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# Parish Notes

## Welcome to Worship

### September 27, 2020

For help with Covid-19  
needs or Pastoral needs  
contact Pat Refsdal @  
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*Gathered and gifted to celebrate and share the love of Jesus*

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Matthew 21:23-32**

**"Which of the two did the will of his father?"**

## **Supplemental Edition - Council Update**

### **Worship Service for September 27<sup>th</sup>**

We will hold our worship service in the Ascension Lutheran Church sanctuary this Sunday morning at 9:00 am using masks and social distancing. Pastor Gordon Young will be with us and celebrate Holy Communion. We will begin in-person worship on a limited basis, with important health and safety guidelines in place. Due to the nature of COVID-19 and its consequences, these guidelines will continue to evolve and be updated. We will experience a "new normal" so please have patience and understanding with our decision-making as we begin to reopen our worship experiences.

As we begin our church services in the sanctuary, please know that these recommendations are grounded in the love of our members; first and foremost in our planning, is the safety and well-being of everyone. As always, we know you will take care for your own safety and the safety of others. If you are comfortable being present that's wonderful. If the time is not yet right for you, we will continue to record and post our online worship videos.

We just want you to know that however you choose to worship, you are loved and appreciated and we look forward to all of us being together again in the future. We will continue to understand the views, opinions and health concerns of all members. Please remember to be kind and respectful to everyone even if your views do not agree.

### Indoor Worship Service Procedures

- Enter the church through the front doors and proceed directly to your pew; other areas of the church will be closed
- Bring your face mask - hand sanitizer will be available
- Nursery, Sunday School and Adult Sunday School are not yet available
- There will be 6 feet between family groups - you must wear a mask at all times inside the church
- Ushers will assist with seating - every other pew is unavailable to accommodate social distancing
- Communion packets will be available as you arrive - no Communion at the altar
- Please listen to the prayers and follow along with your heart in silence
- Sing in spirit - but not aloud
- We will ask that you respect the rule of no handshaking, hugging, etc.
- An offering plate will be available for your offering; we will not pass the plate
- A box will be available to drop off your Time & Talent Sheets
- A trash can will be available to discard unwanted bulletins and disposable communion containers
- Ushers will dismiss by rows - go directly outside
- Use caution when socializing - use masks and social distancing
- Restroom use is discouraged - water fountain will not be available for use
- There will be no coffee hour this Sunday
- Online services will still be available to those who wish to remain at home

### Again, Just a Reminder

For two of our community partners, their normal yearly fundraiser is being transformed into a virtual event due to COVID-19. Please consider a donation to these organizations who are closely aligned with our church and our community volunteers:

During September, Family Promise of Ogden - you can give through their website <https://familypromiseofogden.org/donate/> or mailing your contribution to Family Promise of Ogden, P.O. Box 13818, Ogden, UT 84412

During October, The Pregnancy Medical Clinic(PMC) will hold a virtual "Banquet for Life" on October 3rd at 7:00pm. Call 801-820-5157 for details or to contribute.

## Pastoral Transition

Our pastoral candidate and her husband will join us 2-4 October to become acquainted with our church family, our ministries, and the Ogden area. Here is a list of the events during that week.

*Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> - arrival and dinner*

*Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Council Meeting with Pastor at 9:00 am  
Guys get-together with her husband at Kneaders at ~9:00 am  
Congregational Open House outside at Ascension from 4 to 7:00 pm  
with hor-dourves and beverages*

*Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Worship Service with Pastor Gordon Young  
Our candidate will join our congregation this Sunday to partake in the joy of gathering and share some comments with the congregation.*

## Special Congregational Meeting

We will hold a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020 after the worship service and online. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on whether to extend a two-year call to our pastoral candidate. A second vote will also take place to vote on the proposed compensation package for our pastoral candidate.

She has been extensively involved in feeding and housing the homeless, Family Promise, Hospital Chaplain, Habitat for Humanity throughout the world and she takes time for all people...the homeless and the housed, hungry and fed, unloved and loved, unchurched and churched.

“Her love for children, youth, and the elderly is one of her strongest areas of her ministry.”

“Her focus in preaching is one that points us toward an active faith inside and outside the sanctuary walls.”

“Her preaching style is one which reflects the historical and cultural context of the scripture and connects the message so that it is relevant for our lives today.”

“Her call is to proclaim the Good News, the grace, love and forgiveness of God wherever she is sent.”

Please join us on October 11, 2020 to participate in the calling of a new pastor!!