



Our *hearts*
in HIS *hand*

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly (1 Peter 4:8).

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone"

LWML Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

LWML SUNDAY
October 10, 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 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)

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE (LWML)

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For over 77 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman’s relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “Our Hearts in HIS Hand”

AS WE GATHER: The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman’s identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus’ name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, we have been given the kingdom of God to bear its fruit.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be truly living,
To You giving prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us by Your teaching;
Let our preaching and our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O Source of Life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace on us shower;
By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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 God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22–27 (ESV)

(I Will Put My Spirit Within You)

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the LORD God, when through you I vindicate My holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes and be careful to obey My rules.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Peter 1:18–22 (ESV)

(Love one another with a pure heart.)

¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

(The Great Commandment)

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

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

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that He answered them well, asked Him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” ²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

Renew me, O eternal Light,
And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from Your holy face.

Create in me a new heart, Lord,
That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire,
And with new life my soul inspire.

Grant that I only You may love
And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face,
O Light eternal, through Your grace.

SERMON

“PURE HEARTS”

1 Peter 1:18–22
Pastor Jim Sprenkle

THE CREED IN SONG

“In God We Believe”

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.

THE LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. 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.)

"Untitled Hymn (Come To Jesus)"

Words and Music by Chris Rice, arr. Mark Hayes
Karon Keup and Carlyn Staudt, duo

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, You search our hearts and have seen our sin, and yet in Your love have reconciled us to Yourself through Your Son. Give us Your Spirit, the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, that our lives may grow in devotion to You for the salvation You have so graciously given us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

P Guide, we pray, our congregation in life and witness. Give us Your grace, so that in a land where strife is too common, we will be a place of peace. In our divided nation, make this Your congregation a gathering place of hearts united in You who extend Your welcome to all. Inspire all the members of Your congregation to love this place where Your name is invoked and Your grace proclaimed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P For the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are celebrating...let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your goodness and remembering with thankfulness Your mercies, which are new every morning; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, saying:

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.**

(8:30 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 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

(Jesus instituted, or established the Lord's Supper for us; 1Cor 11:23-26; Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20)

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

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food,
Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of Heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are, to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered love ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In Heaven's high and holy feast.

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

I am Jesus’ little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.
Numbers 6:24–26

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“Serve the Lord with Gladness”

(tune – “Onward, Christian Soldiers”)

Serve the Lord with gladness! It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel now in every land
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, we can serve Him best.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify His name!

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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“Serve the Lord with Gladness”, Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz,

† CELEBRATE LWML SUNDAY!

Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people in all walks of life throughout our community and the world. Today the LWML invites you to join us in celebrating the joy of serving the Lord with gladness in this congregation. Together, we will offer our praise using the theme, "Our Hearts in HIS Hand," based on 1 Peter 4:8. We invite you to learn more about the mission and ministry of the LWML by asking an LWML member or going to the LWML website, www.lwm.org. Thank you for supporting the LWML through your mites and prayers. Please visit us in the Narthex today to view our display of current Oregon District LWML Mission Grants and to support our Fundraising efforts by purchasing something from our Bake and Craft Sale and Christmas Corner. Proceeds go toward Mites and our Mission endeavors.

† NEW SOLVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

The Mission Board is organizing another volunteer opportunity with the SOLVE organization. On Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9-11:00am, we will plant native conifer trees and remove invasive species at Springbrook Park, Lake Oswego. To sign up, contact the office at 503-665-8821 or office@alcportland.org. We are offering to fill ten volunteer spots.

† CONCERT OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Trinity Lutheran Church, 16000 South Henrici Road, Oregon City, is hosting "A Concert of Praise and Thanksgiving" featuring instrumentalists, praise band, soloists and congregational participation on Saturday, October 16th beginning at 3:00pm. Please join us for an afternoon of Praise and Thanksgiving.

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Emily Whitney	10/10	John Haase	10/11
Bill Guthrie	10/13	Briana Laxton	10/14
Linda Fogarty	10/15	Matthias McInaney	10/15

BIRTHDAYS

Savannah Spencer	10/10	Johnnie Driessner	10/11
Amy Haase	10/15		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Rob and Amy Haase	10/13/88
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† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Lewis Eilers, Mae Smith, The Laxton Family, Miki Natonick, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Bill Ritchie, Esperanza Gutierrez, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, 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).

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Tony Aguilar (WA)
Acolytes:	Whitney Latter	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Marcus Young	Matthias McInaney Jonnie Driessner Eric Kreps Evan Kreps
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Rebecca Williamson (sound)
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Goulde	Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Travis Osgood	Karon Keup
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	Karon Keup
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum (WA)	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Randy Schroeder Marcus Young	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Jenny Schuldheisz (sound)	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Norma Dillon	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Michele Sprengle
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Flowers:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 10 – Saturday, Oct. 16

Sunday, Oct. 10	8:30am	LWML Sunday-Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Oct. 11	10:30am	Stewardship Board Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 12	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 13	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Oct. 14	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 15	6:30pm	Noche Familiar-Family Night
Saturday, Oct. 16	8:30am	Church Work Party

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 17 – Saturday, Oct. 23

Sunday, Oct. 17	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship-Install Deaconess
		Hana Loughton
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Oct. 19	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Oct. 20	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Oct. 21	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 22	6:30pm	Noche Familiar-Family Night
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Oct. 23	9:00am	SOLVE Mission Tree Project
Saturday, Oct. 23, and Sunday Oct. 24		Camp Meriwether Youth Trip

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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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