



“Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” ~ Jesus

John 7:38

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH and SCHOOL

The Day of Pentecost ~ May 31, 2020

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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: “The True Water of Life”

AS WE GATHER

Today we recall the Feast of Pentecost, fifty days after our Lord’s resurrection. In God’s wisdom, this is one of the feasts all were required to attend in Jerusalem. In this way God provided for the largest gathering from the farthest reaches where His people lived in order to discover what Pentecost was really all about. Today with the lavish outpouring of God Himself, the Holy Spirit, “the Lord and giver of life,” would proclaim the glory of salvation and eternal life through Jesus, the Son of God.

So today we hear the Word of God spoken to us in our own language, that powerful, mighty Word through which the Holy Spirit creates and strengthens the gift of saving faith in us. This faith is like living water flowing through our entire being bringing the refreshment of the forgiveness of all of our sins and a new and godly purpose for the living of our days. The water Jesus gives is the true water of life.

PRELUDE *(The true beginning of our church service. Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise. Quietly consider your encounter with the living God.)*

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Spirit Of The Living God”

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me. Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.
Shield me, free me, call me, lead me. Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

INVOCATION

P On this Day of Pentecost, we begin in the name of our Triune God, which was placed on us at our Baptism. In the name of the Father,

C **who created us.**

P In the name of the ✠ Son,

C **who redeemed us.**

P In the name of the Holy Spirit,

C **who sanctifies us. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just.

C **And He will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P Father, we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.

C **Forgive us and free us.**

P We have sinned against You in what we do, what we say, and what we think.

C **Forgive us and cleanse us.**

P Our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. 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. *(Mark 16:16; John 1:12)*

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks that of Your great goodness and mercy Your only-begotten Son became a human being to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. Enlighten our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may forever give You thanks for Your grace and be strengthened in all times of tribulation and temptation; 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

(Though separated in place, we take a moment to consider the peace we offer our brothers and sisters in Christ and the forgiveness which reigns among us.)

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

✠ THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:24–30 (ESV)

(Moses prays for the Spirit upon all.)

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶ Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, “My lord Moses, stop them.”

²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, that the Lord would put His Spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21 (ESV)

(The coming of the Holy Spirit)

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37–39 (ESV)

(Rivers of living water)

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

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

³⁷ On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

Holy Spirit, light divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Let Your Word dispel the night, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, grace divine, Cleanse this sinful heart of mine;
In Your mercy look on me, From sin’s bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, truth divine, Shine upon these eyes of mine;
Send Your radiance from above, Let me know my Savior’s love.

Holy Spirit, pow’r divine, Fortify this will of mine;
Bend it to Your own pure will, All my life with graces fill.

Holy Spirit, peace divine, Still this restless heart of mine;
Speak to calm the tossing sea, Stayed in Your tranquility.

SERMON

“OUTSIDE OR INSIDE?”

John 7:37–39
Pastor Jim Sprengle

APOSTLES' CREED (Third Article) with LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

P As we celebrate the Lord pouring out the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, we join in confessing the words of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed, as well as its explanation from Luther's Small Catechism.

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS ADDRESSED

(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 Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

Counselor Spirit, thank You for Your ministry among us. Please convict us of wrong so that we turn away from sin and continue to comfort us with healing forgiveness through Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Fire of Love, pour out the love of Jesus into the hearts of Your people. Inspire all who speak Your Word among us with wisdom and faithfulness. By Your gracious leading, may we hear and gladly follow Your voice that others may come to know You through our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Spirit of Unity, You call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the people of God in every tribe, kindred, nation, and language throughout the many diversities of this world. Help us to live with our families, neighbors, fellow students, and co-workers with the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Keep us in Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, until that day when we dwell together under God's reign of love among all the saints in light. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For all who face trouble, sickness, or sorrow this day...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“Descend, O Holy Spirit” (tune – “Jerusalem, The Golden”)

(We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us. Romans 8:26)

Descend, O Holy Spirit, Descend on us we pray
And bless us with Your presence, Renewed in us today.
A fervent intercessor Before the Father’s throne,
Your gentle supplications Make our petitions known.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, Let healing water flow
To comfort those in mourning, A solace to the soul;
A fountain in the desert, The water of Your Word,
Anointed with Your power, The sweetest message heard.

Descend, O Holy Spirit, Descend in tongues of fire
And fill us with great power, Your will is our desire.
Oh make our hearts an altar, Consumed by holy flame
To draw the soul held captive To faith in Jesus’ name.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God!**

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† VIRUS UPDATE RELATED TO CHURCH ACTIVITIES

All Church activities are canceled until further notice. Although we are not fearful, we will 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 and stay 6 feet away from others.** You may call the office phone and listen to current messages, check the web site and emails to stay up on the latest news so you will be aware of what you need to do to stay healthy.

† HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Ellie Graham is graduating with a Bachelors in Science in Business Administration, Management and Leadership with a minor in civic engagement and a Certificate in Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship. She also made Deans list every quarter every year.

Ty Fogarty graduated from Concordia with his Administration Certificate.

Scott Steverson, grandson of Karon Keup, is graduating from Union High School in Vancouver and is planning to attend Washington State University.

Katilyn Roof, granddaughter of Bruce and Judy Blubaum, graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. She would like to teach second grade.

† 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.

† LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES 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.

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Rosemary Knox	5/31	Lily Fogarty	6/1
Julie Williamson	6/1	Andrea Bryant	6/2
Gertrud Bublies	6/5	Rachel Kelley	6/5
Bea Kirchner	6/5		

BIRTHDAYS

Roberta Ritchie	5/31	Carol Hoefer	6/1
Erik Teyema	6/2	Kaydence Altizer	6/6
Justino Gamboa	6/6		

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:

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

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).

EVENTS AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH – Canceled until further notice

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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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