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(Matthew 9:37-38)



Ascension Lutheran Church and School

“A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone”

June 14, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 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.

For those wishing to commune at the Lord's 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 Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians, (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine, (3) confess and repent of one's 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 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.)

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “Ready or Not...the Harvest Is Ready”

AS WE GATHER

The Sundays after the Day of Pentecost are represented by green. The symbols and pictures on our altar paraments include growth from the harvest such as wheat and grapes. We also grow during this time as followers and disciples of Jesus. As we are given the Word for spiritual food, we grow up and are prepared for work in the Kingdom of Grace. Today, Jesus has compassion on the lost and calls on His followers to pray for workers to enter the harvest field. Are you a worker in His harvest field? Whether you are ready or not, the harvest is ripe!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SONG

“Amazing Love”

My Lord, what love is this that pays so dearly;
That I, the guilty one may go free.

(Chorus)

**Amazing love, O what sacrifice,
The Son of God, given for me;
My debt He pays and my death He dies,
That I might live, that I might live.**

And so they watched Him die, despised, rejected;
But, O the blood He shed flowed for me. **(chorus)**

And now this love of Christ shall flow like rivers;
Come wash your guilt away, live again. **(chorus)**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sin that still so easily entangles us, and receive the full forgiveness that our Lord provides each day.
- C** **Heavenly Father, my thoughts, desires, words and actions are contaminated by sin. Some of this brokenness I know, but some is known only by You. O Lord, please forgive me. Cover me with the righteousness of Jesus my Savior. As I am clothed in that forgiveness, help me to draw strength from You to enter the harvest field. Amen.**
- 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 to 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.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will. Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive eternal salvation; 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

(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 ✠

(The reading of God's Word is central to our worship, our life, and our faith; this portion of the service concludes with the sermon, or the preached Word.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 19:2–8 (ESV)

(God's chosen people respond, "we will...")

²They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."
⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 5:6–15 (ESV)

(Reconciled through Christ)

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by His blood, much more shall we be saved by Him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by His life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. ¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(The harvest is ready!)

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

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

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction.

³⁶ When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

¹ And He called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN**“Hark, The Voice Of Jesus Crying”**

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting Who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior’s waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off’ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet’s hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

SERMON

"HANDOFF"

Matthew 9:35–10:8
Pastor Jim Sprengle

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, we offer before You our humble prayer for the well-being of Your Church throughout the world. Guide and govern it by Your Holy Spirit that all who profess themselves Christians be led into the way of truth and hold the Christian faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in the righteousness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel and upon the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace that they please You in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You work reconciliation and forgiveness in a world of discord and trouble. Please embolden and inspire Your people to reach out with Your truth and healing. Help us to share the Good News and be instruments of Your peace in both word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We humbly ask Your abiding presence in every situation. Be with all who are struggling economically, those burdened by the pandemic, those troubled by racial tensions, and all who are harassed and helpless because they follow the wrong leaders. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Dear Lord, let Your protection and grace be with all who work on our addition. We ask that Your presence be in every decision and action, so that the final result will bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P To all who suffer sickness or injury, *especially...*give the comfort of Your healing. And to all who suffer any persecution for standing for the truth of the Christian faith, give strength to endure. To all increase faith and faithfulness, believing that the risen Christ leads us to the glory of eternal life in Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For grace that You have showed to those celebrating special days, milestones, or any other blessings, *especially...*Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.)

SONG

“Shout To The Lord”

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

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

(repeat)

DISMISSAL

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

† THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN UNIQUE TIMES!

The soccer clinic will serve the community and the Lord in a new way! To be safe, we will prepare bags to pass out with soccer equipment, Bibles and Bible studies. Bags will be made Saturday, June 20 and 27 from 11am to 2pm and passed out on Sunday, June 21 and 28 from 1-4pm.

† 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

Scott Fabbri	6/14	Carol Hoefler	6/15
Gregory Zahm	6/17	Dustin Schaffer	6/18
Mariah Hart	6/19	Alexa Sprengle	6/20
Colleen Cordes	6/14		

BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Reinert	6/14	Jan Oswald	6/16
James Freeman	6/19	Gabriela Alvarado	6/20
Mike Hatley	6/20	Wendy Hazen	6/20
Riki Neagle	6/20		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Val Schiely	Jun 14, 1975		
Teresa and Tom Osgood	Jun 16, 2001		
Andy and Morgan Berg	Jun 17, 2017		
Bob and Debbie Rekdahl	Jun 17, 1972		
Mike and Eileen Hatley	Jun 20, 1970		

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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