

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

June 19, 2022

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY / JUNETEENTH

**JUNE 19, 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!

**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: "The Foot of the Cross"

AS WE GATHER: God continues to seek out the lost in spite of their past, their current situation, and even their sinful lives. Isaiah prophesies that even though the LORD's people reject and walk away from Him, He will not do the same to them. His love seeks out the hurting and marginalized, just as Jesus heals a man overwhelmed by thousands of demons. Our Galatians reading reminds us that all people who come to faith in Christ are heirs of the promise: Forgiveness, life, and salvation. No one is greater than another at the foot of the cross.

PRELUDE

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

(LSB 964)

Arranged by: Amanda Bradshaw Words and Music: R. Johnson and J. Weldon Johnson Berklee College of Music Acapella Group

WELCOME

SONG

"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)** 

# INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen

# **OPENING SCRIPTURE** Psalm 3, adapted; Luke 8:39

- P Arise, O LORD!
- Save me, O my God!
- P O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.
- P Arise, O LORD!
- Save me, O my God!
- But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill.

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Isaiah 65:8–9

- We come before our Lord in confession, no longer captives, but as God's own children and as heirs of all He graciously gives.
- We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name You have given us as Your children.
- Like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is neither good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.
- We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.

- For the many times we forget that we are all Your children, and Your saving work is for all people,
- forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature, He calls us His children and His heirs to set us free and to live in the victory He has won for us. Through Christ alone we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.
- And also with you.

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, by the death and resurrection of Your Son You cleansed our hearts and put a new Spirit within us. Grant that all who are brought to newness of life in the fellowship of the body of Christ may show forth in their lives what they confess with their lips; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

### SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- **And also with you.**

# **I** THE WORD II

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:1-3a; 8-9 (ESV)

(Judgment and salvation)

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by My name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke Me to My face continually... <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for My servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup> I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of My mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there.

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

# **EPISTLE**

**Galatians 3:23-4:7 (ESV)** 

(Children and heirs of salvation)

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>1</sup> I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup> but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup> In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the

Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup> So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# **LAMBS LESSON**

Pr. Jim Sprengle

# **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 8:26-33; 38-39 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

(Jesus heals a man with demons.)

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup> For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) 30 Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that He might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saving, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

# **HYMN**

"Hail, O Source Of Every Blessing" (tune: "Hark The Voice Of Jesus Crying")

Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You,
In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You,
Thankful for the grace You give.

Once far off but now invited,
We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,
Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.

Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off rings bring,
In Your temples seek Your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.

**SERMON** 

"DREAMS"

Galatians 3:23–4:7 Pr. Jim Sprengle

# **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.)

(In honor of all fathers – a gift from God)

# "Hymn for Father's Day"

(tune: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save")

To fathers near and far we sing, our gratitude and thanks we bring. Your strength throughout our early years helped us to conquer all our fears. And when we needed extra care, our comfort came when you were there.

To dads and husbands ev'rywhere,
Our hopes, our dreams, our lives we share.
The fam'ly ties which we hold dear
Bind us together far and near.
We have so many things to say
As we all celebrate today.

And to our fathers, thanks we lift
For their great love, a precious gift.
Lord Jesus, be with them, we pray.
Send down Your Spirit ev'ry day.
Let all the fathers now be blessed,
Both here on earth and saints at rest.

### A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

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.

Most of all, thank You, Heavenly Father, for being the best father anyone could ever ask for. You are strong and yet tender, holy and yet full of forgiveness toward sinners. Your love is boundless and unconditional. Truly, You are a father like none other. We love You, Abba, Father, and we give You thanks for being our father and also for the gift of our earthly fathers. We celebrate this gift today and give You thanks in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son
- to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings through faith in Him.
- As You have destroyed the lasting penalties of our sin, eternal death, and the power of the devil,
- help us to live each day knowing the victory has been won by and through Christ, our Lord.
- P We pray for our families: On this celebratory weekend, we pray for fathers.
- that they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace;
- Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage

- and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.
- Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, *especially*. . .Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially*. . .Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.
- Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.
- We rejoice in Your great goodness and love and give thanks with those who are celebrating this week. . .O Lord, You are good,
- and Your love is everlasting.
- Embolden and enliven the faith You have given through Your Spirit as we are in the world but not of the world. Empower us to be Your witnesses in our relationships, our vocations, and among our neighbors,
- that all may know the power and the victory of Your Son's death and resurrection and rejoice in forgiveness, life, and salvation.
- Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- Amen.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 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

### "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)

# "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light my strength my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save;
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

# POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You call us Your children, heirs of the blessings You bestow without any merit or worthiness in us. We thank You for the victory won for us out of Your mercy, and for feeding us with this foretaste of the feast to come when all Your heirs will be free from sin and sorrow; 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 "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.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love, and love by serving, joyful and free. Here My Spirit's power filled you, Here His tender comfort stilled you, Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

### DISMISSAL

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

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# † YOU CAN HELP!

The annual Soccer event is upon us, and we ask that you think of donating non-perishable food items to Snowcap and/or new clothing items to New Avenues for Youth. These donations may be brought on Sunday, June 26 to church and left in the narthex. Thank you all for your generous hearts!

# **† RICHARD ROBERTSON INURNMENT**

You are welcome to attend the placing of Richard's ashes on Friday, June 24 at 1:00pm. The brief service will be held at Cliffside Cemetery, 15635 SE Ten Eyck Road, Sandy OR 97055. Please note the ground may be uneven for walking and possibly muddy, and there will be no shelter or chairs set up. If you are willing to carpool, let Michele know and she can connect you.

# † THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES

Our Next Class is Saturday, June 25 from 10:30am to 12:00pm.

# † ASCENSION HONORS ITS GRADUATES

**Wyatt Brown** is graduating from Centennial High School and Mt. Hood Community College with an AAOT (Associates of Arts Oregon Transfer). He will attend George Fox University.

**James Freeman** is graduating from Centennial High School and will be attending Centennial Transition Program.

**Evan Kreps** graduated from Corbett High School. Even will attend Mt. Hood Trade School.

**Travis Osgood** is graduating from Clackamas High School with a 4.0 GPA and participated all 4 years on the Drumline. He will attend Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) in Klamath Falls.

**Rose Cassetty** graduated from Lynnfield University on May 29, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and a Minor in Studio Art. She was inducted into the Honor Society of The Tri Alpha of Lynnfield which is for first generation college graduates. She is currently seeking employment.

**Andy Berg** graduated with a Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis on May 19. He was called as Associate Pastor to Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Avon, Indiana (a suburb of Indianapolis). His ordination and installation will be at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday July 10, 2022.

<b>EVENTS THIS WEEK</b> – Sunday, Jun	ne 19 – Saturday, June 25
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Sunday, June 19	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am	Worship w/communion Education Hour Worship
Tuesday June 21	6:00pm 6:00pm	Online Worship Posted 3:10 Group
Wednesday June 22	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, June 24	1:00pm	Richard Robertson Inurnment
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, June 25	10:30am	The Chosen Bible Study

# **EVENTS NEXT WEEK** – Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2

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	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday June 22	6:00pm	C - 101
Friday, June 24	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

# † MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:				
Pam Eilers	6/21	Herb Hoefer	6/22	
Herb Reiniger	6/22	Carrie Graham	6/24	
BIRTHDAYS:				
James Freeman	6/19	Gaby Alvarado	6/20	
Mike Hatley	6/20	Wendy Hazen	6/20	
Riki Neagle	6/20	Mary Niska	6/22	
Jere Maier	6/23			
Mike Hatley Riki Neagle	6/20 6/20	Wendy Hazen	6/20	

# **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

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

# ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022

8:30am 11:00am

**Elder:** Dave Oswald John Hazen

Acolytes: Jaden Mundo

Ushers: Stan Chapulis Jonathan Mundo
Jim Eckart Jaden Mundo

Randy Schroeder

NEEDED

Audio/Visual: Laura Potter J. E. Knox

PowerPoint:Michele SprengleRosemary KnoxGreeters:Norma DillonEsperanza Gutiérrez

Jean Dillon Carrie Graham

**Readers:** Jim Eckart Bonnie Webber Altar Circle: Both Services Wendy Hazen

Flowers: Both Services Bob and Elaina Ritchie

Counters: Both Services Bob and Elaina Ritchie

# ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022

8:30am 11:00am
Elder: Randy Bryant Bob Ritchie

**Acolytes:** 

**Ushers:** Bob Rekdahl Matthias McInaney

NEEDED Marcus Young

James Freeman Robert Freeman

Audio/Visual:Stan ChapulisWyatt BrownPowerPoint:Jenny SchuldheiszJessica BrownGreeters:Sue LewisChristina Freeman

Heather Gulde

**Readers:** Randy Bryant Julie Williamson **Altar Circle:** Both Services Debbie Rekdahl

Flowers: Both Services

Counters: Both Services Bonnie and Rebecca

# † PRAYER NEEDS?

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

# † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

# † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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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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