



***“He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake, will find it.” Matthew 10:39***

**Ascension Lutheran Church and School**

*“A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone”*

June 28, 2020

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 28, 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 8:30am 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 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.)*

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “LIFE IN THE ‘LOST-AND-FOUND’ BASKET”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and king, the triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of Thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease—  
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears, tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin, He sets the pris’ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.

He speaks, and, list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above the church in earth and heav’n.

INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Psalm 89: 1, 15–18*

**P** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;  
**C** **with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.**

**P** Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,  
**C** **who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

**P** who exult in Your name all the day  
**C** **and in Your righteousness are exalted.**

**P** For You are the glory of their strength;  
**C** **by Your favor our horn is exalted.**

**P** For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
**C** **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

## CONFESSION

**P** As you confess your sins before the Lord, consider these questions as suggested by Martin Luther:

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**C** **Yes, I believe it; I am a sinner.**

**P** How do you know this?

**C** **From the Ten Commandments; these I have not kept.**

**P** Are you sorry for your sins?

**C** **Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.**

**P** What have you deserved of God by your sins?

**C** **His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.**

**P** Do you hope to be saved?

**C** **Yes, such is my hope.**

**P** What has Christ done for you that you should trust in Him?

**C** **He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.**

**P** What does Christ give you in the Sacrament?

**C** **His true Body and Blood for the assurance of my forgiveness.**

**P** What do you owe Christ for all this?

**C** **Such love demands my love, my life, my all.**

## ABSOLUTION

- P** The Lord has had mercy on you and has sent His Son Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice for your sins. By His Word and Promise I declare to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. You are forgiven. You are set free.
- C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- Lord God, we hear voices proclaiming false peace and promising abundant blessings in exchange for our lip service and loving intentions. Open our ears to hear the severity of Your Law and our hearts to be overwhelmed by the mercy You offer because of the sacrifice of Your Son, 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 †

## EPISTLE

**Romans 7:1–13 (ESV)**

(The Law of God produces sin and death, then leads us to life)

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup> Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup> For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup> But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code. <sup>7</sup> What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." <sup>8</sup> But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup> I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup> The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup> For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup> So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprenkle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10:34–42 (ESV)

(Jesus tells us what is most important – and why.)

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

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

<sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>40</sup> "Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup> The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a

righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup> And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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

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

## HYMN

### “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Jesus, I my cross have taken,  
All to leave and follow Thee;  
Destitute, despised, forsaken,  
Thou from hence my All shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition,  
All I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition!  
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,  
They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;  
Thou art not, like them, untrue.  
And while Thou dost smile upon me,  
God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me,  
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,  
Come disaster, scorn and pain.  
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,  
With Thy favor, loss is gain.  
I have called Thee Abba Father,  
I have stayed my heart on Thee.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
All must work for good to me.

If I seek all worldly pleasure,  
All my life will be in vain  
Give me faith to find my treasure,  
Day by day in heav'nly gain.  
Guide me with Your hand upon me,  
Show me how to live and love.  
Bless me so I'll be a blessing  
Till You call me home above.

**SERMON****“Life In The ‘Lost-and-Found’ Basket”****Pr. Dan Critchett***“He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake, will find it.” Matthew 10:39***SONG****“Speak, O Lord”**

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

**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.**

## PRAYERS FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings; 1Cor 16:2)*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In Jeremiah's day, most of the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries.

Heavenly Father, use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what they lack, until the eyes of world's power brokers are open to see their plight and put people's needs above their own political aspirations. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Prophets regularly "prophesied war, famine, and pestilence." Let us pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term ills or sudden emergencies.

Lord Jesus, use compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical professionals as they tend those under their care; and open our eyes to see opportunities in which we may serve. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, "we may bear fruit for God." Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ's name.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world as we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...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** These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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

### “Take My Life And Let It Be”

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love,  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold,  
Take my intellect and use every pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

## DISMISSAL

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Scripture taken from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®*, Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Capitalization of pronouns referring to the Deity has been added and is not part of the original English Standard Version text.

Sections of this service were taken from *Creative Worship*, Copyright © 2018 Concordia Publishing House. Reprinted by permission.

Unless otherwise noted, all hymns printed in this service are in the Public Domain.

“Speak, O Lord”, by Stuart Townend and Keith Getty. © Thank You Music Ltd. Used with permission under CCLI license # 759893.

---

## ANNOUNCEMENTS—FYI

**JUNE 28, 2020**

---

### † 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 are passing out bags including soccer equipment, Bibles and Bible studies were made and will be handed out TODAY from 1:00-4:00pm.

### † 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**

|                |      |                  |      |
|----------------|------|------------------|------|
| Jere Maier     | 6/28 | Don Tigges       | 6/30 |
| Carolyn Haase  | 6/31 | Kaydence Altizer | 7/1  |
| Don Brown      | 7/1  | Michele Sprengle | 7/1  |
| John Knoke     | 7/3  | Millie Edwards   | 7/4  |
| Zachary Laxton | 7/4  |                  |      |

**BIRTHDAYS**

|                |      |                |     |
|----------------|------|----------------|-----|
| Karen Arronson | 6/29 | Luis Lavadores | 7/2 |
| Fredia Moore   | 7/2  | Joshua Mundo   | 7/4 |

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Rachel and Spencer Kelley | Jun 30, 2016 |
| Jerry and Alma Bangs      | July 4, 1999 |

**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).