

SNAPSHOT FOR SAINTS

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Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are compelled to demonstrate compassion to one another and to the world in which we live.

Livestreaming Worship: If you cannot make it to church in person, please feel free to attend virtually using the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/19BoLWKFex/>

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

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

A: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

A: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ∇ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

5 Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heav'n.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

[Pastor prays]

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

...

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

[to be read responsively]

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the ¹ peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

...

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:10-28.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

MATTHEW 15:10-28

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not

answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

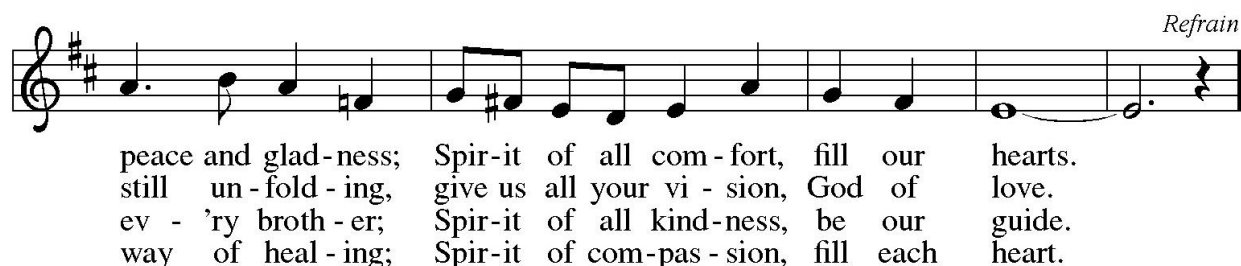
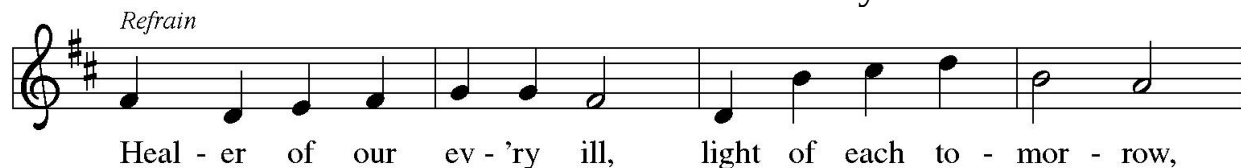
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW 612



APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

[Leader will Pray]

L: Lord in your Mercy

C: Hear our Prayer.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

OFFERING



We pass the offering plate as an act of worship, showing our commitment to Christ and His Church. Envelopes are available if you need them.

You may use this square graphic, which is called a QR code to give digitally. If you scan it with the camera on your phone, it will open a link to our Tithe.ly offering page. By clicking that link, you can make a gift to any fund listed on that page, including General Offering for ongoing ministry needs (the dinosaur is just for fun).

HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

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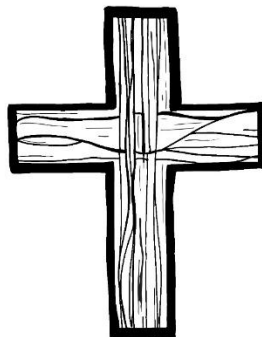
*THE LORD'S SUPPER (Holy Communion), is a gift of grace and open to all. Jesus said "Come, all of you..." and everyone is invited to receive. Children who come to the table with hands extended will also be communed. **The inner circle of individual cups in each tray contains juice for those who prefer an alternative to wine, and the bread is gluten free.***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BENEDICTION



SENDING HYMN

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

ELW 537



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for all of our friends, both far and near, who are dealing with cancer; for healing for those afflicted and for comfort for their loved ones and caregivers.

- Pat's friends Shelley and Stacie
- Marlo Black, Jamie S.'s sister

Pray for comfort, peace, and the hope of the resurrection for all who have lost loved ones.

Please pray for our home-based members for their health and peace: **Cheri S., Carol K., Doris N., Betty B., Marilyn C., and Carolyn C.**

Prayer Requests can be submitted by calling (253-852-4884) or emailing the church office (aslcauburn@comcast.net)

If you would like a prayer request to go out via our email prayer chain, please get it to Debbie McDaniel (253-886-2449).

THIS WEEK IN WORSHIP

Flowers this week are provided by Kris F. in memory of Aaron.

<u>Serving this Sunday:</u>	
<u>Communion Host:</u> Kris F.	<u>Lay Minister:</u> TBA
<u>Hospitality:</u> Margaret M.	<u>Safety/Security:</u> Beth L.
<u>Snacks:</u> Debbie McD.	<u>Camera Operator:</u> Val B.
<u>Offering Counters</u> (Tues. Aug 18): Dave and Pat.	

Birthdays

August 21 – Steve W.

August 26 – Myrna E.

August 21 – Kevin B.

August 28 – Bella G.

Anniversaries

August 23 – Sharon & David S.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Bible Study meets every **Wednesday at 10:00 AM in the Narthex**. All are welcome.

Book Club meets every **Tuesday at 10:00 AM** on Zoom.

Please contact Debi D. if you'd like more information

Ministry of the Arts:

Quilting group Meets Wednesdays after Bible study. Contact Karen B (253-508-1181) or Margaret M. (253-258-1807) about location each week. We are currently working on full size quilts, sewing blocks together for 60"x80" quilts. We have great fabric and would welcome any sewers, cutters, ironers, or tyers to join our fun!! You can even sew at home!!

Knitting/Crocheting: We have patterns for prayer shawls and hats (for next winter's unhoused folks). We would welcome donations of yarn. Please contact Clara K. (206-249-8555-land line) for further information.

Outdoor Market: There is only one more installment in our 5th **Annual Free Outdoor Market** this year.

We are grateful for our food partner, Praisealujah, who generously opens their food warehouse to support our ministry.

While we focus on serving families and seniors, everyone is welcome.

The Market is open on the 2nd Sunday of each month from July through September—**Sep. 13th** will be the last for this year.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setup, serving, and cleanup. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Sharon Seymour at 2seymours@comcast.net.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS BENEVOLENCE

Our 3rd quarter (July -Sep) Community Connections Benevolence is **Bread for the World**. According to their website:

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

Food banks are also essential – but we focus on advocacy. Why? Because federal nutrition programs provide roughly 10 times as much food assistance as private churches and charities combined. With the stroke of a pen, our government leaders have the power to create policies and programs that impact millions of people at once.

You can donate on Sunday morning (just make a note on your envelope that you are giving specifically to this), or you can make a donation using Tithe.ly on ASLCauburn.com. Find the link under the “Donate” tab.

Church “Office” Hours

Pastor John and the Office Administrator, Ann, will begin having “office” hours at the church on **Tuesdays** from **10am-1pm**, so if you have questions to ask or things to discuss, you can stop in for a face-to-face meeting. Otherwise, our staff is currently working from home. Feel free to email any questions to the church at aslcauburn@comcast.net

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