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Jeremiah 26:15b ESV

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

March 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 13, 2022

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 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: “Crisis Averted”

AS WE GATHER: Throughout biblical history, God used prophets to call His people to repentance with the promise of mercy. God’s mercy should encourage us to return to Him, but too often, the people of God have refused His care. That is the story of Jeremiah, who was sent by the Lord to speak His Word, warn His people of disaster if they refused Him, and promise mercy to all who repent. It is also our story. The Law warns us of the failure to confess our sins and the Gospel promises forgiveness to all who confess and believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we pray the Lord to grant us hearts willing to hear His Word, confess our sins, believe in the forgiveness of Christ, and rejoice in this blessing all our days.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in Heav’n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the Heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us, How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 74:1

P O God, why do You cast us off forever?

C **Why is Your anger so strong against the sheep of Your pasture?**

P May the Lord direct us to the ruins of our righteousness

C **that we may learn repentance.**

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P O Lord,
C we poor sinners cry to You and beg Your mercy. We confess that we have lived as if You did not matter and as if we mattered most of all. We have not honored Your name as we should; our worship and prayers have faltered. We have not loved You above all things, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done the good Your Word desires and have done the evil Your Word forbids. Father, be merciful to us, forgive us all our sins, and strengthen our faith for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Merciful Lord, because of Your mercy, we pray, deliver us from our pride and arrogance and bring us to repentance, that we may know the refuge of Your mercy, be comforted with a clear conscience through the forgiveness of sins, and serve in the obedience of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
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

Jeremiah 26:8–15 (ESV)

(The LORD has sent me to speak all these words in your ears.)

⁸ And when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!
⁹ Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰ When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. ¹¹ Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.” ¹² Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³ Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you. ¹⁴ But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵ Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 3:17–4:1 (ESV)

(Paul laments those who lose their faith
and become enemies of the Gospel.)

¹⁷ Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31–35 (ESV)

(Jesus would gather His people like a hen gathers her chicks.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course. ³³ Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’” ³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give Thee aid!
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, Shall be your supply.
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.

SERMON

“THE MESSENGER”

Jeremiah 26:8–15
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.

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)

(11:00) **“Those Who Wait Upon the Lord”**
 (based on Isaiah 40:28-31)
 words and music by Gary Hallquist
 Ascension Choir

*Those who wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall walk and not grow faint.*

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth,
Does not grow tired or weary.
Shall renew their strength.*

*Even youths grow tired and weary.
Even young men stumble and fall, but those who wait,
Yes, those who wait on the Lord will not faint.
Those who wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.*

*They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run and not grow weary;
Run and not grow weary.
Those who wait upon the Lord
Will not faint.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Called by Your mercy, O Lord, we come in prayer to seek Your aid for the Church, the nation, the sick, and all people who have requested our prayers.

O Lord, as You once warned Your people to mend their ways and their deeds and heed the voice of Your Word, so grant us grace that we mend our sinful ways, repent of all the things we have done wrong, and listen to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant grace to Your Church and those who preach and teach Your Word, that they be faithful to Your Word and truth and that Your Church may increase, and many be brought to faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Guide and prosper our nation in paths of goodness and virtue. Bless our president, governor, and all elected and appointed government officials, that we may be free to worship You in spirit and truth and live as godly citizens while on earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Deliver us from stubbornness of heart and willful desire that we may learn in all humility and patience and share with others the Gospel of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Show Your compassion to all who cry to You for mercy and who bear any afflictions of body and soul. We especially pray for...Grant them healing in accordance with Your will and patience until Your deliverance comes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear Your people, O Lord, who come to You at Your own invitation, with the concerns of our hearts and praise of our lips, trusting that You will grant us all things needful and protect us from all things harmful to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.**

(8:30am service, please turn to page 13 for the Benediction)

✠ 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

(Latin for “Peace of the Lord”—the response is “Amen!” or “So be it!”)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“As The Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship Thee.

(chorus)

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
To You alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire,
And I long to worship Thee.**

You’re my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything. (chorus)

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye. (chorus)

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus ‘tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first lov-ed me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Come to the aid of Your people, O Lord, and turn us from our sin to Christ that we may live for You alone. Deliver unbelievers from the prison of darkness and the curse of death that through repentance they may gladly hear Your Word, confess their sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow, together with us, into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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

HYMN “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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.

When the woes of life o'er take me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

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.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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† BRACELET ASSEMBLY AND DINNER! JOIN US!

The Mission Board is hosting workshops to make Gospel bracelets. Workshops will be held in the community room prior to the next 2 Midweek Lenten Services on Wed. March 16, and 23. Join us from 5:30-6:30pm. Supper will be served!

The Bracelets will be sent to the LCMS Board for Missions to be distributed through seminary students in India and elsewhere around the world.

† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES

Our Next Class is Saturday, March 26 from 10:30am to noon. 8 Sessions left: March 26; April 9, 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9 Sessions will include discussion and Bible study, followed by an episode of the series to reflect upon for the following weeks Bible study session and maybe even some movie theater snacks!

We have a couple extra study guides if you would like to join in a little late.

† TRUMPET RECITAL POSTPONED

Due to unforeseen circumstances the trumpet recital planned for March 18, featuring Karlee Woods, is postponed until further notice.

† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen Ascension? If you have a Thrivent account, you may be able to Participate in Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent's charitable outreach program. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars® to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Ascension.

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† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Andy Berg 3/19

BIRTHDAYS

J.E. Knox 3/13 Audrey Bauch 3/16

Don Hilliard 3/17 Wilma Mukul 3/17

Margaret Hubbard 3/19

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 13, LENT 2

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Marcus Young	Erik Kreps Evan Kreps Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood (Sound)	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Teresa Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Julie Williamson
Readers:	NEEDED	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	John and Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK 2 - WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl	NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	
Greeters:	Karon Keup	Michele Sprengle
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20, LENT 3

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Jenny S. (Sound)	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Jim Eckart
Readers:	NEEDED	Michele Sprengle
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Merci and Kevin McInaney
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup Sheryl Maier

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, March 13 – Saturday, March 19

Sunday, Mar. 13 <i>LENT 2</i>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Mar. 15	6:00pm	3:10 Group
	Wednesday, Mar. 16 <i>Lent Midweek 2</i>	3:30pm
	5:30pm	Gospel Bracelet Assembly and Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 17	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
	Saint Patrick's Day	
Friday, Mar. 18	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Mar. 19	7:00pm	Confirmation
	8:30am	Church Clean-Up

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, March 20 – Saturday, March 26

Sunday, Mar. 20	8:30am	Worship with Communion
<i>LENT 3</i>	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Mar. 21	NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE	
	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 23	3:30pm	Lent Midweek Worship
<i>Lent Midweek 3</i>	5:30pm	Gospel Bracelet Assembly and Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Mar. 24	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 25	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Mar. 26	10:30am	Chosen Bible Study

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);
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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Richard Robertson, The family of Fred Greco, The family of Ray Brown, MaryLou May, Miki Etzel, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Rich Zahursky, Joyce (friend of Randy Bryant), Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath.
*Home Bound.

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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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