

Ascension Lutheran Church "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 +

"He Cares"

As We Gather: One of the small but interesting features of many cathedral and monastery churches in Europe and other places is the presence of misericords. A misericord is a small wooden shelf attached to the underside of a folding seat in a church, often in the choir area. Misericords physically supported people at worship during long periods of standing during extended prayer and other services when sitting was not permitted. The term "misericord" means "pity of the heart." That word is part of the church phrase *Misericordia Domini*, a Latin term for describing the acts of mercy of God to His people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, constantly and consistently shows acts of mercy to us as His people. His care comes straight from the heart!

Prelude

The Good Shepherd

(11:00)

Music by D. and H. Goeller **Ascension Choir**

Welcome

Shepherd of Tender Youth

- Shepherd of tender youth, Guiding in love and truth
 Through devious ways; Christ, our triumphant king,
 We come Your name to sing And here our children bring
 To join Your praise.
- O ever be our guide, Our shepherd, and our pride, Our staff and song. Jesus, O Christ of God, By Your enduring Word Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.
- 5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your praises high And joyful sing: Infants and all the throng, Who to the Church belong, Unite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

Shepherd of Tender Youth, Text: attr. Clement of Alexandria, c. 170–c. 220; tr. Henry M. Dexter, 1821–90, alt., Text: Public domain

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23 (KJV)

- **P** The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.
- He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.
- P He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
- P Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- O Lord God Almighty, we confess that we are sinful by our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have not put You first at all times. We have not followed in the ways You have set forth for us. We have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have not honored those in authority. We have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us all our sins, and by Your grace, bring us to everlasting life. Amen.
- The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, You are the Good Shepherd. You lay down Your life for the sheep; they are Yours. Empower Your church to reach every sheep that belongs to You and to give witness until You have brought all Your sheep into one fold; for You live and reign 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.
- And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

First Reading

Acts 4:1-12 (ESV)

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. 5On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-by Him this man is standing before you well. 11This Jesus is the Stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the Cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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

Epistle

1 John 3:16-18, 23-24 (ESV)

¹⁶By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

²³And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

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

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

John 10:11-18 (ESV)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the Good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father."

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- I am Jesus' little lamb, Ever glad at heart I am; For my Shepherd gently guides me, Knows my need and well provides me, Loves me ev'ry day the same, Even calls me by my name.
- Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay. When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, Into pleasant pastures leads me; When I thirst, He bids me go Where the quiet waters flow.
- Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd's lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb, Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, Text: Public domain

Sermon "KNOWN"

Pr. Jim Sprengle John 10:11-18

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.)

The Good Shepherd
Music by D. and H. Goeller
Ascension Choir

(8:30)

New Member Welcome

Daniel Anderson, transfer from Faithful Savior, Portland
Chad, Audrey, Caleb, Claire Zeebuyth, transfer from River of Life
Barbara Cochran, transfer from River of Life
Dave and Cal Stabenow, transfer from River of Life
Jerelyn Carlson, transfer from River of Life
Luke, Erin, Alex, Lily Hodges, transfer from Immanuel, Sandy
Joann Schulz, transfer from River of Life

Prayer of the Church

- Father, we trust in Your loving response, so we pray for the church and all who are called to lives of service to Your people, asking that You will bless Your under shepherds and all who care for Your flock. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Shepherd of love, You have delivered us from our sins and from the power of death and made us Your people forever. Give to us Your Spirit that we know the fullness of Your goodness now until we know Your joy forever in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Father, we pray for our families and everyone in them. Help us to follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell together in love and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P God of mercy, we lift up our nation and its leaders that we may lead peaceable lives, and we pray for the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, especially...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray in thanksgiving and rejoice with those who celebrate this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- These things and all else that we should have asked grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

The 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.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 11 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.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Shepherd Of Love

Shepherd of love, You knew I had lost my way. Shepherd of love, You cared that I'd gone astray.

You sought and found me, Placed around me strong arms that carried me home. No foe can harm me or alarm me, Never again will I roam.

Shepherd of love, Savior and Lord and guide. Shepherd of love, Forever I'll stay by your side.

Shepherd of love, Contentment at last is mine Deep in my heart There's peace and a joy divine

The future's brighter, burden's lighter, My cup runs over each day Your grace supplied me now provides me All that I need for the way.

Shepherd of love, Savior and Lord and guide. Shepherd of love, Forever I'll stay by your side. Shepherd Of Love, Peterson, John W. © 1966 John W. Peterson Music Company, CCLI License No. 759893

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed. Beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back. When I forsake His ways: And leads me, for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thro' the shades of death Thy presence is my stay; One word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days; Oh may Thy house be my abode, And all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come; No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious and eternal God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that has been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

Benediction

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

C Amen."

Announcements

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

(Originally framed as a hymn for children, "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" contains solid biblical truths. We rejoice that our Lord has bought us and that He defends us in many ways, even though we are sinful. His caring mercy is experienced in all our days. As faithful followers of the Good Shepherd, we seek to do His will in our lives as we experience His divine love.)

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
 In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You. Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.

4 Early let us seek Your favor,
Early let us do Your will;
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,
With Your love our spirits fill.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt., Text: Public domain

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 21, 2024

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† C-101 – A STUDY IN GOD'S WORD

Join Pastor Jim for an 8-week journey examining God's Word from a Lutheran perspective. Whether you have no experience with Christianity or want to review what you learned long ago; this class is for you! Wednesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12 from 7:00 to 8:15pm. To sign up, call 503-665-8821 or email office@alcportland.org

† NETWORK IS COMING

3 Saturdays—May 11, 18, and 25-9:00am-12:00pm in the Community room.

Discovery tools and assessments will teach you to evaluate your spiritual gifts, personality, and passions for ministry.

Maybe you have already taken Network! You can take it again.

Contact Pr. Jim if you want to attend, as books need to be ordered (\$8.99 plus shipping if you wish to donate the cost.)

† THE CHOSEN RETURNS IN JUNE!

Join the watch party in the community room the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month at 10:30am starting June 8. Light snacks will be provided, and you can contribute! Discussion will follow each episode!

† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

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

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs):

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

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

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Herb Hoefer, Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Carol Hoefer, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse. *Home Bound.

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - SATURDAY, APRIL 27

BAPTISM BIRTHDA	BAP	TISM	BIR	THD	AYS:
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Nichole Fogarty	Apr. 21	Margaret Hubbard	Apr. 21
Carolyn Shore	Apr. 21	Marcia Bryant	Apr. 24
Ruby Sylvia	Apr. 25	Bob East	Apr. 26

BIRTHDAYS:

Bea Kirchner	Apr. 21	Robyn Wymore	Apr. 22
Mike Adams	Apr. 23	Larry Hart	Apr. 23
Mark Wheeler	Apr 24	•	-

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUN., APRIL 21- SAT., APRIL 27

Sunday, April 21	8:30am	Worship with communion
New Member	9:45am	Adult Ed. and Sunday School
Welcome	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Tuesday, April 23		Newsletter Items Due
Wednesday, April 24	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	C-101
Thursday, April 25	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, April 26	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, April 27	1:00pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., APRIL 28- SAT., MAY 4

Sunday, April 28	8:30am	Worship
	11:00am	Worship w/ communion
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ comm.
Wednesday, May 1	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, May 2	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Mau 3	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, May 4	1:00pm	Confirmation

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., APRIL 21, 2024

11:00am 8:30am Elder: Bruce Blubaum John Hazen **Acolytes:** NEEDED NEEDED

Ushers: Stan Chapulis Johnnie Driessner Marcus Young

Randy Schroeder

NEEDED NEEDED

NEEDED Audio/Visual: J.E Knox

Wanda Cassetty PowerPoint: Rosemary Knox Esperanza Gutierrez Greeters: Sue Lewis

Heather Gulde

Readers: Peggy Hall Johnnie Driessner Wendy Hazen Altar Guild: **Both Services** Wilma Aquilar Flowers: **Both Services**

Both Services Dave and Jan Oswald Counters:

Sunday School Michele Sprengle and 9:45am

Alex Hodges

Margaret Hubbard

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., APRIL 28, 2024

8:30am 11:00am Bob Ritchie Elder: Dave Oswald Acolvtes: NEEDED NEEDED

Ushers: Matthias McInaney Jim Eckart

> **NEEDED** Marcus Young

Evan Kreps Eric Kreps

I aura Potter Audio/Visual: Stan Chapulis

PowerPoint: Debbie Rekdahl Rebecca Williamson

Jan Oswald Greeters: Celia Kreps Readers: Jim Eckart Julie Williamson Altar Guild: **Both Services** Margo Bachhuber Sheryl Maier **Both Services** Flowers:

Counters: **Both Services** Bob and Elaina Ritchie

Sunday School 9:45am Hana Brandt and

Gina Kreps



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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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