversaries

Don and Jessica Brown Aug 20, 1993

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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