

A hand is shown gripping a vertical metal bar against a textured, light-colored wall. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with fingers wrapped around the bar. The background wall has a mottled, yellowish-tan appearance with small dark spots. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

He called  
the twelve  
and began  
to send  
them out  
*two  
by two.*

MARK 6:7

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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

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

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:**

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

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

### “Sent and Sustained in Grace”

**As We Gather:** Life is not always easy. Life in and of faith is often less easy. In our readings today we encounter a few people who faced difficulty and challenges amid their godly callings. Ezekiel would be sent to speak the Word of God to a rebellious people who wouldn't happily receive the message. The apostle Paul would face his own personal struggles with his “thorn . . . in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7) as he brought the Gospel to many on his mission journeys. Jesus Himself would not be welcomed as Savior when He returned to His hometown of Nazareth. Though things were far from easy, God would bless the work that He called His people and His own Son to do. Even in our times of difficulty and challenges living as His people, we are reminded of the same truth from the Lord: “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Catch The Vision

tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

O every'one of eager heart,  
God's message to the world impart.  
Catch the vision of His mission,  
Proclaim how Jesus lived and died  
That man might thus be justified;  
Catch the vision of His mission,  
Catch the vision of His mission, Alleluia!

All Christendom now hear His Word  
And let your hearts within be stirred.  
Catch the vision of His mission,  
To ev'ry nation, ev'ry place,  
Be thou a vessel of His grace.  
Catch the vision of His mission,  
Catch the vision of His mission, Alleluia!

Let Jesus' work your pleasure be, Say,  
"Here am I, send me, send me!"  
Catch the vision of His mission,  
Let not the answer heard from you be,  
"There is nothing I can do."  
Catch the vision of His mission,  
Catch the vision of His mission, Alleluia!

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of God the Father,  
**C** **who created us and all things and invites us to worship Him in this place as His beloved children;**
- P** in the name of God the † Son,  
**C** **who gave His life for our forgiveness and salvation;**
- P** in the name of God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **who calls us in faith, gathers us together in His church, and enlightens our faith through the Word. Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **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.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, though we are unworthy, You show mercy. Though we are underserving, You pour out Your grace. Though we fail, You grant us forgiveness. In our callings in faith and sent as Your people, sustain us through Your Spirit that we together as Your church may serve You in joy and gladness; 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

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you." <sup>2</sup>And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated.

<sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

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

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>1</sup> He went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup> And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup> And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup> And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

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

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

## **Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered**

### **Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin -- My hand will save.  
I Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

### **(Refrain)**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, If You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? **(refrain)**

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### **Sermon "AT HOME AND ABROAD"**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Mark 6:1-13

### **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.)*

### **Hold Me In Life**

11:00am

Words based on Psalm 25/Music by B. Huijbers

### **Quartet**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of continued mercy, Your power is made perfect in weakness and Your grace is sufficient for us. As You called people of the past to proclaim the way of salvation, so also use us as Your instruments to proclaim the Gospel and to live as lights even among scorn and despising from a sinful world. Sustain Your church to remain strong in faith until the day You make all things new. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Sending Father, when Your Son was in this world, He was rejected in His hometown. Though despised, He continued on in the mission for our salvation and forgiveness of sins all the way to the cross. As disciples continued to proclaim a message of repentance, build us up as Your disciples within Your church to proclaim and receive the forgiveness of sins won for us through His death and resurrection. Raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, and others in a churchly vocation to be sent by You to proclaim Your message of Law and Gospel. Strengthen laity to live as Your church each day among our neighbors, pointing to Your light and Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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



**P** Compassionate Father, we face daily the trials of this world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh. Often a “thorn in the flesh” is a barrier to our faith and trust in You. Remind us Your grace is sufficient and Your power is made perfect in weakness. For those who are weak in body, mind, and spirit, grant Your continued presence. Heal according to Your will, and use us as Your church to encourage, support, and reflect Your grace to all who are in need, especially. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious Father, Your mercies are new every morning and You provide us with blessings that overflow. We give You thanks for the joys of our earthly life and of the life to come, and especially for those things celebrated this week... Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Sustaining Father, You gather us together as Your people to hear Your Word and to receive Your means of grace. As Your church, strengthen our fellowship as we receive the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fed, nourished, and strengthened in faith, enable us to faithfully uphold Your calling to us as we are sent by You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**C** **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 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.**

*(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 +

### **Just A Closer Walk With Thee**

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak but Thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none  
but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;  
On that bright eternal shore I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.

Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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## You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my All in All.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down You pick me up,  
When I am dry You fill my cup,  
You are my All in All.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 136:1

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
- C** **His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** As we have been called, gathered, and enlightened through Your Spirit as Your church, You have sustained and nourished us that we may live as Your people in this present life and at Your time rejoice in life everlasting. Your grace is sufficient and Your forgiveness is assured.

**C** **Strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

**P** 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

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Announcements

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

## Lift High the Cross

**Refrain Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **(refrain)**
  
- 3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **(refrain)**
  
- 4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **(refrain)**
  
- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **(refrain)**
  
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(refrain)**

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## Dismissal

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thanks to the McNaney family for the lovely Altar flowers,  
In honor of Merci's birthday, given to the glory of God.*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# JULY 7, 2024

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## † THE CHOSEN SEASON 4: NO WATCH PARTY JULY 13

We will see you again on July 27 at 10:30am for episode 3!

## † MEMORIALS

Bob Rekdahl Memorial, Saturday July 20 at 1:00pm.

## † SCHOOL SUPPLIES FUNDRAISER!

The Human Care Board is raising funds and donations to give school supplies to children in our community and My Father's House for the 2024-2025 school year. Our goal is to give 200 students school supplies this year. The donations will take place as free will offerings after church from July 7 to August 4. Here are some important dates when we will need your help:

- July 31: Wednesday at 2pm in the Community Room – Prepare bags with supplies
- August 10: Saturday from 1-3pm at the north parking lot – Hand out bags to the public

Please talk to Pastor Jim to support this much needed outreach.

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## † MILESTONES - SUNDAY, JULY 7– SATURDAY, JULY 13

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Randy Bryant	July 8	Debbie Rekdahl	July 8
Jan Oswald	July 10	Sue Wentela	July 11
Haylee Harris	July 12		

### BIRTHDAYS:

Merci McInaney	July 7	Travis Osgood	July 10
Nancy Thomas	July 12		

### WEDDINGS:

Kris and Barbara Cochran	July 10, 1994
Pr. Jim and Michele Sprengle	July 10, 1994
Mike and Linda Fogarty	July 12, 1980

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

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

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### ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JULY 7, 2024

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Marcus Young John Aden Stan Chapulis	Marcus Young Neil Zeller
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	John Hazen
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Merci McInaney
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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### ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., JULY 14, 2024

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Marcus Young	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Paul Walter <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Carlyn Staudt	Karon Keup
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Gina Kreps

## † PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

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

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

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

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

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

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JULY 7 – SAT., JULY 13

<b>Sunday, July 7</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Tuesday, July 9</b>	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, July 10</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, July 11</b>	6:00pm	<b>NO</b> Praise Team
<b>Friday, July 12</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, July 13</b>	10:30am	<b>NO</b> "The Chosen" this week

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### EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JULY 14 – SAT., JULY 20

<b>Sunday, July 14</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/Communion
<b>Tuesday, July 16</b>	6:00pm	<b>NO</b> 3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday, July 17</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, July 18</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
<b>Friday, July 19</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, July 20</b>	1:00pm	Bob Rekdahl Memorial

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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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