



"For God so loved the
world that He gave His
only Son, so that whoever
believes in Him should
not perish but have
eternal life."

JOHN 3:16, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

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 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.)*

+ PREPARATION +

“Cross Questions”

As We Gather: Many of our hymns begin with a simple declaration, such as “A mighty fortress is our God” (*LSB* 656/657) or “Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure” (*LSB* 654). A few include an exclamation and so have an exclamation point or two in them, including “Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you” (*LSB* 668) and “Jesus loves me!” (*LSB* 588). Even fewer actually ask a question. Among these are “What child is this?” (*LSB* 370) and “Who are you who walk in sorrow?” (*LSB* 476). Finding answers to questions is a great way of making discoveries. The refrain to the African hymn “When I Behold Jesus Christ” (*LSB* 542) asks plainly, “What kind of love is this?” as the hymnwriter reflects on the sacrificial love of Jesus. We may ask ourselves the same question as we reflect on all our Lord has done for us.

HYMN

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 25:1, 2a, 4–6, 7b

- P** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- C** O my God, in You I trust.
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.
- C** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.
- P** Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
- C** According to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Confession and Absolution

- P** O God, our Father, we confess that by nature, we are sinful and that in our pride, we have turned away from Your commands.

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

- 1 To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,
In grief and shame I humbly call;
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,
The sins of thought and deed and word.
They press me sore; I cry to Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

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Second Petition

- P** Forgive us, Lord, for all that we have thought and said and done that is contrary to Your will and Your ways, and forgive us for all those times when we have trusted in our own righteousness instead of relying on Your grace in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer.

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

- 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray:
O cast me not in wrath away!
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
But let Him draw to Thee my heart
That truly penitent I be:
O God, be merciful to me!

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Third Petition

- P** Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have not been good stewards of Your great creation and for those times when we have been unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All

- 3 O Jesus, let Thy precious blood
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,
But grant that justified I may
Go to my house at peace with Thee:
O God, be merciful to me!

Text: Magnus Brostrup Landstad, 1802–80; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.

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Absolution

- 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 unto 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.

- P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

C Amen.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 12:1-9 (ESV)

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

[L] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

LAMB’S LESSON

Pr Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17 (ESV)

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

When I Behold Jesus Christ

1 When I behold Jesus Christ,
 True God who died for me,
 I wonder much at His love
 As He hung on the tree.

ref What kind of love is this?
 What kind of love is this?
 You showed Your love, Jesus, there
 To me on Calvary.

**What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there
To me on Calvary.**

2 For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain. **Refrain**

4 What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe
To You, and You alone. **Refrain**

Text (sts. 1, ref, 2): tr. Hartmut Schoenherr, with Jim and Aurelia Keefer; (sts. 1, ref, 2): Almaz Belhu; (st. 4): Joseph Herl, 1959

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SERMON

"HOW CAN IT BE?"

John 3:1-17

Pastor Jim Sprengle

The Second Article of the Apostle's Creed

P In the Second Article of the Creed, our confession is focused on Jesus, our Redeemer—who God in His love gave to bring us salvation and the promise of eternal life. We speak the words of the Creed:

C **I believe 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.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil;**

not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

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.)

For God So Loved the World

(based on John 1:10-12 and John 3:16-17)

Words and Music by Stuart Dauermann

Ascension Choir

Mark Wheeler and John Knoke, guitar

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. Lord, bless our learning and our worship and our questioning and our study and our witness as we grow in faith and devotion. O Lord,

- C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

- P** We pray for all nations of the earth, that in all places there may be times of lasting peace. We pray for people in lands where there have been upset and strife. And we pray for our own nation that it may know safety and that people may be joyful in their daily lives. O Lord,

- C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

- P** We pray for all those whose labor serves us as we live out our lives under Your watchful eye, especially those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and all those whose efforts support the common good. O Lord,

- C** **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

P We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes, [*including . . .*]. Assure us that the sufferings of this present life are but transitory and that Your grace endures forever. O Lord,

C **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

P We pray for the milestones and celebrations this week, including...O Lord,

C **hear us for Your mercy's sake.**

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

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

(Turn to page 14 for the 11:00am service)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended,
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended,
You have borne the pain of all.
- 2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,
Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,
See Your thorn-encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us
Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

- 3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning
With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning
To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never
From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever,
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

Text: Girolamo Savonarola, 1452–98; tr. Jane F. Wilde, 1826–96, alt.
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Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

- 1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.
- 2 Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.
- 3 Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.
- 4 They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for having welcomed us at Your Table, giving us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we may live in hope-filled anticipation of the end of all earthly things and await with joy Your final coming in glory. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be kept in the true faith until the last and greatest day of our Lord's return. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C 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.

C Amen.

Announcements

(See the FIY in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.

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Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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Thank you to Cindy Reinert for the lovely Altar flowers.

† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

Wednesday March 8 at 6:00pm-Casseroles and Sides! Bring something to share! See the white board for the line-up!

† BRACELET PROJECT FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

Make Bracelets, Wednesdays 2:00pm and 6:00pm, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Volunteers will help put bracelets together during the Wednesday Lenten get togethers, along with laminating Spanish language cards when available.

If you can help, come to the community room on Wednesdays at 2pm or 6pm during Lent. If you cannot come to Wednesdays, you can take home supplies and make them from home! ~or~

Help spread the Gospel! Know a business in town that is willing to put a basket of bracelets on their counter? Family owned restaurants, mechanics, retail stores, hotels - or any place willing to put a basket of Gospel bracelets in their business will help spread the Word.

† COME ONE, COME ALL!

Church work party! Please join us on Saturday, March 18th from 9am-Noon in getting the church grounds ready for Easter.

Bring your favorite tools and work gloves to help trim bushes, weed beds and plant pretties near the entrances of the church.

† EASTER BREAKFAST BENEVOLENCE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 9 the Human Care Board is hosting an Easter Breakfast Fundraiser between services! Tickets will be sold in advance to estimate the number who will attend; however no advance purchase is necessary! The Cost is \$5 and under 12 years old is free! You are welcome to donate further the day of the event for this valuable ministry! Check out the white board in the Narthex for opportunities to provide food for the event!

† NEW! WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying Psalms starting with chapters 1 through 10. Contact Bonnie Webber, (503) 915-2771 or Elly Brown, (503) 674-8015 with any questions.

† MANY THANKS FROM MAE SMITH

Thank you all for your thoughtful prayers during my recovery. They, and each of you mean a lot to me. I'd also like to thank those of you who have sent cards which have brightened my days. I'm looking forward to seeing you and worshiping with you very soon.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 5

| | 8:30am | 11:00am |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Elder: | Randy Schroeder | John Hazen |
| Acolytes: | | |
| Ushers: | Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED | Matthias McInaney Marcus Young |
| Audio/Visual: | Laura Potter | Michele Sprengle |
| PowerPoint: | Wanda Cassetty | Michele Sprengle |
| Greeters: | Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado | Riki Neagle Carrie Graham |
| Readers: | Randy Schroeder | J. E. Knox |
| Altar Circle: | Both Services | Karen Zahursky |
| Flowers: | Both Services | Cindy Reinert |
| Counters: | Both Services | Bob and Elaina Ritchie |

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK SERVICE, MARCH 8

| | 3:30pm | 7:00pm |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Elder: | Randy Schroeder | Dan Parshall |
| Ushers: | NEEDED | Marcus Young |
| Audio/Visual: | Michele Sprengle | None Needed |
| Greeters: | NEEDED | NEEDED |
| Altar Circle: | Both Services | Karen Zahursky |
| Counters: | Both Services | Bonnie and Rebecca |

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12

| | 8:30am | 11:00am |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Elder: | Bruce Blubaum | Herb Hoefer |
| Acolytes: | | |
| Ushers: | Stan Chapulis NEEDED | Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Johnnie Driessner John Knoke |
| Audio/Visual: | Teresa Osgood | Laura Potter |
| PowerPoint: | Taylor Osgood | Rebecca Williamson |
| Greeters: | Sue Lewis Heather Gulde | Rebecca Williamson |
| Readers: | Sheryl Maier | Peggy Hall |
| Altar Circle: | Both Services | Jan Oswald |
| Flowers: | Both Services | Wendy Hazen |
| Counters: | Both Services | Bonnie and Rebecca |

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 5 - SAT., MAR. 11

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| Sunday, Mar. 5 | 8:30am | Worship with Communion |
| LENT 2 | 9:45am | Education Hour |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 5:00pm | Worship in Spanish |
| | 6:00pm | Online Worship Posted |
| Tuesday Mar. 7 | 6:00pm | Elder Meeting |
| Wednesday Mar. 8 | 2:00pm | Crafting / Gospel Bracelets |
| | 3:30pm | 3rd Lenten Midweek Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Dinner Potluck-Casseroles and Sides |
| | 7:00pm | 3rd Lenten Midweek Worship |
| Thursday, Mar. 9 | 6:00pm | Praise Team |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, Mar. 10 | 6:30pm | Noche Familiar |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation |
| Saturday, Mar. 11 | 10:30am | The Chosen Season 3 |

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 12 - SAT., MAR. 18

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|--------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| Sunday, Mar. 12 | 8:30am | Worship |
| LENT 3 | 9:45am | Education Hour |
| | 11:00am | Worship with Comm. |
| | 5:00pm | Worship in Spanish with Comm. |
| | 6:00pm | Online Worship Posted |
| Tuesday Mar. 14 | 6:00pm | Council Meeting |
| Wednesday Mar. 15 | 11:00am | CareConnect |
| | 2:00pm | Crafting Get-Together |
| | 3:30pm | 4th Lenten Midweek Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Dinner Potluck-Soup |
| | 7:00pm | 4th Lenten Midweek Worship |
| Thursday, Mar. 16 | 6:00pm | Praise Team |
| | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, Mar. 17 | 6:30pm | Noche Familiar |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation |
| Saturday, Mar. 18 | 9:00am | Church Work Party (9 to 12) |

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail:
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† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Jessica Brown, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob's Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Rich Zahursky, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Retired after 23 years of service
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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Streffling Mar. 6

BIRTHDAYS

Ayde Alvarado Mar. 6

Ellie Graham Mar. 10

John Hazen Mar. 11

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

NONE

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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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