



Ascension Lutheran Church and School
4th Sunday After Pentecost ~ Father's Day ~ June 20, 2021

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FATHERS DAY**

June 20, 2021

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

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

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “Who Is This?”

AS WE GATHER

In today’s Gospel, Jesus commands the wind and the sea to become calm, which understandably stuns the disciples. “Who is this?” they wonder. The other Readings today reaffirm that we know that Jesus is one person of the Holy Trinity. The Creator puts creature Job in his place. We also ought to remember with whom we are dealing when we request or complain. Paul encourages his readers, then and now, to put their circumstances into the context of the whole Church. Our situations do not define us! Sure of God’s care and emboldened by the strength He provides, we are called to live out our faith confidently. We know who this is: He is Jesus, our Savior.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

Children of the Heavenly Father,
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in Heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish,
In His holy courts they flourish;
From all evil things He spares them,
In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever,
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.

INVOCATION and OPENING SCRIPTURE

Job 38:4; Psalm 124:8; Mark 4:39; 2 Corinthians 6:1

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

2 Corinthians 6:2, 4, 12

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Our Lord Jesus, whom wind and sea and all creation obey, has taken away the sins of the world. Because of His sacrifice for you within His own creation, today is indeed the day of salvation. Today He tells you also, "Peace! Be still!" As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.

P Almighty God, daily You forgive the sins of all who call out to You for mercy and blessing. Now, on this day of salvation, assure us again that nothing in all creation can separate us from You and Your gracious promises; 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

Job 38:1–11 (ESV)

(God puts creature Job in his place.)

¹ Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³ Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to Me. ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding. ⁵ Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? ⁸ “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, ⁹ when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, ¹¹ and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1–13 (ESV)

(No matter the circumstances, now is the day of salvation.)

¹ Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ² For He says, “In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³ We put no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships,

calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything. ¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS LESSON

Pr. Herb Hoefler

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35–41 (ESV)

(Jesus amazes the disciples by stilling the storm.)

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

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

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

"Christ Be My Leader"

Christ be my leader by night as by day;
Safe through the darkness for He is the way.
Gladly I follow my future His care;
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me in Jesus I stand.

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

SERMON

“Do You Not Care?”

**Mark 4:38
Pastor Herb Hoefler**

WE SING OUR FAITH – THE CREED IN SONG

“In God We Believe”
(tune: Immortal, Invisible)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now He does bless.
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. 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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us go to God in prayer for ourselves, for God's people around the world, and for all people in their various circumstances.

(For Fathers)

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember fathers, we give You thanks for those men who have loved us and sheltered us, challenged and inspired us. We thank you for each man who supported us, struggled with us, helped us find our calling in life and showed us how to be people of both strength and gentleness. Thank you, God, for the men who taught us Your will and Your Word. Thank You for the men in our lives who have prayed and watched over us and who showed us through their commitment to You, how important You are.

Grant to those men among us who are now raising children an extra measure of wisdom that they may know how to guide young feet through an increasingly turbulent world. Give to them strength to know how to be tough as well as tender, demanding as well as forgiving. In the name of Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P For all people who are enduring various afflictions, hardships, or calamities, that God would strengthen and guide first responders, medical personnel, and support agencies until health, prosperity, and calm are restored, let us pray.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For all people who are enduring beatings, imprisonments, or riots, that God would give wisdom to political officials, protection to military leaders, and guidance to authorities to work for peace, protection, and justice, let us pray.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For all who feel trapped by harsh labor, sleepless nights, or hunger, that God would surround them with caring people to provide the social, emotional, and physical relief they so desperately need and give them health, joy, and peace, let us pray.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P That the Church around the world would use the purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, and genuine love God provides to spread the news of forgiveness and salvation today and always, let us pray.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...let us pray.

C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P For those who are celebrating...let us pray.
C **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P 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 Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
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.**

(11:00 service, please turn to page 11 for the Benediction)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.
Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

PREFACE

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

P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

(Latin for "Peace of the Lord" - the response is, "Amen!", or "So be it!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

"Be Unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high. **(chorus)**

**Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain,
Highest praises, honor and glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.**

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save,
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. **(Chorus x2)**

"Father Welcomes"

(chorus)

**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)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, who sent Your only-begotten Son into this created world as one of us, we thank You for the pardon and peace You have graciously provided in this Sacrament. Strengthened thereby, we ask that You enable us to open our hearts that the people we meet may understand this favorable time, this day of salvation You make available in Your endless grace; 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 blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who made us; the Son, who saved us; and the Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts—be upon you, this day and always.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are My own.
In My love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, My children, with My blessing you are My own.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you. what I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son’s story,
Here you touched Him, saw His glory,
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I, the Lord, will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter and Brother,
Go, My children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

DISMISSAL

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

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† HELP NEEDED FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

If you are coming to service, think about offering to be a servant during worship. Running the Camera, Power Pointing, Ushering, Greeting, or reading. Please look at where you can step up.

† 2021 FLOWER CHART AVAILABLE

Sign up early to get your special date! The new flower chart for 2021 has been posted in the hallway by the mailboxes. Please sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of your special date. Thanks, Your Altar Guild.

† LWML GET TOGETHER SATURDAY, JUNE 26

1. From 10:30 to noon in the Ascension Community Room. All ladies in the congregation are invited. It's been a long time since we met, and we'd like to re-group and make some plans for the rest of 2021.
2. Take a look at our LWML bulletin board. Located the end of the SE corridor next to the Community Room.
3. We are collecting some items for "Blessing Bags" for the Homeless. There is a grey basket in the Narthex with a flyer attached telling what toiletries and items we are collecting.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

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

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force — Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

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| Alexa Sprengle | 6/20 | Pam Eilers | 6/21 |
| Erika Deal | 6/22 | Herb Hoefler | 6/22 |
| Herb Reiniger | 6/22 | Carrie Graham | 6/24 |

BIRTHDAYS

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| Gabriela Alvarado | 6/20 | Mike Hatley | 6/20 |
| Wendy Hazen | 6/20 | Riki Neagle | 6/20 |
| Mary Niska | 6/22 | Jere Maier | 6/23 |
| Katie Nelson | 6/26 | Ginny Whitney | 6/26 |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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| Mike and Eileen Hatley | June 20, 1970 |
| Bob and Elaina Ritchie | June 22, 1991 |
| Johnnie and Kim Driessner | June 24, 1977 |

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 20

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

Wednesday, June 23

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| 6:30pm | C-101 Insights to Christianity |
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Friday, June 25

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| 6:30pm | Noche Familiar |
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Saturday, June 26

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| 10:30am to 12:00pm | LWML Meeting |
| 1:00pm to 4:00pm | Soccer Event |

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, June 27

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

Monday, June 28

NEWLETTER ITEMS DUE

Wednesday, June 30

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| 6:30pm | C-101 Insights to Christianity |
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Friday, July 2

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| 6:30pm | Noche Familiar |
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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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