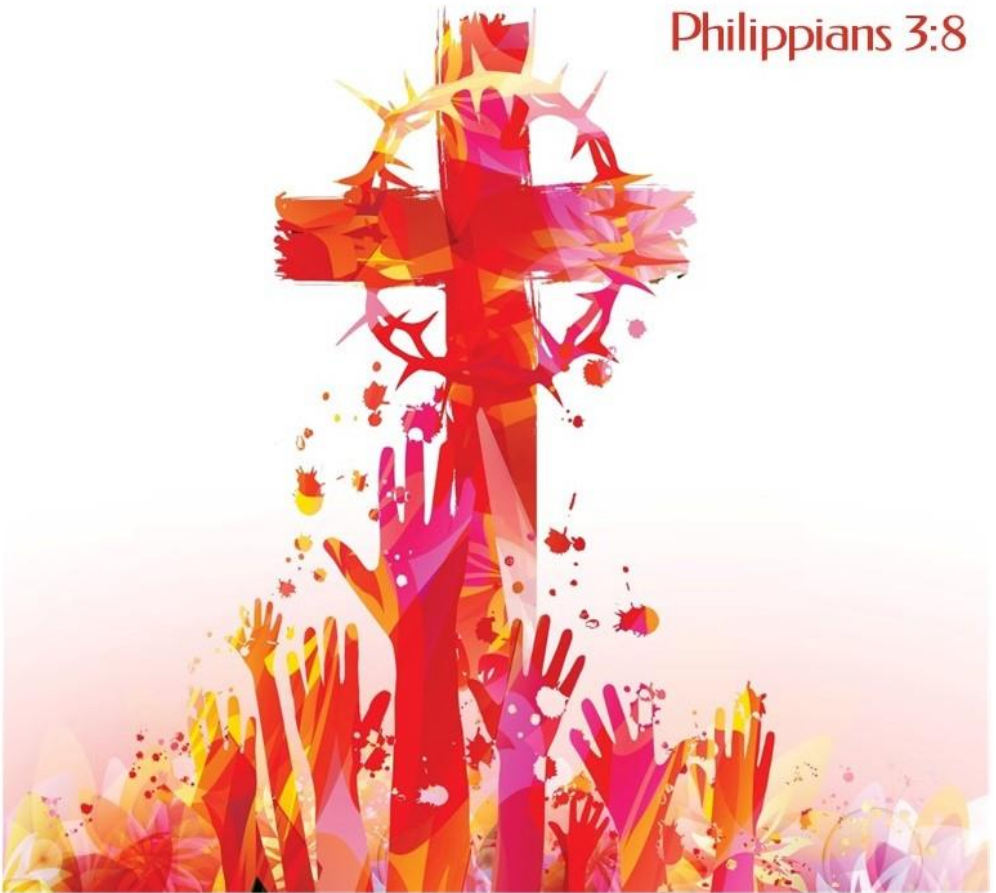


Indeed, I count everything  
as **LOSS** because of the  
surpassing **worth** of knowing  
**Christ Jesus** my Lord.

Philippians 3:8



Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023



## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 8, 2023

**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 Lords 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 Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones 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.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### Title: “Redeemed, Restored, Crowned”

**As We Gather:** We all have a past. From the people whose names are known to all to the anonymous known only to God, we all come with history that has marked us for sin and death. The gift of God is that He forgives that sinful past, removes all condemnation, and bestows a future upon us. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the story of Paul. The Lord forgave his past, restored him beyond every expectation, and gave him a future serving as an apostle in life with the prize of eternal life in death. No matter who we are, we have the same promise. God forgives all our sin, restores us to be His own and live under Him in His kingdom, and bears in us the fruit of the Kingdom now and the prize of everlasting life in His own time. All of this we know now by faith, trusting in the righteousness that God has given to us in Christ and not in ourselves.

### Prelude

(11:00)

### “More Love, More Power”

by Jude Del Hierro

**Bonnie Webber and Mark Wheeler, duo**

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### Welcome

### Christ Is Our Cornerstone

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone,  
On Him alone we build;  
With His true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled.  
On His great love our hopes we place  
Of present grace and joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n  
The grace which we implore,  
And may that grace, once giv'n,  
Be with us evermore  
Until that day when all the blest  
To endless rest are called away.

△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
    These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
    The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim  
    In joyful song,  
    Both loud and long,  
That glorious name.

Christ Is Our Cornerstone, Text: Latin, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt., Text: Public domain

## Invocation

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

## Opening Sentences

Psalm 80:7, 18

- P** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**C** **let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**
- P** Then we shall not turn back from You;  
**C** **give us life, and we will call upon Your name!**

## Confession and Absolution

*Silence is kept for meditation and reflection.*

- P** Holy and gracious God,  
**C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

### **Softly And Tenderly**

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me.  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home.  
Ye who are weary come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner come home.

Softly And Tenderly, Public Domain

### **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Father, in Your abundant love You redeemed us from our sin and restored us as Your own children in Christ. As You have crowned us with love and mercy, keep us in this grace and favor that we may strive to complete the race and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life; 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 +

### Epistle Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14 (ESV)

<sup>4b</sup>If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

### Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>33</sup>[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.

<sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup>They said to Him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?"

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup>And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

### Knowing You *(based on today's Epistle reading)*

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own.  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

### (Chorus)

**Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,  
There is no greater thing.  
You're my all, You're the best,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.**



Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You, and known as Yours.  
To possess by faith what I could not earn,  
All surpassing gift of righteousness. **(chorus)**

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life  
And to know You in Your sufferings.  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die. **(chorus)**

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**Sermon**  
**“WHAT REALLY MATTERS”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Philippians 3:4b-14

### **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.)*

**(11:00) “Enter His Courts With Praise!”**

words based on Psalm 100

music by Marty Parks

**Ascension Choir**

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## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that He nurture His Church with the Means of Grace and that we bring forth fruits in keeping with the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For each of us in Christ, that we strive for the prize, forgetting what lies behind and pressing toward the goal of our eternal salvation and everlasting life with God, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the nations, that those who lead us heed the Word of God and preserve us from all threats to our faith and promote virtue and goodness in all we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For this congregation, that we not take for granted all that the Lord has given us, and work to bear the good fruit of His kingdom in our lives together and individually, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those who will hear the Word of God that the Spirit prepare their hearts to receive Him and by that same Spirit confess His holy name, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the sick and all who suffer in body, mind, or soul...that the Lord grant them patience in their affliction, comfort in their pain, and grace to sustain them now and to everlasting life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those who are celebrating...that, with grateful hearts, we would give You thanks in all things and never take for granted the blessings You so freely give, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, ever more ready to hear than we are to pray, grant to us all good things needful to us and keep from us all things harmful, that we may not enter into judgment. Keep us from pleading only our righteousness and cover us with grace that we may wear the righteousness of Christ by faith and so labor within Your vineyard and receive the crown of everlasting life in Christ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **Lord's Prayer**

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.

**(8:30am 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**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is Your body and Your blood,  
And at Your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to You for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.

- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That Your true body and Your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true;  
All things are possible with You,  
For You are Lord Almighty.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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## Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

### (Refrain)

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thro' death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion –  
For more than conqu'rors we are! **(refrain)**

His Word shall not fail you – He promised;  
Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! **(refrain)**

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### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever!**

**P** Let us pray.

We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for having us made us  
Your own in Christ, and we pray You to send us Your Holy Spirit  
that we may be fixed upon what lies ahead in the future prepared  
for us by Christ, and, striving toward that future may receive at  
last the crown of everlasting life from His hand; through Your  
Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**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**

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

### **You Are My All In All**

You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jew'l,  
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool,  
You are my All in All.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name,  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down You pick me up,  
When I am dry You fill my cup,  
You are my All in All.  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!  
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

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## Dismissal

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

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*Thank you to Gertrude Bublies for the lovely Altar flowers  
given for the glory of God.*

**† WOMEN'S RETREAT**

Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat, 2937 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, OR, the driveway is in the back of the house. Join us Saturday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan 14, 2024. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Space is limited to 14 participants. Talk to Jan Oswald for more details.

**† LWML SUNDAY NEWS**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Our women of LWML want to thank all the craft-makers and goodie bakers who participated in our mission efforts, and we are so grateful for the support of Pastor Jim and all our church family! Our efforts at LWML Sunday at Ascension raised a total of \$683.60. This includes donated Mites, fundraiser sales, and your generous "keep the change" donations. That total does not even include the countless hours that many have used in the making of their crafts and baked goods. Yes, "It takes a village". With combined efforts around the world, we can and do make a difference in spreading the Good News of Christ Jesus, our Savior! Please remember to pray for our missions and missionaries, near and far, and give thanks to our Lord for His countless blessings!

**† THANKS, FROM CAROL HOEFER**

In recent years I've often been asked "Who is your support?" I have always included "my church family" in my response. Once again you have shared your care and concern. Your prayers are felt and greatly appreciated. Thank you, Carol Hoefer.

**† MISSION TRAINING CENTER**

The Stewardship Board wants to know if you have heard about MTC? Mission Training Center is based out of Concordia University - Irvine and offers college level courses online for anyone who wants to grow in specific areas of ministry. Classes range from the study of God's Word to practical classes on equipping people to run church ministries, reach out with the Gospel, and many other topics. If you are interested in these courses, go to their website, or talk to Pr Jim to learn more. [www.missiontrainingcenter.com](http://www.missiontrainingcenter.com)

**† HELP WITH BIBLES!**

The Outreach Board is handing out Bibles on a regular basis. We recently needed to purchase six more cases. We will have a free will offering after the services today and next week.



## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821 Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

## † PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carol Hoefer, Jim Eckart, Jaden Saunders, Audrey Bauch, The family of Brayson Pardue, Diana Laxton, Carolyn Barendse, Herb Reiniger's brother; Roger, Gina Kreps, Kevin McInaney, Randy Bryant's Brother, Alma Bangs, Judy Blubaum, Virginia Jacobs' Brother; Robert, Cindy Linnemann, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart. \*Home Bound.

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## † MILESTONES - SUNDAY, OCT. 8 – SATURDAY, OCT. 14

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Emily Whitney	Oct. 10	John Haase	Oct. 11
Bill Guthrie	Oct. 13	Briana Laxton	Oct. 14

### BIRTHDAYS

Lila Theye	Oct. 8	Savannah Spencer	Oct. 10
Johnnie Driessner	Oct. 11	Brad Hall	Oct. 14

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Rob and Amy Haase	Oct. 13, 1988
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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, OCT. 8, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	Herb Hoefler
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Getrude Bublies
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 15, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b> Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder	<b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Carlyn Staudt	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., OCT. 8 - SAT., OCT. 14**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 8</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/ Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 10</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 11</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 3)
<b>Thursday, Oct. 12</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Oct. 13</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., OCT. 15 - SAT., OCT. 21**

<b>Sunday, Oct. 15</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 17</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 18</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 4)
<b>Thursday, Oct. 19</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Oct. 20</b>	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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