

A photograph of a church service with a blue color scheme. The background shows a crowd of people with their hands raised in prayer or praise. The lighting is a gradient of blue, from light at the top to dark at the bottom. The text is overlaid on the image.

Walk as  
children  
of

LIGHT

Ephesians 5:8, ESV

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, March 15, 2026

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**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 on the cup return table.*)

**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. (Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### THEME: “EYES TO SEE”

**AS WE GATHER:** In the season of Lent, we follow Jesus, moving ever closer to His Passion and cross. By listening to His Word and receiving His body and blood, we learn to see Him rightly. In the Old Testament Reading, Israel is shown to be a failure as God’s servant: “He sees many things but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear” (Isaiah 42:20). Israel is blind and deaf to the truth. God’s true servant is the One who suffers (see Isaiah 52–53). That Suffering Servant will open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf. In the Epistle, believers are called “children of light” (Ephesians 5:8) and called to walk in the Light. Believers walk in the Light who is Christ (John 9:5) as they wait for His glory to be fully revealed: “when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, ‘Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you’” (Ephesians 5:13–14).

### PRELUDE

**“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”**

8:30am

Karon Keup, soloist

### WELCOME

**“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”**

LSB 697

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn His love, its length and breadth,  
Its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2 To us on earth He came to bring  
From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit’s unity,  
The very bond of peace.
- 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
Who died that He might save;  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive  
As God in Christ forgave.

4 For us Christ lived, for us He died,  
And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

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## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

from Psalm 25 & 27

**P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

**C** for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

**P** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

**C** that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

**P** For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**C** He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

**P** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

**C** I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.

**P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,

**C** for He will pluck my feet out of the net.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 142:1

**P** With my voice I cry out to the LORD;

**C** with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

*Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we were born in utter sin. To this day and by nature, we have eyes that do not see and ears that do not hear. We have trusted in the things we have made rather than You. Our thoughts, words, and actions have been unfruitful and dark. We have been blind to our sin, but You have seen it. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, open our eyes. 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** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Jesus is the light of the world and your salvation. He has enlightened you with His gifts and given you ears to hear Jesus' words. It is He who is speaking to you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve judgment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs. Give us new eyes, that we may see Your merciful goodness and give thanks for all the ways Your light scatters our darkness; 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

Isaiah 42:14-21 (ESV)

- <sup>14</sup>For a long time I have held My peace;  
I have kept still and restrained Myself;  
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;  
I will gasp and pant.  
<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste mountains and hills,  
and dry up all their vegetation;  
I will turn the rivers into islands,  
and dry up the pools.  
<sup>16</sup>And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know,  
in paths that they have not known  
I will guide them.  
I will turn the darkness before them into light,  
the rough places into level ground.  
These are the things I do,  
and I do not forsake them.  
<sup>17</sup>They are turned back and utterly put to shame,  
who trust in carved idols,  
who say to metal images,  
“You are our gods.”  
<sup>18</sup>Hear, you deaf,  
and look, you blind, that you may see!  
<sup>19</sup>Who is blind but My servant,  
or deaf as My messenger whom I send?  
Who is blind as My dedicated one,  
or blind as the servant of the LORD?  
<sup>20</sup>He sees many things, but does not observe them;  
His ears are open, but he does not hear.  
<sup>21</sup>The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness’ sake,  
to magnify His law and make it glorious.

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

## EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” <sup>6</sup>Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man’s eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup>and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

<sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup>So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup>So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

<sup>34</sup>They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup>Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” <sup>36</sup>He answered, “And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?” <sup>37</sup>Jesus said to him, “You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you.” <sup>38</sup>He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

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

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

**PRAYERS AND LOVE-IN-ACTION REQUESTS ARE GATHERED**

**“When to Our World the Savior Came”**

LSB 551



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and  
 2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple  
 3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened  
 4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for  
 5 His sov - 'reign pur - pose still re - mains Who rose in



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness  
 thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from  
 ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could  
 us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver  
 pow'r, and lives and reigns; Till ev - 'ry tongue con -



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.  
 soul to soul, “The touch of Christ has made us whole!”  
 see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.  
 cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.  
 fess His praise, The heal - ing Christ of all our days.

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**SERMON**  
**“BROUGHT TO LIGHT”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
 Ephesians 5:8-14

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** 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.)*

**“More Precious Than Silver”**

(8:30)

**(with “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”)**

Words and music by L. Deshazo, I. Watts, L. Mason, arr. S. Pethel

**Ascension Choir**

*Lord, You are more precious than silver,  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,  
And nothing I desire compares with You.*

*When I survey the wondrous cross,  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my price.*

*Lord, You are more precious than silver,  
(Were the whole realm of nature mine,)  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
(That were a present far too small,)  
Love so amazing so divine,  
(Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds,)  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.  
(And nothing I desire compares with You.)*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** As children of light, we cry out to the Lord who sees us and hears us, and deals bountifully with us in our time of need:

Lord of Light, in Your Son You brought light into this dark world. Bless all pastors and church workers, especially those who minister to those who are deaf and blind, that they faithfully point us to all that is good and right and true, and that we discern what is pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, bringing us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to walk as children of light, that Your works be displayed in us while it is still day. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Patient Lord, in the face of deep darkness, You remain slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Give us Your patience in our encounters with the darkness, that we graciously and fearlessly lead those who are blinded by sin back to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Sovereign Lord, You are our refuge and portion in the land of the living. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us. Open their eyes to see the needs of Your people and Your creation. Help them to establish laws that are good and right and true. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, You deliver those who cry to You from the darkness of pain, sickness, and grief. Visit all who are in need and struggling to see beyond what is before them...Bring them Your light and Your peace. Hide them in Your shelter and restore to them the joy of being Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious Father, thank You for the blessings You have bestowed on Your whole creation. We pray in thanksgiving and rejoice with those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Believing that Jesus truly is the light who overcomes all darkness, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

*(tune: "How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds")*

Our Father who in heaven art,  
All hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,  
Throughout this earthly frame,

As cheerfully as 'tis by those  
Who dwell with Thee on high;  
Lord, let Thy bounty day by day  
Our daily food supply;

As we forgive our enemies,  
Thy pardon, Lord, we crave;  
Into temptation lead us not,  
But us from evil save;

For kingdom, pow'r and glory, all  
Belong, O Lord, to Thee;  
Thine from eternity they were,  
And Thine shall ever be.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 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  
on the cup return table.)*

**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 +**

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free!

***Refrain***

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Thro' death into life everlasting,  
He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conqu'rors we are! (***refrain***)

His Word shall not fail you  
He promised; Believe Him, and all will be well:  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell! (*refrain*)

**“Shine On Us”**

Lord, let Your light,  
Light of Your face shine on us.  
Lord, let Your light,  
Light of Your face shine on us.  
That we may be saved,  
That we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace,  
Grace from Your hand fall on us.  
Lord, let Your grace,  
Grace from Your hand fall on us.  
That we may be saved,  
That we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
Let Your grace fall on us.

Lord, let Your love,  
Love with no end come over us.  
Lord let Your love,  
Love with no end come over us.  
That we may be saved,  
That we may have life;  
To find our way in the darkest night,  
Let Your love come over us,  
Let Your light shine on us.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for opening our eyes through this salutary gift. Help us to walk as children of light, with our eyes ever toward You in faith and toward one another with love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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.)

### “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

### Chorus

**My chains are gone, I've been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures. **(chorus twice)**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.

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## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to John and Wendy Hazen for the lovely Altar flowers,  
given to glory of God in honor of John and Grady's birthdays.*

**† LENTEN MIDWEEKS**

- **This Wednesday, March 18: 5:30 Taco Potluck – You can bring a dessert if you wish.**  
**6:15 Concert, Beautiful Savior**
- March 25, 3:30 and 7:00pm: Pastor Jim Sprengle, Ascension

**† SPRING CLEANUP FOR EASTER**

Join us for a Church Spring Clean on March 21 from 9:00 to 12:00pm. Let's get the church sparkling for Easter. Various inside duties are planned. You can bring any items you think you may need along to help. If it is a nice day, we might plant some flowers to bring some color to the property!

**† CHRISTIANITY 101**

To sign up, let Pastor Jim Know, call 503-665-8821 or email [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org).

**† IRON MEN FELLOWSHIP**

Real conversations. Real faith. Real brothers in Christ. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend! The next Iron Men will meet Saturday, March 28 at 8:00am in the Community Room. This group meets on the 4th Saturday of each month, mark you calendar!

**† ATTN: USHERS-WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND ELDERS**

**What:** Usher / Worship Assistant / Elder Meeting – Your attendance matters!

**Where:** Community Room at Ascension

**When:** Saturday, March 28, 10:00am to 11:00am

**Why:** Introduce Rich Bartell, new procedures, best practices

**† OFFERING ENVELOPES**

If you need new offering envelopes, you may find another box on the table under the television in the Narthex.

**† EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Outreach Board is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Vance Park on Sat. April 4 beginning at 10:30am. If you want to help, talk to Cindy Reinert.

## † EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter Breakfast will be on April 5 from 9:30 to 10:45am. Tickets will go on sale after both services on March 15, 22 and 29. Tickets are \$5 per person; families of 4 or more \$20; children 10 and under are free. Save your ticket to be entered for door prizes.

If you would like to bring food items for breakfast, see the white board in the Narthex to sign up.

If you have any items to donate toward our door prizes (new or GENTLY used) you may bring them to the office.

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Debbie Rekdahl, Carolyn Shore, The Family of Cal Stabenow, The family of Barbara Schrader, The family of Jerry Bangs, The family of Mike Fogarty, Regan, Diane and Ed and Ingrid (friends and neighbors of Cynthia Jacobsen), Barbara Lewis, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)

Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

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

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller's)

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## MILESTONES – Sunday, Mar. 15 through Sat., Mar. 22

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Amy Sheppard	Mar. 19	Mike Potter	Mar. 21
Corey Ritchie	Mar. 21	Jenny Schuldheisz	Mar. 21

### BIRTHDAYS:

Don Hilliard	Mar 17	Wilma Mukul	Mar 17
Margaret Hubbard	Mar 19	Karon Keup	Mar 20
Corey Ritchie	Mar 21	Ruby Sylvia	Mar 22

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

NONE

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, MARCH 15, 2026**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Duke Sheppard Bryant Sheppard	Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Karon Keup	Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Jan Oswald	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: John and Wendy Hazen	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Lottie Guericke and Stan Chapulis	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Michele and Carrie: Unit 2, Lesson 14	

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**NO MIDWEEK AT ASCENSION THIS WEEK – MARCH 18**

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**ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Wyatt Brown
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rich Bartell Jim Eckart	Matthias Mclanaey John Aden
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Michele Sprengle
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Sue Rotramel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Virginia Jacobs	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Hana and Gina: Unit 3, Lesson 1	

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 15–SAT., MAR. 21, 2026**

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<b>Sunday, Mar. 15</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
<b>Lent 4</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Mar. 16</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study

<b>Tuesday, Mar. 17</b>	2:30pm	Confirmation
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 18</b>	5:30pm	Taco Potluck at Beautiful Savior
	6:15pm	Lenten Concert
<b>Thursday, Mar. 19</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 22–SAT., MAR. 28, 2026**

<b>Sunday, Mar. 22</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>Lent 5</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Mar. 23</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 24</b>	2:30pm	Confirmation
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 25</b>	3:30pm	Lent 5 Worship Service
	7:00pm	Lent 5 Worship Service
<b>Thursday, Mar. 26</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, Mar. 28</b>	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion
	10:00am	Usher, Worship Assistant, Elder Mtg.

**Attendance**

Wednesday, March 4	3:30pm	26
	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>27</u>
	<b>Total =</b>	<b>53</b>
Sunday, Mar. 8	8:30am	43
	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>75</u>
	<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>118</b>
Adult Bible Class Mar. 8		31

**GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS**

February General Fund Tithes	\$ 44,797.42
February Expenses	<u>\$ 35,169.14</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ \$ 9,628.28</b>

**DEDICATED OFFERINGS**

<i>February Dedicated Offerings</i>	\$ 162.00
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# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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