



Jesus prayed for believers, "that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in you...so that the world may believe that You have sent Me" (*John 17:21*)

Ascension Lutheran Church and School
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
May 29, 2022

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

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

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

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

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

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (*El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.*)

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

THEME: Christ, the Church's Truth and Mission

AS WE GATHER: All the Church does is based on our oneness with our Lord. In today's Gospel, part of His High Priestly Prayer and the night in which He was betrayed, Jesus prays that we would be one, even as He and the Father are one. There is no other, for Jesus says He is "the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end" (Revelation 22:13). Our oneness will be evident, as He prays, when "the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 17:26). But the Gospel is not limited to the present Church, for our Lord prays "also for those who will believe in Me through their word" (John 17:20). We pray that many join us as we rejoice with the psalmist: "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

"We All Are One In Mission"

(tune – "The Church's One Foundation")

We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all.
A single great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service, To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different, Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others By God's surprising grace,
So every folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ the Lord of all.

INVOCATION

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 133, adapt.*

- P** Behold, how good and pleasant it is
- C** when brothers dwell in unity!
- P** It is like precious oil on the head,
- C** like the dew on the mountains.
- P** For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
- C** life forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *John 17:26*

- 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.
- 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 In Holy Baptism, we were united in the Body of Christ, the Church. He continually asks the Father that “the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.” He gave His life so that nothing shall separate us from the uniting love of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, as Your Son, our Lord, prayed, grant that the unity You have with Him may be apparent in how we work together and proclaim His name and love to the world until we join Him in glory; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26 (ESV)

(Matthias is chosen to replace Judas as one of the Twelve.)

[Peter said,] ²¹ “So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–6 (ESV)

(The new Jerusalem is perfect in every way.)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵ And He who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also, He said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

(Jesus prays that His followers may be one
as He and the Father are one.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

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

²⁰ “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. ²² The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are One, ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me. ²⁶ I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN **“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”**
(tune: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)

Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

God has called you out of darkness
Into His most marv'lous light;
Brought His truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let His love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know His welcome
And His countless blessings share.

Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing His praise, His love declare.

SERMON "COMING TOGETHER AS ONE" John 17:20–26
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.)

(8:30)

“Mighty to Save”

words and music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan
setting by Patrick Tierney
Ascension Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Our Lord has ascended and now fills all time and space, both with us here and also at the Father’s right hand. As we anticipate our joining Him in eternity, let us bring Him our petitions for the needs we have this day.

For leaders of the Church, that they have courage to proclaim the Gospel to the world around us in every circumstance, and that they seek God’s guidance in their work as we confess our faith in the one Savior of us all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

P For leaders of the nations, that God would guide them in the ways of peace; for all international relief agencies, that they are able to meet the needs of refugees due to human and natural disasters; and for all who work to discover ways to use God’s creation for the good of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

P For those near and dear to us with problems of health, welfare, sorrow, unemployment, or other concerns. We especially pray for...that God would provide healing, consolation, and relief as fits His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who are celebrating baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries...that in response to these gifts they would live each day in thanksgiving and bring glory to Your name, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church around the world and for ourselves, gathered here around Word and Sacrament as a family of faith, for the families of each congregation, and for every individual of faith, that the unity we share as members of the Body of Christ would show forth in our forgiving and loving one another in Jesus' name, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Ascended Lord, have mercy.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is one God with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

P Heavenly Father, as our nation pauses this weekend to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray You would have us all look to You for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant Your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let Your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving Your past goodness on this country. If it is Your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that You would turn the hearts of all – military and civilian – to Your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure Your saving grace through Jesus, our Savior and Your beloved Son, who alone gives this peace and hope for eternity. God of mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

(tune: Immortal, Invisible – ST. DENIO)

Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;
O give to us daily our portion of bread;
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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

HYMN

“Lift High The Cross”

(refrain)

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

Come, Christians, follow Where our Savior trod.
Our King victorious, Christ the Son of God. **(refrain)**

Led on their way By this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God In conqu'ring ranks combine. **(refrain)**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **(refrain)**

DISMISSAL

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

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*Thank you to Audrey Bauch for the lovely Altar flowers
in memory of Shorty.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MAY 29, 2022

† NEXT SUNDAY IS CONFIRMATION

Confirmation will be celebrated next Sunday June 5 at the late Service. There will be a cake reception to celebrate following service in the fellowship hall.

FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION-PUZZLE AND GAME SALE

Next Sunday, June 5th, will be the final day to pick up a puzzle or game and make a Mission Board donation in the Community Room. The remaining items will then be donated to Gresham Meals on Wheels.

† **C-IOI IS COMING! THIS WEDNESDAY!**

What? Christianity101—Basics of the Christian Faith

When? Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7pm. with eight sessions each

Wednesday, ending July 20.

Where? The Community Room.

Who? Those seeking membership, explorers in the faith, and anyone who wants a refresher!

† **THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES**

Our Next Class is Saturday, June 11 from 10:30am to noon.

† **PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Members and friends with Covid, 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).

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Jeannette Krogh	5/30	Rosemary Knox	5/31
Lily Fogarty	6/1	Julie Williamson	6/1

BIRTHDAYS:

Eric Kreps	5/29	Debbie Rekdahl	5/30
Roberta Ritchie	5/31	Carol Hoefler	6/1
Erik Teyema	6/2		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, May 29 – Saturday, June 4

Sunday, May 29	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday June 1	11:00am	CareConnect
	6:00pm	C - 101
Thursday, June 2	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, June 3	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, June 5 – Saturday, June 11

Sunday, June 5	8:30am	Worship w/communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday June 7	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday June 8	6:00pm	C - 101
Thursday, June 9	7:00pm	No Choir Rehearsal
Friday, June 10	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Friday, June 11	10:30am	The Chosen Bible Study

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	John Knoke Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Karla Deal	Bonnie Webber
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jessica Brown
Flowers:	Both Services	Audrey Bauch
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED	John Knoke Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Johnnie Driessner
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen (sound)
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
Readers:	Julie Williamson	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Karon Keup
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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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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