



"At the name
of Jesus every
knee should bow"

Philippians 2:10a

Ascension Lutheran Church and School
"A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone"
September 27, 2020

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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.

P = Pastor, **C** = Congregation, **A** = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: A look at the world's final days and a warning about how to prepare.

AS WE GATHER

It has become commonplace to speak of God as responsible for determining life and death for us. So, we wonder where God's justice and mercy is when the innocent suffer, or tragedy strikes. But the Lord insists He has no pleasure in the death of anyone—not even the sinner who deserves his punishment. God's good and gracious will is that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of His Son. Think how differently we would approach the troubles and trials that affect us, and the greater disasters of the world, if we took the Lord at His Word and trusted in His will.

PRELUDE

“There's Something About That Name”

Bill and Gloria Gaither, arr. L. Larson

Carlyn Staudt and Brad Hall, duo

WELCOME

HYMN

“All Hail The Power Of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all;
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, and crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng, we at His feet may fall!
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 25:6–7; 147:6*

P The LORD lifts up the humble;
C **He casts the wicked to the ground.**

P Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love
C **for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
C **according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent,**

bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.**

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God of life and hope, You have given rescue to sinners in despair of their sins and to those marked for death. Turn our attention to Your mercy that we learn to rejoice in Your good will, that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of Christ our Savior; through Jesus Christ, 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 ☩

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

(Jesus left heaven to pay the sin debt of the world,
and has returned to heaven to a position of all power and glory.)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-32 (ESV)

(The religious leaders challenge Jesus' authority, and He confounds them – again!)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ And when He entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

"How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds"

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear;
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away all fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.

Jesus, my Shepherd, Guardian, Friend, my Prophet, Priest and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart and cold my warmest thought;
But when I see Thee as Thou art, I'll praise Thee as I ought.

And in the midst of my dark night, when troubles gather 'round,
The Name of Jesus brings me light. He seeks me and I'm found.

SERMON “SOONER OR LATER, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW” Pastor Dan Critchett

⁹“For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the
earth, ¹¹and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” *Philippians*
2:9-11

SONG (sung during sermon) “He Is Lord”

He is Lord, He is Lord, He has risen from the dead and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

SONG (following sermon) “Jesus, Name Above all Names”

Jesus, Name above all names; beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Immanuel, 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.

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Mighty Creator, my Savior and Friend.

DECLARATION OF FAITH

(After hearing the word of God read and proclaimed, the worshiper responds with this declaration of faith. 1Corinthians 15:1ff; 1Pet. 3:18ff; 1Tim. 3:16. In some churches you will hear a testimony from one of the faithful – we all give our testimony together.)

☐ I believe that God created me, and has a plan and purpose for my life. I believe that He redeemed me from the power and punishment of sin. I believe that He knows my ways and my thoughts, and loves me anyway.

I believe that the Bible is God's truth, and was inspired and given by God for our wisdom and understanding of who He is, and what His plan is for me and for this world.

I believe that God the Father is the creator and owner of the Universe, God the Son is the Savior of all mankind, and God the Holy Spirit is the giver of truth, the source of faith, and the provider of all I need to live the life to which I am called.

I believe that God calls and enables me to trust Him in all things, to share the fellowship of His people, and to serve Him faithfully all my days. I believe that a Day is coming when Jesus Christ will return to take me and all believers to His home in heaven. And if my life on this planet ends before that Great Day, I will be transported to His eternal dwelling place, all by His grace and for His glory. 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

P As You have promised, Lord, hear Your people when they call, and answer us according to Your mercy.

Almighty Father, You take no pleasure in the death of anyone. As John the Baptist once called a people to repentance and faith, so raise up voices within Your Church today to call a world to turn from their sins and live through faith in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have given to us the saving name of Jesus. Continue to bless us with faithful pastors who will preach Jesus Christ and His salvation, and bestow upon us faithful church workers who will serve us in Your name. Bless those now preparing for vocations as pastors, deaconesses, teachers, and all other offices as Your Church has established. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You are gracious and merciful without end. Deliver us from a spirit of complaint, and keep us from grumbling at Your call to serve You with all that we are and all that we have. Grant us grace to fulfill our baptismal calling where You have placed us and according to the vocations given to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, Your power continues to uphold all things. Give Your blessing to our president, Congress, governor, and state legislature. Guide all who make, administer, and judge our laws that they be in accord with Your commands and give protection to the unborn, the aged, and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You know our enemies and those whose purpose is set against Yours. Give Your blessing to all who defend our nation here and abroad and to all emergency personnel and disaster workers who come to our aid in time of need. Guide the nations in the paths of peace and deliver us from terror and violence. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have delivered the saints of old into the perfect rest of Your presence. Keep us in faith that we, too, may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Help us to remember their example and to be encouraged in the struggles of this mortal life by the way You sustained them to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, we thank You for blessing us with the gifts and resources to enable us to enlarge and enhance our facilities. We pray that You would align our goals and vision with Yours that we would use this new addition to bless many people and as a place where people can be a part of the love and truth of Jesus in action, all to the glory of Your name. Please continue to keep safe those who are working to build this addition, and may it move toward completion with a smooth journey ahead. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, You have given us healing, comfort, and peace in Christ, especially in times of illness, affliction, depression, and sorrow. Hear us on behalf of...Grant them grace sufficient to sustain them in their hour of trouble and at last deliver them into the perfect rest of Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, we thank You for all Your goodness toward us, and we lift up those who are celebrating this week... Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Mt 6:9ff; Lk 11:2ff)*

- P** Lord Jesus, grant us a blessed hope and a sure confidence as we come boldly before Your throne of grace, praying the prayer that You have taught us:
- 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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

- 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 ☩ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for Thee;
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love: Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wondering eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave.
Who rose victorious to the strife, for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high.
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n, enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to Whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is King of all.

DISMISSAL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS—FYI SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

† VIRUS UPDATE RELATED TO CHURCH ACTIVITIES

All Church activities are canceled until further notice. Although we are not fearful, we continue to take prudent measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Please stay at home, do not go out unless it is unavoidable, wear an appropriate face mask and stay 6 feet away from others. You may call the office phone and listen to current messages, check the web site and your email to stay up on the latest news.

† ASCENSION HELP LINE – 971-715-1416

Our goal is to offer practical help for our members and friends in need during this difficult time. We have volunteers who are willing to run errands, bring groceries, or help with other needs. In addition, volunteers can call to check on people, offer a connection, and pray. Please leave your name, number, and as clearly as possible describe your need, and a HELP LINE Volunteer will return your call within 24 hours.

† ALTERNATIVE FOR HOMEBOUND WORSHIP

- Online Daily Devotions are on our Facebook page: Ascension Lutheran Church and School - Portland
- Radio: KPDQ on 93.9FM Sunday mornings at 7:00am.
- alcportland.org for Bible Studies and Worship Services

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS None

BIRTHDAYS

Lukas Arronson	9/28	Carol Reiniger	9/29
Bonnie Webber	9/30	Jon Hart	10/3
Andrew Leonel Lavadores	10/3	Margie Schmidt	10/3

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES None

PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests at 503-665-8821 or
e-mail: office@alcportland.org

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Elly Brown, Bonnie Webber, Mike Hatley, The family of Alejandra Gamboa, Randy Arronson, Mary Niska, Jack Webber, Larry Hart, Bill Ritchie, Colleen Ek Yah, Esperanza Gutierrez, Brian Laxton, Virginia Hunt, John Eilers and Family, Marty Blankenburg, Richard Robertson, Lewis Eilers, Wayne Rippon, Rich Zahursky, Audrey Bauch, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Ray Brown, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ella Murray, Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Ordena Laxton, *Jean Smith, *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath **Home Bound*. All those suffering or infected with Covid-19.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Ramstein Air Base, Germany AFB LA (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Jaden Keup, Army — deployed (great-nephew of Karon Keup);

Jon Porath, Air Force — Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas NV (son of Dale and Sherry Porath);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

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 — Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Randy and Karen Arronson).

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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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