

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

July 9, 2023

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST Sunday July 9, 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: "The Kingdom of Grace"

As We Gather: For us who believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, we are citizens of the Kingdom of Grace. We live under God's grace in this world, constantly seeking His forgiveness for our sins and trusting that Jesus gave His life for those sins. One day, when we die in the faith, we will join the Kingdom of Glory, with no more sinning or struggling to love God and our neighbor. For now, as we live in the world, we are both sinners who struggle to do right and saints (by grace through faith). Paul says it for us in Romans today, as he describes the trouble of sin and its power over us. Thanks be to God that we are always able to return to the Father because we live under grace!

Prelude

Welcome

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Jesus, Name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, Loving Shepherd, Vine of the branches, Son of God, Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation, King of kings, Lord of lords, The way, the truth, and the Life, Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

Jesus, Name above all names, Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord, Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

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

Confession and Absolution

Romans 7:15; Matthew 11:28

- P With the apostle Paul today we admit, "I do not understand my own actions.
- For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."
- At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.
- For if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Even though we rejoice at the joy of Christmas, daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.
- P "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my 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.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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.
- And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the blood of my

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Epistle Reading

Romans 7:14-25a (ESV)

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30 (ESV)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. ²⁸Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto Me and rest;
 Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 Thy head upon My breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 So weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in Him a resting place,
 And He has made me glad.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 The living water; thirsty one,
 Stoop down and drink and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 Of that life-giving stream;
 My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 And now I live in Him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light. Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found In Him my star, my sun; And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.

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Sermon
"TWO FACES"

Pr. Jim Sprengle Romans 7:14-25a

tune: Kingsfold

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.)

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One; Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong.
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks. Give thanks.

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+ Installation of Officers and Board Members +

Prayer of the Church

- Almighty God, we give You thanks for lifting us out of our sorrowful bondage to sin and death and raising us to the freedom and newness of eternal life. You have washed us in baptismal waters and renewed us in faith given by Your Holy Spirit. We sing and rejoice in thankfulness and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Cause the joy of Your gracious reign of peace and hope to continue to blossom and grow throughout the world by the proclamation of Your mighty Word. To that end, bless and sustain all pastors and ministers of Your Word and the witness of all who joyfully testify to Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Eternal Lord and ruler of all, save and defend our country.
 Graciously regard all who have been set in positions of authority among us, that, guided by Your Spirit, we may be governed in peace and safety. Strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces of our country that they be upheld in integrity and with honor. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We commend Your eternal protection, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed this life in faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant to them Your mercy and everlasting peace. Teach us all to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom, and when our last hour comes, be with us and grant us a blessed end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We give You thanks for the special days, milestones, and other blessings being celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P Here us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:
- 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 12 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 SONGS +

Feed Us Now

Feed us now, Bread of Life, In this holy meal; Let us know Your love anew, We hunger for You. Feed us now, Bread of Life, Come and live within; Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine, Lord, this food is good! Love and mercy come to us, Your promise we trust. Piece of bread, glass of wine, Who can understand How His mercy works in these? Yet, Lord we believe.

God is here, O so near, Nearer than our thoughts. Stay with us where'er we go, Lord, help us to grow. God is here, O so near, In this heaven's meal. May we always feed on You - On the Bread that is true.

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When I Behold Jesus Christ

 When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me, I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

Refrain: What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.

- For me You gave all Your love,
 For me You suffered pain;
 I find no words, nothing can
 Your selflessness explain. (refrain)
- You had no sin, holy Lord,
 But You were tortured, tried;
 On Golgotha there for all
 My sins You bled and died. (refrain)
- What love is this? Greater love
 No one has ever known.
 My life with God— this I owe
 To You, and You alone. (refrain)

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Almighty, everlasting God, we rejoice greatly that You have come to us as our King, in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, giving us the comfort and rest of the forgiveness of our sins by His very body and blood. With thankful hearts we hold to the great hope of eternal joys in the day of the resurrection of all flesh and our eternal home. To You be all the praise and glory with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

- 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.)

Shout To The Lord

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You, All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar,
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.
(repeat from beginning)

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Dismissal

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

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Thank you to The Alvarado Family for the lovely Altar flowers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

†SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! Sunday, August 20 at 10:30am ~ ONE WORSHIP ~ Lunch will follow. Look for more details to come!

† THANKS, FROM KARLA DEAL

Dear Ascension Family, thank you for your prayers, cards, support and outpouring of love over the past months. God has blessed my cancer treatments and procedures. They are complete and we're praying for a healthy future. Your Sister in Christ, Karla Deal

† PRAYER NEEDS?

+ MILECTONES - CIIN

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

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:				
Haylee Harris	July 12	Dave Oswald	July 15	
BIRTHDAYS				
Travis Osgood	July 10	Nancy Thomas	July 12	
Danny Graham	July 14			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

P. Jim and Michele SprengleJuly 10, 1994 Mike and Linda Fogarty July 12, 1980 Harold and Sue Lewis July 14, 2007

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Rich Zahursky, The Brown Family, Carolyn Barendse, Gina Kreps, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Alma Bangs, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacobs' Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

† PRAY 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).

EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUN., JULY 9 - SAT., JULY 15			
Sunday, July 9	8:30am	Worship-Installing Officers	
		and Board Members	
	9:45am	Education Hour	
	11:00am	Worship with Communion-	
		Installing Officers and Board	
		Members	
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.	
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted	
Tuesday, July 11	6:00pm	Council Meeting	
Wednesday, July 12	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together	
	6:00pm	C-101 week 7	
Thursday, July 13	6:00pm	Praise Team	
Friday, July 14	6:30pm	Noche Familiar	

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., JULY 16 - SAT., JULY 22				
8:30am	Worship with Communion			
9:45am	Education Hour			
11:00am	Worship			
5:00pm	Worship in Spanish			
6:00pm	Online Worship Posted			
6:00pm	C-101			
2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together			
6:00pm	C-101 week 8			
6:00pm	Praise Team			
6:30pm	Noche Familiar			
	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm			

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, JULY 9, 2023

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Randy Bryant Bob Ritchie

Acolytes:

Readers:

Ushers: Stan Chapulis Matthias McInaney

NEEDED James Freeman

Bob Freeman Johnnie Driessner

Audio/Visual: Teresa Osgood NEEDED

PowerPoint:Taylor OsgoodRebecca WilliamsonGreeters:Sue LewisChristina Freeman

Heather Gulde

Readers:Randy BryantJulie WilliamsonAltar Guild:Both ServicesMargo BachhuberFlowers:Both ServicesAlvarado FamilyCounters:Both ServicesKaron Keup and

Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Dave Oswald Dan Parshall Acolytes: Jaden Mundo

Ushers: Stan Chapulis Jonathan Mundo

Bob Rekdahl Joshua Mundo

Randy Schroeder

NEEDED

Audio/Visual: Stan Chapulis Laura Potter **PowerPoint:** Debbie Rekdahl John Hazen

Greeters: Norma Dillon Esperanza Gutierrez
Jean Dillon Margaret Hubbard

Sheryl Maier J.E. Knox

Altar Guild: Both Services Karen Zahursky

Flowers: Both Services Needed

Counters: Both Services Dave and Jan Oswald



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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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