



*“All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and
for training in righteousness.”*

2 Timothy 3:16

Ascension Lutheran Church and School
“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”
October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 16, 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 comulgar con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

THEME: “God-Breathed”

AS WE GATHER: Although the Old Testament Reading and Gospel teach us about our prayer life, the Epistle goes beyond our conversation with God to His grace in time and eternity. Paul calls Scripture God-breathed and thereby reminds us of the breath of God in creation, Jesus’ breathing on the disciples on Easter, and the clear witness that Scripture gives about our Savior. In this truth, we find confident hope that God hears our prayers. Today’s Readings provide examples of prayer: Jacob receives a greater blessing than he expects, and a woman in Jesus’ parable obtains justice in her persistence. But prayer does not really start with our request; it is always a response to God’s grace and mercy revealed in the God-breathed Scriptures and known by faith in our Savior. We now hear that Word and respond with our brothers and sisters in confident peace and joy.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SONG

“Thy Word”

(chorus)

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.**

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear As long as You are near;
Please be near me to the end. **(chorus)**

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, And hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end. **(chorus)**

(ending – slowly)

You're the light ----- unto ----- my path.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Genesis 2:7; Ezekiel 37:5; John 20:22;
2 Timothy 3:16*

- P** The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,
C **and the man became a living creature.**
- P** Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:
C **Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.**
- P** And when [Jesus] had said this, He breathed on them and said to them,
C **“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**
- P** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable
C **for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.**

CONFESSION

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 2)

Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- P** Let us 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.
C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.**
(Psalm 51:3-4)

P 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.

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 3)

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

P Let us pray.

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

ABSOLUTION

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.

Gracious God, You have given us Your Holy Word in Scripture, which reveals Your grace and mercy shown us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit guide our daily response as we pray, praise, and give thanks; 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

Genesis 32:22–30 (ESV)

(Jacob wrestles with God; his name becomes Israel.)

²² The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴ And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵ When the Man saw that He did not prevail against Jacob, He touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let Me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me." ²⁷ And He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."²⁸ Then He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked Him, "Please tell me Your name." But He said, "Why is it that you ask My name?" And there He blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

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

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5 (ESV)

(Scripture is God-breathed and makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for

reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:1–8 (ESV)

(In Jesus' parable, a persistent widow is eventually granted her request from even a godless judge.)

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

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

¹ And He told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷ And will not God give justice to His elect, who cry to Him day and night? Will He delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER and LOVE IN ACTION GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee, Who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.

Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hope confess.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee, Who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.

From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee, Who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end.

Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

SERMON

“FRESH AIR”

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
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) “Let The Little Children Come To Me”

Theodore Beck
Ascension Choir

*Let the little children come to Me,
And do not hinder them,
For the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

*I tell you the truth:
Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child
Will never enter it.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Genesis 32:26; 2 Timothy 3:15

P Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

As he wrestled with God, Jacob said, “I will not let You go unless You bless me.” For all people for whom prayer is difficult, that the Holy Spirit would enliven them with the reminder of God’s promises in Scripture to hear and answer the prayers of all who call to Him in Jesus’ name, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P As the woman in Jesus' parable was granted justice even from the unjust judge, for all who deal with long-term ills, discrimination from the rest of society, and an ongoing lack of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit revitalize them to pray without ceasing, confident in their trust of our gracious God's care and concern, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P As the Church relies on the Scriptures, which, Paul wrote, make faith-filled hearers "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus," that God would breathe new vigor into all who proclaim the Gospel so that many may come to faith and grow in it, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P As we bring before You those who are ill, suffering, or who mourn, we pray for...Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P As we rejoice over baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries, we remember...Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, heavenly Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us 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.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the Benediction)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

(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 HYMNS

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight’s splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Sent forth by God’s blessing,
Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended.
O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching,
Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving
To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us,
With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have met our deepest needs in this Sacrament. Strengthen us thereby so that at the end of each day we know we have given You all the glory for what we have thought, said, and done; 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

- 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

“Oh! How I Love Jesus”

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

(Chorus)

Oh! How I love Jesus!
Oh! How I love Jesus!
Oh! How I love Jesus
Because He first loved me.

It tells me of a Savior's love,
Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea. **(chorus)**

It tells me what my Father hath
in store for every day
And, tho' I tread a darksome path,
Yields sunshine all the way. **(chorus)**

DISMISSAL

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

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† FLOWER CHART OPENINGS

Look at the flower chart and see if there are any special dates for which you might want to bring flowers. There are still dates left for this year.

† THE HUMAN CARE BOARD FOOD COLLECTION

is once again collecting nonperishable food for SnowCap on Thanksgiving Eve. Blue Walmart bags are available on the table next to the front door for your use.

† THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 CONTINUES

Our next class is Saturday October 22 at 10:30am.

† CONFIRMATION BEGINS OCT. 14 AT 7PM**† SECURITY GUIDELINES FOR OUR PREMISES**

This document will be posted in the Narthex. Please review so you will be aware of these procedures.

† CRAFTING CONTINUES EACH WEDNESDAY AT 2:00PM**† PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Judy Blubaum, Brian Laxton, George and Carlee Metteer, Rev. Travis Loeslie, Emily Kohnke (Webber Family), Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *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

Linda Fogarty	10/19	Johnnie Driessner	10/22
Matthias McInaney	10/22		

BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Parshall	10/18	Mark Schiely	10/18
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: NONE

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, OCT. 16, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Herb Hoefler	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Jim Eckart	NEEDED
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 23, 2022

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Jim Eckart Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Carol Hoefler
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson

EVENTS THIS WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 16 – Saturday, Oct.**22**

Sunday, Oct. 16	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Oct. 17	11:00am	Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 18	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday Oct. 19	11:00am	Care Connect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Oct. 20	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 21	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Oct. 22	8:30am	Chosen 2 Study

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Oct. 23 – Saturday, Oct.**29**

Sunday, Oct. 23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Oct. 26	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Oct. 27	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Oct. 28	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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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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