

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, September 1, 2024

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: "Where Is the Gospel?"

AS WE GATHER: The Holy Gospel for today is about why the dietary laws never saved anyone and is a warning about what we think or say. The Old Testament Reading provides a warning against not passing on the teachings to the next generation. The Good News of the Gospel is most clearly found in the Epistle, which clearly tells us to rely on the armor God provides, not ourselves, so that we can stand up in this evil age. That we shall do in song and speech today, asking God's help for the coming week.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

By Grace I'm Saved

 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
 Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
 Our works and conduct have no worth.
 God in His love sent our Redeemer.

Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth; His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.

Was it because of your own merit

That Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.

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4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;

As long as God is true, it stands.

What saints have penned by inspiration,

What in His Word our God commands,

Our faith in what our God has done

Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

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INVOCATION

- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 51:2, 7, 10-12

- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- We confess, O Lord, that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
- Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- Our own attempts at change will leave the stain of our previous sins.
- ▶ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- **C** Lord our God, You are our only hope. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow Your guidance alone.
- Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
- We come to You, confident of Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

P Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

G and uphold me with a willing spirit.



SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God who has made us, saved us, and created us as Your own children, renew us, feed us, and strengthen us that we may in all confidence proclaim Your eternal goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 (ESV)

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you...⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eves have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

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

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20 (ESV)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

LAMBS' LESSON

Wyatt Brown

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.
 Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to Him again and said to them, "Hear Me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. ¹⁸And He said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And He said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

Fight the Good Fight

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Fight The Good Fight, Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt., Text: Public domain

SERMON

Pastor Kris Morris

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Deuteronomy 4:8–9; Ephesians 6:11, 17–18; Mark 7:20

■ Let us go to our gracious God in prayer for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances.

For the leaders of the nations, who are tempted to use their own faulty wisdom and understanding, that God would move them to call upon Him, who alone "has statutes and just decrees so righteous" as the Law He gave, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- Image P For the families of the earth, wherever parents have forgotten to make God's commandments known to their children and their children's children, that God would open their hearts to His direction and guidance, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- IP For the leaders of the church around the world as it struggles to "stand against the schemes of the devil," that God would strengthen them with "the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those people near and dear to us dealing with illness; mourning the loss of loved ones; needing adequate food, clothing, and shelter; and having other concerns...that God would answer our prayers for them as we make "supplication for all the saints," let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
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- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P For ourselves and all who recognize that by ourselves in our fallen condition, "what comes out of a person is what defiles him," that God would strengthen our faith to rely on His grace and mercy alone that He may use us and the gifts He has given us, let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

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

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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

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

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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.
- **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 +

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, Slain for us: and we remember: The promise made that all who come in faith Find forgiveness at the cross. So we share in this Bread of life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of peace Around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Torn for you: eat and remember The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, Paid the price to make us one. So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love Around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, Shed for you: drink and remember He drained death's cup that all may enter in To receive the life of God. So we share in this Bread of Life, And we drink of His sacrifice, As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith We rise to respond: and to remember Our call to follow in the steps of Christ As His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, We proclaim: Christ will come again! And we'll join in the feast of heaven Around the table of the King.

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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)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks, gracious Lord, that You have not only instilled in us a sense of what pleases You but also have given us Your very self to nourish us as we leave this place. Keep us faithful in all we do so that all praise may be brought to You, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- Our heavenly Father, who created us all; our Savior + Jesus Christ, who has forgiven your every sin; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in your hearts, bless and keep you, now and forever.
- C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Onward, Christian Soldiers

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 Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
 With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
 Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
 Forward into battle See His banners go! Refrain

Refrain Onward, Christian soldiers, marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus going on before.

- Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
 We are not divided, All one body we,
 One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. (refrain)
- Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
 But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
 Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
 We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. (refrain)

4 Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. (refrain)

Onward, Christian Soldiers, Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt., Text: Public domain

DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

† THE CHOSEN SEASON 4

The next watch party for episode 4 is on Saturday, Sept. 14 beginning at 10:30am.

† THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

Performances continue this fall beginning Sept. 15 through Oct. 6. Looking ahead, there will be a Christmas/Epiphany concert on January 5, 2025.

The large ecumenical choir has members from dozens of churches and several denominations and has sung since 1938. Sue Thompson Armentrout directs the choir with pianist Karl Jurisons. There is no admission charge. A free-will offering will be taken.

The repertoire is broad, with music from traditional choral to downhome gospel, and tender to majestic, with a variety of talented composers.

† LWML MISSIONS

Want to take part in a gift of love to those all around the world? You can give to "Quilts Around the World". Donate any size fabric to this mission, all kinds are accepted, sheets too! Call Carolyn Gordon (503-674-6713) if you wish to contribute.

† JOIN US IN THE CHURCH CLEANUP!

We have planned 2 workdays in September. Saturday, Sept. 7 and 14 from 8:30am to 11:00am. The first will be outdoor work as long as the weather cooperates!

† 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, Air Force – (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 (leave a message if no one is here) 503-665-8821

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Mike Fogarty, The Family of Carolyn Barendse, Karla Deal, The family of Bob Rekdahl, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb and Carol Hoefer, Mae Smith, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Mel Haggard, The Family of Mike Hatley, Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, - SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Karen Arronson	Sept.	1 Taylor Osgood	Sept. 3
BIRTHDAYS: Scott Fabbri	Sept.	1 Senai Lavadore	es Sept. 4
WEDDINGS: Larry and Janice Hart Wayne and Debbie Noona	an	Sept. 3, 1961 Sept. 7, 1979	

EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUN., SEPT. 1 - SAT., SEPT 7

Sunday, Sept. 1	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 12:15pm 5:00pm	Worship with Communion Adult Ed and Sunday School Worship Bell Practice Spanish Worship
Monday, Sept. 2	Closed	LABOR DAY
Tuesday, Sept. 2	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
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Wednesday, Sept. 4	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Sept. 5	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept 6	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., SEPT. 8 - SAT., SEPT 14

Sunday, Sept. 8	8:30am 9:45am	Worship Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
Monday, Sept. 9	1:00pm	Human Care Board
Tuesday, Sept. 10	2:00pm	Woman's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 11	11:30am	Watercolor Painting Class
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Sept. 12	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 13	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, Sept. 14	10:00am	The Chosen Season 4 watch party

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., SEPT. 1, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am	
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Herb Hoefer	
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED	
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Bob Freeman	
	Mike Adams	Neil Zeller	
	John Aden		
	NEEDED		
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen	
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Michele Sprengle	
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Christina Freeman	
	Elizabeth Alvarado		
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox	
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Barb Cochran		
Flowers:	Both Services: Noonan		
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier		
Sunday School	9:45am: Carrie and Michele		

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., SEPT. 8, 2024

Elder: Acolytes: Ushers:	8:30am Randy Bryant NEEDED Jim Eckart Randy Schroeder	11:00am Bob Ritchie NEEDED Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman	
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter	
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson	
Greeters:	Sue Lewis	Riki Neagle	
	Heather Gulde		
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Johnnie Driessner	
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber		
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED		
Counters:	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald		
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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