



"...how often should  
I forgive?"

"Not **SEVEN** times,  
but, I tell you,  
**SEVENTY-  
SEVEN**  
times."

*Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV*

Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, September 17, 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: “I Forgive You”

**As We Gather:** This weekend on the Church calendar (September 16), the bishop Cyprian of Carthage is remembered. As a Church leader in the third century, a time of Roman persecution, Cyprian had to deal with the problem of Christians who denied the faith under persecution but later wanted to be restored to the fellowship of the Lord. Cyprian helped craft a response to the situation that was based on forgiveness, allowing a lapsed Christian to be reinstated after a time in which they lived out their restored faithful confession. His own faithfulness unto death was fully demonstrated as he was executed by Roman authorities for his Christian beliefs in AD 258. Speaking words of forgiveness and living them out can come with a price—but is Christlike in every way!

### Prelude

## Welcome

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving. Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are Thine.  
Teach us how to love each other; Lift us to the joy divine!

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Psalm 66:1–3a, 4–5, 8

**P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**C** **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

**P** Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

**C** **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

**P** Come and see what God has done:

**C** **He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.**

**P** Bless our God, O peoples;

**C** **let the sound of His praise be heard.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- C** **O most gracious God, we admit and confess our sins. Each day we have done the wrong things and failed to do the right things as Your faithful servants. We deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and guide us into renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**
- P** God is indeed gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.  
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.  
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free!

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## Salutation

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

## Prayer Of The Day

- P** Let us pray.  
O God, You are always ready to hear the prayers of Your people. Grant that we may with all boldness and courage bring to You our petitions with the assurance that for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ You will hear them, forgiving our trespasses and granting us Your guidance in this life and every blessing in the life to come.

This we ask through the same 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 Reading

Genesis 50:15-21 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

Romans 14:7-12 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35 (ESV)

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

### Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

tune: St. Peter

- 1 Forgive our sins as we forgive,  
You taught us, Lord, to pray;  
But You alone can grant us grace  
To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew:  
What trivial debts are owed to us,  
How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
Our lives will spread Your peace.

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### Sermon

#### “THE FORGIVENESS EFFECT”

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Matthew 18:21-35

### Apostles' Creed - The Second Article and Luther's Explanation

- P** In the Second Article of the Creed, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises and brings us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
- C** **I believe 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.**



**P** What does this mean?

**C** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

## **Tithes and Offerings**

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

### **“Trust in the Lord”**

**(8:30)**

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

by Allen Pote

#### **Ascension Choir**

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

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

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

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## **Prayer of the Church**

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

We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Grant that humility and mutual service be the hallmarks of our lives together.

**C** **Lord, help us walk Your servant way.**

**P** We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel may have free course in every land. We bless You for the dedicated service of missionaries and deployed church workers in so many places around the globe. Grant that their service may meet with success and be filled with joy.

**C** **Lord, help us walk Your servant way.**

**P** We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we be always ready to listen to others and to grant our forgiveness when it is needed. As we live in community together, grant that we never take others for granted but rather that we encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God.

**C** **Lord, help us walk Your servant way.**

**P** We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and not known to us...Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places, even when that service requires devotion and sacrifice on our part.

**C** **Lord, help us walk Your servant way.**

**P** We pray for those who are celebrating this week...Grant that their joy and thanksgiving would be a visible testimony of Your great power, goodness, and love.

**C** **Lord, help us walk Your servant way.**

**P** Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. We thank You for the times when forgiveness, offered by others, has blessed and sustained us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant's way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven.

**C** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (sung)**

tune: Immortal, Invisible

Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;  
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;  
O give to us daily our portion of bread;  
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know  
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;  
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,  
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!

**(11:00 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.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

### **Taste And See**

**(Refrain)**

**Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.**

**O taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.

Praise shall always be on my lips;

my soul shall glory in the Lord

for God has been so good to me. **(Refrain)**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. **(Refrain)**

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. **(Refrain)**

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## **He Leadeth Me**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

### **(Refrain)**

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me;  
by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful follower I would be,  
for by His hand He leadeth me.**

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by Thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **(refrain)**

## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that this Sacrament that we have now received strengthen us in faith, faith demonstrated in loving service to one another and marked by forgiveness and care. As we have shared in the hospitality of Your Table, enable us to live each day as Your people who are given to hospitality, charity, and service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C** 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.)

## Let Mercy Shine

tune: All Hail The Power

When all within was self and sin,  
A dark and shoreless sea,  
When death was all my life deserved,  
Your mercy flowed to me.  
When death was all my life deserved,  
Your mercy flowed to me.

My faith and love were small and weak,  
Far less than they should be,  
But still Your patience never failed—  
Your mercy flowed to me.  
But still Your patience never failed—  
Your mercy flowed to me.

Surrounded now by all this need,  
This lost humanity,  
Make me a source of gentle grace—  
Let mercy flow through me!  
Make me a source of gentle grace—  
Let mercy flow through me!

Your patience and forgiveness, Lord,  
Lived out for all to see,  
Your love that shone through hate and wrong—  
Lord, let it shine through me!  
Your love that shone through hate and wrong—  
Lord, let it shine through me!

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## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thank you to Wanda Cassetty for the lovely altar flowers,  
in honor of the memory of her mom.*

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

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## **† WOMEN'S RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE**

Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat for women of Ascension! January 12, 13 and 14, 2024. Talk to Michele Sprengle or Jan Oswald if you are interested in attending! Many more details to come.

## **† ROMANS BIBLE STUDY STARTS TODAY!**

Pastor Jim will begin this Bible study today at the Adult Bible Class from 9:45-10:45am in the Community Room. We hope to see you there!

## **† CONFIRMATION TO BEGIN SOON!**

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

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

## **† LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1**

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

## **† CHRISTIANITY 101**

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! Wednesday, Sept. 20 to Nov. 8, 8 Sessions from 6:00-7:00pm.



## † VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

The quarterly Voters' Assembly will be on Sunday, September 24 after the late service.

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

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

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carol Hoefer, The family of Brayson Pardue, Diana Laxton, Carolyn Barendse, Herb Reiniger's brother, Gina Kreps, Kevin McInaney, Randy Bryant's Brother, Alma Bangs, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacobs' Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);  
Clayton Wright, Air Force — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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## † MILESTONES - SUN., SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 23

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Andrew May	Sept. 19	Carlyn Staudt	Sept. 19
Avi Ritchie	Sept. 20	Rob Haase	Sept. 21

### BIRTHDAYS

Paul Walter	Sept. 18	Stan Chapulis	Sept. 18
Val Schiely	Sept. 19	Heather Gulde	Sept. 21
Norma Dillon	Sept. 22		

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Tyler and Keilah Woods	Sept. 17, 2015
Joe and Rosemary Knox	Sept. 23, 1989

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 17 - SAT., SEPT. 23**

<b>Sunday, Sept. 17</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Monday, Sept. 18</b>	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 19</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday, Sept. 20</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 1)
<b>Thursday, Sept. 21</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
		Newsletter Items Due
<b>Friday, Sept. 22</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 24 - SAT., SEPT. 30**

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

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SEPT. 17, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefler	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	NEEDED
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Jan Oswald
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wanda Cassetty
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 24, 2023**

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

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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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