



For to me,

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

and

TO DIE IS GAIN.

Philippians 1:21 (ESV)

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 24, 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 +

Theme: “My Imprisonment Is for Christ”

As We Gather: When Paul wrote to his co-worker Timothy that he was “bound with chains as a criminal” (2 Timothy 2:9), he knew well the situation he was in. Acts 16 relates the time that he was thrown in jail in Philippi without benefit of a trial. He was later jailed in Jerusalem and then Caesarea and finally in Rome, where he was under a type of house arrest for two years. The final chapter of Acts finds Paul as a captive one more time, accepting this imprisonment as a prelude to his death. He writes to Timothy “the time of my departure has come” (2 Timothy 4:6). In the centuries since Paul gave his prison witness, countless Christian men and women have been imprisoned for their Gospel witness. We are encouraged to be faithful witnesses in our time by Paul, who writes to his young associate Timothy: “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith” (1 Timothy 6:11–12a). Paul’s words from prison are good instruction for every situation!

Prelude

Welcome

With The Lord Begin Your Task

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.

- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.

- 3 With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 67:1–5, 7

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,
- C** **that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.**

- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C** **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!
- C** **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!**

Confession and Absolution

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins and hear the words of absolution that assure us of God’s forgiveness. The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism written by Dr. Martin Luther instructs and directs us with these words:
- C** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

- P** Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature.**

By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P 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 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your lives reflect His forgiveness. Be at peace!

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, our strength and support in all situations, grant us the power and presence of Your Holy Spirit that we may be strong and steadfast in all situations, joyfully witnessing to the power of Your love and continually learning of You in every season; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with the Father 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

Isaiah 55:6-9 (ESV)

⁶Seek the LORD while He may be found;
call upon Him while He is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on
him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30 (ESV)

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear...

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

Fight the Good Fight

- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.

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Sermon
"UNTO DEATH?"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Apostles' Creed, the Third Article

- P** The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed outlines the work of the Holy Spirit and presents the ways in which the Spirit commends the love of God to us and for us and in us in this world and in the one that is to come.
- C** **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.**

P *What does this mean?*

- C** **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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 am) "Trust in the Lord" Allen Pote

Based on Proverbs 3:5,6 & Mark 12:30-31

Ascension Choir

*Trust in the Lord with all your Heart,
And lean not, lean not upon your own understanding.
In all your ways, in all your ways acknowledge Him
And He will show you the way. He will show you the way.*

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind and strength.
Love your neighbor, your neighbor as yourself.
Love and trust in the Lord.*

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not, lean not upon your own understanding.
In all your ways, in all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will show you the way. He will show you the way,
Trust in the Lord with all your heart.*

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Prayer of the Church

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

O Lord, grant that we would rejoice in the light of Christ and His salvation, and that sinners would find refuge in His mercy and comfort in His forgiveness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, embolden our congregation and all sister churches throughout the world to confess the truth steadfastly and to witness boldly to our only Savior, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, we give You humble thanks for instituting the estate of holy marriage and for the blessing of family. Grant that these gifts would be cherished and honored in our society and especially within the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Lord, bless this nation and all people in their rightful callings. Grant that we may serve our neighbors in love, and that all authorities would exercise their callings with humility and wisdom on behalf of the defenseless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, we thank You for the witness of the faithful who lived and died in Christ. Grant that at the last we, too, may be joined with them in the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, we thank You for the gift of health. Hear our prayers on behalf of the sick, the aged, the infirm, the mourning or the dying...Grant them healing in accord with Your will and grace to sustain them in their need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, we thank You for the abundance of Your goodness in our lives, and we rejoice with those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 15 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 +

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

tune: Evan

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"

- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight, Text: Henry Alford, 1810–71, alt., Text: Public domain

My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first lov-ed me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

My Jesus, I Love Thee, Text: Public Domain

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, especially in times of challenge or persecution, and grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our everlasting High Priest, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.
- 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.)

Lord of All Hopefulness

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to Klara Schmidt for the lovely altar flowers,
given to the glory of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

† VOTERS' ASSEMBLY TODAY AFTER LATE SERVICE

† WOMEN'S RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE

Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat for women of Ascension! Saturday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan 14, 2024. Talk to Michele Sprengle or Jan Oswald if you are interested in attending! Many more details to come.

† CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING!

A parent / student informational meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 1:00-2:30pm in the Community Room.

If you have questions about whether Confirmation is right for you, please contact Pastor Jim: pastor@sprengle.com or 503-665-8821

† **LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1**

Learn more about God's LWML ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer and take part in our annual fundraiser between church services. If anyone can donate small craft items and/or baked goods to our fundraiser, make sure they are packaged, clearly priced and labeled "LWML". Perishable items may be dropped off in the Community Room prior to Sunday morning Worship or on Saturday, September 30, between the hours of 1:00 and 2:30pm. We will be setting up our display in the Narthex during that time. We do appreciate all who help to support our mission and missionaries!

ALSO...We are collecting eyeglasses that you have from prior prescriptions that you no longer need. We'll have a box in the Narthex for collecting them. We donate them for distribution to those who are in need.

† **CHURCH WORK PARTY**

Saturday, Oct. 7, 9:00am to 12:00pm. We will be working mostly outside, so, come dressed appropriately for the weather.

† **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

† **PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SEPT. 24, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bruce Blubaum
Acolytes:	Lily Hodges	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Evan Kreps Eric Kreps
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Peggy Hall
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, OCT. 1, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Marcus Young Johnnie Driessner
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	NEEDED
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	NEEDED
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Carrie Graham Virginia Jacobs
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	NEEDED
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 24 - SAT., SEPT. 30

Sunday, Sept. 24	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Voters Assembly
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/ Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday, Sept. 27	1:00pm	Outreach Board
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 2)
Thursday, Sept. 28	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 29	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., OCT. 1 - SAT., OCT. 7

Sunday, Oct. 1 LWML SUNDAY	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	8:30-12:00	LWML Fundraiser
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Oct. 3	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 4	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 2)
Thursday, Oct. 5	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Oct. 6	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Oct. 7	9:00am	Church Work Party

† MILESTONES - SUN., SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 30**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Grace Fogarty	Sept. 25	Val Schiely	Sept. 25
Norma Dillon	Sept. 26		

BIRTHDAYS

Olive Sylvia	Sept. 24	Lukas Arronson	Sept. 28
Carol Reiniger	Sept. 29	Bonnie Webber	Sept. 30

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Tom and Barbara Patch	Sep. 25, 1971
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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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