



*I am the vine; you are the branches.*

*John 15:5a*

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, April 28, 2024

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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 Lords 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 Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones 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.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### Theme: “Easter People Proclaim”

**As We Gather:** When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Viticulture is well known around the world. More than eighteen million acres worldwide is used for growing grapes—from Panama to Tajikistan to Zimbabwe! Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God’s life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

### Prelude

#### Christ Is with Me

- 1 We were buried with Him into death,  
That as He was raised by God’s glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with Him.

**Refrain: Christ is with me ev’rywhere I go.  
Never to leave me, this I know.**

- 2 I have now been grafted to the vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in Him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God.
- 3 I have now been crucified with Christ.  
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God’s own Son,  
One who loved me so—gave Himself for me.

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### Welcome

#### Bind Us Together

#### Chorus

**Bind us together Lord, Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken.  
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together,  
Bind us together with love.**

There is only one God, There is only one King  
There is only one Body, That is why we sing **(chorus)**

Made for the glory of God, Purchased by His precious Son;  
Given the grace to be clean, For Jesus the victory has won. **(chorus)**

You are the family of God, You are the promise divine;  
You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. **(chorus)**

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## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession (sung)

**P** As the Lord desires for us to abide in Christ, the True Vine, we come before Him to confess our sin, asking for Him to remove that which would keep us from bearing fruit in our lives.

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have failed to live for You in the things I say and do,  
And have fallen short of living in Your love.

## Chorus

**Lord, have mercy on me. Lord, have mercy, set me free.  
O forgive me, Lord, I pray, and take my sin away  
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have placed myself above, and have hurt the ones I love,  
And I know that only You can set me free. **(chorus)**

Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.  
Welcome us, O Father, Back to Your home again.  
Bless Your sons and daughters, and let the feast begin,  
Let it begin! **(chorus)**

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## Absolution

**P** God, our Heavenly Father, hears the prayers of His children and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, His Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life in Him. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, You are the vine and we are the branches. Apart from You there is no life. By Baptism You have grafted us into Your gracious life. Cause Your Word to abide in us and make us fruitful to the glory of Your Father, 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 +

### First Reading

Acts 8:29-40 (ESV)

<sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to [the Ethiopian eunuch] and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so He opens not His mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In His humiliation justice was denied Him.

Who can describe His generation?

For His life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

1 John 4:7-11 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

### Gospel

John 15:1-8 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.”

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

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

### Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

**Life In The Vine** (tune: “For The Beauty of the Earth” – *DIX*)

Father, all Your being flows Full and free through Christ the Vine.  
See how heaven’s wonders grow! Water changes into wine.  
All Your fullness flows within As I just abide in Him.

Prune me, Father. Cut away Every fruitless stem from me.  
Trim from what I do and say All that’s less than I should be,  
All that darkens love’s pure light, All that is not Jesus Christ.

Flow unhindered, Love divine, Heaven’s rich and holy Breath!  
Fill my hands and heart and mind, Sharing all His life and death!  
Every moment, truth and light! Every moment, Jesus Christ!

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**Sermon**

Pr. Jim Sprenkle

**“DEAD IN THE WATER”**

John 15:1-8

### The Secon Article of the Apostles’ Creed and Explanation

**P** As we celebrate the risen Christ this Easter season, we now speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding our Savior, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

**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.)*

### **(11:00) I Am The Vine**

Music by Allen Pote

**Ascension Choir**

### **Prayer of the Church**

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

Lord God, Your only Son came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Protect us from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, that we may always confess Christ to be our only true God and remain faithful to Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Heavenly Father, You have grafted us onto the vine of Your Son. Prune us and cut off from us all sin and dead works, that we may always draw life from Your Son and produce the fruits of faith and good works. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Savior of all people, in the water of Baptism You welcome sinners into Your kingdom and give them life. Grant that we would always honor and extol this gift, and let nothing prevent people from it. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.



**P** Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need...Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to You, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord of all goodness, we thank You for the blessings You have bestowed on those celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Holy Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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 11 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**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

## **+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +**

### **I Am The Bread Of Life**

“I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to Me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me unless the Father beckons.”

#### **Refrain**

**“And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up  
On the last day.”**

“The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.” **(refrain)**

“Unless you eat Of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood, And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.” **(refrain)**

“I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.  
If you believe in Me, even though you die,  
You shall live forever.” **(refrain)**

Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ,  
The Son of God, Who has come into the world. **(refrain twice)**

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## **They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love**

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity May one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, by Whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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## **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we bless You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same, help us to rejoice in Your mercies that we may grow daily and reach out with Your love in every situation. Finally, in Your mercy, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Announcements**

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

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,  
Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed Your call.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant  
From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches  
To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into You, O Savior;  
Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard  
Till eternal life we gain.
- △ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally.

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**Dismissal**

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

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thank you to Sheryl Maier for the lovely altar flowers in honor of mom, dad, brother and grandchildren' baptisms, to the glory of God.*

**† ASCENSION DAY SERVICE MAY 9 AT 7:00PM**

Forty days after Easter we celebrate the festival of the Ascension of our Lord. Join us as we worship our risen and ascended Savior with hymns of praise joined by our choir and handbells.

**† C-101 – A STUDY IN GOD’S WORD**

Join Pastor Jim for an 8-week journey examining God’s Word from a Lutheran perspective. Whether you have no experience with Christianity or want to review what you learned long ago; this class is for you! Wednesdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12 from 7:00 to 8:15pm. To sign up, call 503-665-8821 or email office@alcportland.org

**† NETWORK IS COMING**

3 Saturdays—May 11, 18, and 25-9:00am-12:00pm in the Community room.

Discovery tools and assessments will teach you to evaluate your spiritual gifts, personality, and passions for ministry.

Maybe you have already taken Network! You can take it again.

Contact Pr. Jim if you want to attend, as books need to be ordered (\$8.99 plus shipping if you wish to donate the cost.)

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Herb Hoefler, Bob Rekdahl, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Carol Hoefler, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant’s brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob’s brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez’ mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Hatley, \*Lorraine Haggard, \*Carolyn Barendse. \*Home Bound.

**† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Please e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call 503-665-8821.

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### EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., APRIL 28– SAT., MAY 4

<b>Sunday, April 28</b>	8:30am	Worship
	11:00am	Worship w/ communion
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ comm.
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, May 3</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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### EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 5– SAT., MAY 11

<b>Sunday, May 5</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ communion
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell/Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, May 6</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	7:00pm	C-101
<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	7:00pm	Ascension Day Worship
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, May 11</b>	9:00am	Network
	12:00pm	Private Event (Sanctuary)

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### ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., APRIL 28, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	NEEDED	NEEDED
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Matthias McInaney
	NEEDED	Marcus Young
		Evan Kreps
		Eric Kreps

<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Jan Oswald	Celia Kreps
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Sheryl Maier
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Hana Brandt and Gina Kreps

### **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MAY 5, 2024**

	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	NEEDED	NEEDED
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Marcus Young
	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
	NEEDED	
	NEEDED	
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Johnnie Driessner
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber	Wendy Hazen
	Elizabeth Alvarado	
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	John and Wendy Hazen
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

### **† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, APRIL 28- SATURDAY, MAY 4**

#### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Nekayla Maier	Apr. 28	Ty Fogarty	Apr. 29
Steven Schaefer	Apr 29	Allan Krueger	Apr. 30
Mike Fogarty	May 1	Mel Haggard	May 1
Alex Ritchie	May 1	Brooklyn Spencer	May 1
Eli Deal	May 2	Ellie Graham	May 2
Janice Hart	May 3		

#### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Gary Markwart	May 4	Donna Strutz	May 4
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#### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Keith and Sue Wentela	May 2, 1981
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# Ascension Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## 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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