

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, June 30, 2024

2024 MISSION SUNDAY

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 +

Mission Sunday/Child Beyond International

As We Gather: Today, we celebrate the joyous opportunity and critical task that is ours as Christians to share the good news of salvation in Jesus alone with a lost and broken world. Whether with our families, our neighbors, or throughout the world, this task is a life-changing instruction from our Lord. We have the privilege of joining our fellow missionaries in spreading the Good News of the Gospel throughout the world. The mission of Child Beyond International is to share God's love so that lives are transformed and families restored through a thriving children's home and relational mission experiences that support families in need.

Prelude

Go Into The World

Go ye, go ye into the world And make disciples of all the nations, Go ye, go ye into the world And I will be with you there!

I am the Vine, you are the branches, Ever the fruit to bear: I am the Light, You the reflection ev'rywhere.

Go ye, go ye into the world And make disciples of all the nations, Go ye, go ye into the world And I will be with you there!

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Listen, God Is Calling

(LSB 833)

Refrain Listen, God is calling
Through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, Comfort, and joy.

- 1 Jesus gave His mandate: Share the good news That He came to save us And set us free. (refrain)
- 2 Let none be forgotten Throughout the world. In the triune name of God Go and baptize. (refrain)

3 Help us to be faithful, Standing steadfast, Walking in Your precepts, Led by Your Word. (refrain)

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tune: "Joyful, Joyful"

Welcome

Alleluia! Jesus Saves Us

Alleluia! Jesus saves us, We are one in Christ our Lord; For by grace we have salvation, Christ redeems us by His Word. By His grace we are one body, By His grace we are made one, One in Spirit, one in purpose, As we make the gospel known.

So that we may speak the gospel
To a world in bitter need,
We have each been given talents
To serve Christ in word and deed;
Some are prophets, some apostles,
Some can teach while others preach;
Some can go forth with good tidings
Far as earth's round corners reach.

Now before us gleams the promise Of a city filled with grace, Where the light is always shining From the glory of God's face. Let us hasten Jesus' coming By the preaching of the Word, So all nations bow before Him And proclaim Him God and Lord!

Invocation

- **P** In the name of God the Father,
- who created us and all things and invites us to worship Him in this place as His beloved children;
- **P** in the name of God the

 → Son.
- who gave His life for our forgiveness and salvation;

- **P** in the name of God the Holy Spirit,
- who calls us in faith, gathers us together in His church, and enlightens our faith through the Word. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- Let us bring our sins and brokenness before the Lord and one another:
- O Lord, we confess to You and to each other that we have wronged You by thought, word, and deed. We confess especially this day our selfishness with our Christian faith, for we have so often received the precious Gospel of God's love in Christ but have failed to share it with the world. We confess the feeling of indifference toward the spiritual needs of others after ours have been met. Pardon us, we pray, for being unconcerned about those lost in unforgiven sins. Be merciful to us when we have withheld our substance and service in Christ's mission. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, and restore us to the life of joyful faith and ministry. Amen.
- P St. John says about our God: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." He assures us: "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sins." As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the

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

Father Welcomes

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Chorus
Father welcomes all His children,
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.

Little children, come to me, For My kingdom is of these. Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **(chorus)** In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured. Those who are baptized and believe, Shall be born again. **(chorus)**

Let us daily die to sin,
Let us daily rise with Him
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. (chorus)
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Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P Almighty God, You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us to Yourself. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation so that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **G** Amen

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

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

Epistle Reading

Acts 1:1-8 (ESV)

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "you heard from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria. and to the end of the earth."

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

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Jesus Loves The Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight-Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children all the children of the world.

Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sightJesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus rose for all the children all the children of the world.

Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sightJesus loves the little children of the world.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- ¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.¹⁷ And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard (Tune: Fight the Good Fight)

- "How shall they hear," who have not heard News of a Lord who loved and came;Nor known His reconciling word,Nor learned to trust a Savior's name?
- "To all the world," to ev'ry place,
 Neighbors and friends and far-off lands,
 Preach the good news of saving grace;
 Go while the great commission stands.
- 3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call, Constant in prayer, through toil and pain, Telling of One who died for all, To bring a lost world home again?

"Lord, here am I:" Your fire impart
 To this poor cold self-centered soul;

 Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,
 And make a world for Christ my goal.

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Mission Message "THE GREATEST NEED"

Pr. Jim Sprengle Acts 1:8

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.)

"Lord, Here Am I"

Words by F. Crosby/Music by J. N. Beck Karon Keup, soloist

Prayer Of The Church

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

Give us a vision for our mission as God's people that would include the whole world, every kindred and all nations. Send us forth. O Lord.

C to share Your saving name.

- P Give us now, and every day, an understanding of our oneness with our fellow believers in Christ everywhere, and strengthen our common commitment to proclaim Christ to the world. Send us forth, O Lord,
- c to share Your saving name.
- Reep Your people faithful to the privilege of sharing Christ with the young in every congregation and preaching station, and in every village or home where Christians gather. Send us forth, O Lord.
- **©** to share Your saving name.
- P Grant power to Your Word so that Christ may pour out His blessings for all who turn to Him for life and salvation! Send us forth, O Lord,
- **©** to share Your saving name.
- P O Savior of the world, raise up Your people in a mighty mission work that truly glorifies Your Name. Send us forth, O Lord,
- c to share Your saving name.
- P We pray for the ministry of Child Beyond International:

For each child, that they would: feel embraced, comforted, and loved when they come through the doors of the children's home orphanage; heal from traumatic experiences of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or loss; be reunited, when possible, with family or relatives in a positive living situation; stay healthy as they receive regular check-ups; and experience God's love and be drawn to a meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

For families, that they would: overcome issues of poverty, illiteracy, addiction, or other challenges to building a healthy home; and be supported by local churches who lift their own community and help break destructive cycles that affect these precious children.

For the staff, that they would: help children process grief in a healthy way and build a strong foundation for emotional growth; have wisdom as they advocate for the protection of children whose futures are decided by the court system; and have a positive influence on the community as they reach out and provide resources. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P For those near to us, the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn... Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P For those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord, we give You thanks for the gift of life and for our new and abundant life in Christ. Help us to be continually faithful in prayer for those who have little hope and provisions in this world, especially the little children. Grant us boldness and joy in our witness that others too may know the reason for the hope that we have in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray,
- Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- As we love our neighbor and share the saving name of Jesus throughout the world, may this prayer that He has taught us be known among the nations as a powerful and beautiful treasure for Your people as we seek to glorify Your name:
- 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.

Benediction

- P Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the

 Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.
- C Amen.

Announcements

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

One Mission, One Message, One People In Christ!

(Tune: "Immortal, Invisible")

One mission, one message, one people in Christ! Empow'red by His Spirit, together we rise. To praise and adore Him who now as of old, Continues to care for us within His fold.

One mission, one message, one people of God! Together we follow and speak out His Word. Together we tell of His great love abroad. Together we serve Him throughout the whole world.

One mission, one message, one people: Proclaim! And heed Christ's commission to go in His name. Baptizing and teaching His Word far and wide, Through peril and trouble He stays by our side.

One mission, one message, one people: Rejoice! Sing out Jesus' mercy with united voice. Join in celebration—in Christ we are one! Extol God the Father, the Spirit, the Son.

One Mission, One Message, One People In Christ, Words by Ruth and Daniel Mattson, 2007

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Thanks to John and Wendy Hazen for the lovely Altar flowers, given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024

† THE CHOSEN SEASON 4: NO WATCH PARTY JULY 13

We will see you again on July 27 at 10:30am for episode 3!

† MEMORIALS

Mike Hatley Memorial, Saturday, July 6 at 11:00am Bob Rekdahl Memorial, Saturday July 20 at 1:00pm.

† CHILD BEYOND INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY

Sunday, June 30, the Mission Board will host a Sunday to support Child Beyond, International (CBI). The fundraiser and church services will inform and encourage our members as to how we can support this ministry.

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, JUNE 30 - SATURDAY, JULY 6

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Don Tigges	June 30	Kaydence Altizer	July 1
Don Brown	July 1	Michele Sprengle	July 1
John Knoke	July 3	Susan Rotramel	July 3
Millie Edwards	July 4	Maxine Markwart	July 4
Mark Wheeler	July 5	Teresa Osgood	July 6
Roberta Ritchie	July 6	G	,

BIRTHDAYS:

Luis Interian	July 2	Fredia Moore	July 2
Joshua Mundo	July 4		

WEDDINGS:

Spencer and Rachel Kelley	June 30, 2016
Jerry and Alma Bangs	July 4, 1999
Rich and Hilary Sylvia	July 6, 2016

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JUNE 30, 2024

8:30am 11:00am

Elder:Randy BryantBob RitchieAcolytes:NEEDEDNEEDEDUshers:Marcus YoungNeil Zeller

NEEDED NEEDED

Audio/Visual: Stan Chapulis Laura Potter

PowerPoint: Jenny Schuldheisz Rebecca Williamson

Greeters: Wanda Cassetty Riki Neagle Readers: Carlyn Staudt Bonnie Webber

Altar Guild: Both Services Virginia Jacobs

Flowers: Both Services John and Wendy Hazen
Counters: Both Services Bonnie Webber and

Rebecca Williamson

Sunday School 9:45am Carrie Graham and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., JULY 7, 2024

8:30am 11:00am
Bruce Blubaum Dan Parshall
NEEDED NEEDED

Acolytes: NEEDED NEEDED
Ushers: Jim Eckart Marcus Young
Marcus Young Neil Zeller

John Aden Stan Chapulis

Elder:

Audio/Visual: Laura Potter John Hazen

PowerPoint: Wanda Cassetty Rebecca Williamson

Greeters: Margo Bachhuber Wendy Hazen

Elizabeth Alvarado

Readers: Randy Schroeder J. E. Knox
Altar Guild: Both Services Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers: Merci McInaney

Counters: Both Services Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

Sunday School 9:45am Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

† PRAYERS 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).

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JUNE 30– SAT., JULY 6		
Sunday, June 30	8:30am	Worship
Mission Sunday	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, July 1	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 2	6:00pm	Elder Metting
Wednesday, July 3	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, July 4	6:00pm	NO Praise Team
Friday, July 5	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, July 6	11:00am	Mike Hatley Memorial

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., JULY 7- SAT., JULY 13		
Sunday, July 7	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/Communion
Tuesday, July 9	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 10	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, July 11	6:00pm	NO Praise Team
Friday, July 12	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, July 13	10:30am	NO "The Chosen" this week



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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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