

*Sola Scriptura: "by Scripture alone"*

*Sola Fide: "by Faith alone"*

*Sola Gratia: "by Grace alone"*



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, October 27, 2024

## REFORMATION DAY

**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 comulgar 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: “FAITHFUL CHRISTIANS IN A CONTENTIOUS WORLD”**

**AS WE GATHER:** In Psalm 12, King David cries out, “Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of man” (v. 1). The Lord God’s anointed king lives in a troubling world! Many centuries later, Martin Luther paraphrased the words of David, writing in a hymn text in 1523: “O Lord, look down from heav’n, behold and let Thy pity waken; . . . dark times have us o’ertaken” (*TLH* 260:1). Looking at our world today, we can relate to both King David and Martin Luther. Yet both men expressed hope in their written words. In his psalm, David writes, “The words of the Lord are pure words, . . . You, O Lord, will keep them” (vv. 6a, 7a). And Luther confidently writes, “So through God’s Word shall men endure each trial and temptation” (*TLH* 260:5). Reformation Day echoes the call to faithfulness heard by God’s people through the ages. May we listen well!

### **PRELUDE**

#### **A Trumpet Chorale**

Attr. J.S. Bach, arr. F.T. Simpson

#### **Ascension Handbell Choir**

### **WELCOME**

#### **Reformation Song**

Your Word alone is solid ground;  
The mighty rock on which we build.  
In every line the truth is found,  
And every page with glory filled.

Through faith alone we come to You.  
We have no merit we can claim.  
Sure that Your promises are true,  
We place our hope in Jesus’ name.

#### **Chorus**

**Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

**Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

In Christ alone we're justified.  
His righteousness is all our plea,  
Your law's demands are satisfied.  
His perfect work has set us free. **(chorus)**

By grace alone we have been saved.  
All that we are has come from You.  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved,  
Now by Your pow'r have been made new. **(chorus)**

And on this Reformation day,  
We join with saints of old to sing.  
We lift our hearts as one in praise:  
Glory to Christ our gracious King. **(chorus)**

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## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 41:13; 79:9, 13; 125:1–2

**P** Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

**C** **from everlasting to everlasting!**

**P** Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; deliver us, and atone for our sins, for Your name's sake!

**C** **We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.**

**P** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

**C** **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people, from this time forth and forevermore.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(a moment for silence and reflection)*

**P** Lord of hosts,

**C** hear our confession of sins and grant us Your mercy and forgiveness. We have not trusted in Your promised protection and strength, but have looked elsewhere for help and refuge. You alone have provided the remedy for what causes our separation, troubles, and death. For the sake of Christ, our Redeemer, grant us forgiveness and deliverance from all that would keep us from doing Your will.

**P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. Because that river of grace and power has flowed over us in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, in spite of our fear, the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

By grace God has created each of us and everything that exists, and in the person of His Son entered our history and paid for our every sin and sin itself. In Christ's resurrection, God's promises have been made sure. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. The Lord of hosts is with us! The God of Jacob is our fortress!

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

tune: A Mighty Fortress

1 God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

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### + THE WORD +

#### FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprenkle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

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

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

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### Preserve Your Word, O Savior

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- 1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior,  
To us this latter day,  
And let Your kingdom flourish;  
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.  
O keep our faith from failing;  
Keep hope's bright star aglow.  
Let nothing from truth turn us  
While living here below.
  
- 3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion,  
Bought dearly with Your blood;  
Protect what You have chosen  
Against the hellish flood.  
Be always our defender  
When dangers gather round;  
When all the earth is crumbling,  
Safe may Your Church be found.

4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,  
The truth that makes us whole,  
The mirror of Your glory,  
The pow'r that saves the soul.  
Oh, may this living water,  
This dew of heav'nly grace,  
Sustain us while here living  
Until we see Your face.

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**SERMON**  
**“RELEASED”**

Pastor Jim Sprengle  
John 8:31-36

**CREED (sung)**

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- 1 We all believe in one true God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need,  
Praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds,  
All creation He upholds.
  
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne  
And for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we  
Rescued from all misery.
  
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,  
Who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us  
In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessèd, holy Trinity,  
Praise forever be to Thee!

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**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.)*



## If God Is For Us

(based on Psalm 46 and Romans 8:31)

James Chepponis

### Ascension Choir

*If God is for us, who can be against us?  
God is our salvation, always by our side.*

*God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present aid,  
And therefore, though the earth be moved, we will not be afraid;  
Though hills into the seas be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
The Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. (refrain)*

*A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,  
The holy dwelling of the Lord, the place of God's abode.  
Since God is in the midst of it, our safety is secure;  
The Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. (refrain)*

*Behold the wondrous deeds of God, who causes wars to cease;  
The weapons of the strong destroyed, God brings abiding peace.  
"Be still and know that I am God, exulted evermore;"  
The Lord of hosts is by our side, a refuge strong and sure. (refrain)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty God, we give You thanks and praise for all Your goodness and tender care, especially on this Reformation festival. Thank You for the gift of Your Son and for the revelation of Your will and grace. Implant Your Word in us, and give us fertile hearts to keep it and bring forth its good fruit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** God of grace, keep us steadfast in Your Word, and prevent our wayward hearts from following false gospels that lead us away from You. Provide Your Church with faithful pastors who preach in purity and joy, that we are saved by Your grace alone, through faith alone, because of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Mighty God, You have great power and yet You act with mercy. Teach those who lead us to use power rightly for the preservation of order, the accomplishment of justice, the protection of life and the defense of the weak. Give us wise, godly and faithful leaders who will follow Your commands and serve with integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gracious God, remember all who face adversity of any kind...Comfort them by Your Holy Spirit, that they would endure these challenges with Your strength, hope, and love. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Exulted Lord, You richly bless us. Thank you for all your gifts, especially those things we remember this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in this faith and fear throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage, until that day when we and all Your people shall stand before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the reward You have prepared for us and all who have loved His appearing; 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.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C** **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 13 for the closing prayer)**

## + 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**

#### **PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **This Is the Feast**

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **O Lord, We Praise Thee**

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- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!  
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!  
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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- 1 God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

**Refrain Therefore I'll say again:**

**God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly,  
Loves even me.**

- 2 I was in slav'ry, Sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working To make me free. **(refrain)**
- 3 He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus And set me free. **(refrain)**
- 4 Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed. **(refrain)**
- 5 Now I will praise You, O Love Eternal;  
Now I will praise You All my life long. **(refrain)**

God Loves Me Dearly, Text: August Rische, 1819–1906; tr. Composite, Text: Public domain

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

**P** O Lord, You are our refuge and our strength,

**C** A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.

**P** O God, You made an everlasting covenant with us.

**C** Help us to be Your people in this world of trial and trouble.

- P** O Lord, too often we have sinned and have fallen short of Your glory.
- C** **Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting.**
- P** O God, we have embraced the freedom You offer us.
- C** **We embrace the Son who makes us free.**
- P** O Lord, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.
- C** **May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry “Come, Holy Spirit!” Help us die to sin and live in Christ, for in Him we are truly free.**
- P** O God, You gave us the living Word.
- C** **Help us to listen to it, to live it, and to be bold enough to let it change our lives and those around us! In Jesus’ mighty name, we pray. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

- P** 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*(please stand)*

### **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

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- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod  
And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
Has sworn to work us woe.  
With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

- 2 No strength of ours can match his might.  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is He,  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
They cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
In battle we'll engage.  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side  
With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away,  
They cannot win the day.  
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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**† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS**

Human Care is collecting items for our adopt-a-room at My Father's House. Check out the list that is attached to the white board in the Narthex. If you will fill a need, write your name (or anonymous if you want) in the space. Then you can bring your donation and leave it in the conference room marked "My Father's House".

**† PRAISE GOD WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!**

Our LWML Fundraiser on LWML Sunday, Oct. 13 was successful in raising \$714.38 through mite offerings, donations and purchases. That doesn't even count the many hours and costs of ingredients and supplies that our dedicated bakers and crafters donated in the making of so many yummy and fun things for this fundraising effort for LWML Missions. We thank you ALL for your participation and generosity: Men, Women and Children -- Yes it takes a Village! It is a blessing to a part of our "Village" here at Ascension. Please continue to pray for our missions and missionaries throughout the world, wherever they/we are!

**† ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join in a festival of hymns to celebrate the church's heritage of hymns, and spiritual songs. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at 7:00pm.

**† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Did you know you can send the office your prayer request written exactly how you want, and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain? You may also just let the office know your request and Michele will word the request for you. Either one is fine. Please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Carolyn Gordon, Barb Cochran and her family, Pastor Ruberto and their family, 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.



## † PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

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

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (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 WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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

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## † MILESTONES – Sunday, Oct. 27 – Saturday, Nov. 2

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

|               |         |                |         |
|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Gabi Alvarado | Oct. 30 | Ron Barendse   | Oct. 30 |
| Jaden Mundo   | Oct. 30 | Barbara Nelsen | Oct. 30 |
| Sherry Porath | Nov. 1  | Rick Vanover   | Nov. 1  |

### BIRTHDAYS:

|                  |         |                 |         |
|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Sherry Porath    | Oct. 27 | Herb Reiniger   | Oct. 27 |
| Pr. Jim Sprengle | Oct. 27 | Elaina Ritchie  | Oct. 28 |
| Michele Sprengle | Oct. 29 | Claire Zeebuyth | Oct. 29 |
| Dave Stabenow    | Oct. 30 | Barbara Cochran | Nov. 1  |

**WEDDINGS:** None

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., OCT. 27, 2024

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|----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                      | <b>8:30am</b>  | <b>11:00am</b>     |
| <b>Elder:</b>        | Randy Bryant   | Bob Ritchie        |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>     | <b>NEEDED</b>  | <b>NEEDED</b>      |
| <b>Ushers:</b>       | Jim Eckart     | Matthias McInaney  |
|                      | <b>NEEDED</b>  | <b>NEEDED</b>      |
|                      |                | Evan Kreps         |
|                      |                | Eric Kreps         |
| <b>Audio/Visual:</b> | Stan Chapulis  | Laura Potter       |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b>   | Debbie Rekdahl | Rebecca Williamson |
| <b>Greeters:</b>     | Sue Lewis      | Carrie Graham      |
|                      | Heather Gulde  |                    |

**Readers:** Jim Eckart Karon Keup  
**Altar Guild:** Both Services: Barb Cochran  
**Flowers:** Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie  
**Counters:** Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier  
**Sunday School** 9:45am: Carrie and Michele – Reformation Lesson

**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., NOV. 3, 2024**

|                      |   |                  |
|----------------------|---|------------------|
|                      | <b>8:30am</b>                           | <b>11:00am</b>   |
| <b>Elder:</b>        | Randy Bryant                            | Herb Hoefler     |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>     | <b>NEEDED</b>                           | <b>NEEDED</b>    |
| <b>Ushers:</b>       | Mike Adams                              | Marcus Young     |
|                      | John Aden                               | Neil Zeller      |
|                      | <b>NEEDED</b>                           |                  |
|                      | <b>NEEDED</b>                           |                  |
| <b>Audio/Visual:</b> | Stan Chapulis                           | John Hazen       |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b>   | Jenny Schuldheisz                       | Michele Sprengle |
| <b>Greeters:</b>     | Margo Bachhuber                         | Riki Neagle      |
|                      | Elizabeth Alvarado                      |                  |
| <b>Readers:</b>      | Susan Rotramel                          | J. E. Knox       |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>  | Both Services: Karen Zahursky           |                  |
| <b>Flowers:</b>      | Both Services: <b>NEEDED</b>            |                  |
| <b>Counters:</b>     | Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald      |                  |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | 9:45am: Michele and Carrie - Episode 12 |                  |

**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., OCT. 27 – SAT., NOV. 2**

|                           |         |                              |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, Oct. 27</b>    | 8:30am  | Worship                      |
| Reformation Day           | 9:45am  | Adult Ed and Sunday School   |
|                           | 11:00am | Worship with Communion       |
|                           | 12:15pm | Bell Practice                |
|                           | 5:00pm  | Spanish Worship w/ Communion |
| <b>Wednesday, Oct. 30</b> | 2:00pm  | Crafting Get-Together        |
|                           | 6:00pm  | C-101 / 6                    |
| <b>Thursday, Oct. 31</b>  | 6:00pm  | Praise Team                  |
|                           | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice               |
| <b>Friday, Nov. 1</b>     | 6:30pm  | Noche Familiar               |
|                           | 7:00pm  | Youth Group                  |
| <b>Saturday, Nov. 2</b>   | 10:00am | LWML Group Meeting           |

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., NOV. 3 – SAT., NOV. 9**

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|--------------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, Nov. 3</b>    | 8:30am  | Worship with Communion     |
| All Saints' Day          | 9:45am  | Adult Ed and Sunday School |
|                          | 11:00am | Worship                    |
|                          | 12:15pm | Bell Practice              |
|                          | 5:00pm  | Spanish Worship            |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 4</b>    | 1:00pm  | Human Care Board           |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 5</b>   | 6:00pm  | Elder Meeting              |
| <b>Wednesday, Nov. 6</b> | 2:00pm  | Crafting Get-Together      |
|                          | 6:00pm  | <b>NO</b> C-101 This week  |
| <b>Thursday, Nov. 7</b>  | 6:00pm  | Praise Team                |
|                          | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice             |
| <b>Friday, Nov. 8</b>    | 6:30pm  | Noche Familiar             |
|                          | 7:00pm  | Youth Group                |

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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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