



*“This is My Son,  
MY CHOSEN ONE  
listen to Him!”*

*Matt. 9:35 (ESV)*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

*“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”*

February 27, 2022

## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 27, 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.)*

(**P**) = Pastor, (**C**) = Congregation, (**A**) = Reader/Assisting)

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### Theme: “Consider Jesus”

**AS WE GATHER:** The reading from Deuteronomy extols Moses as the greatest prophet. He led God’s people toward the Promised Land, but the Epistle draws a contrast between him and our Lord. “Consider Jesus,” the Epistle encourages us today, not because He is a great servant with us in the “house,” or Church, the people of God, but because He is over it as the builder. When Jesus was baptized, the voice from heaven declared Him to be pleasing to His Father in heaven. The voice from the cloud on the Mount of Transfiguration adds a command not only to the three disciples, but to us as well: “Listen to Him!” From that mount to Mount Calvary, He, the Word Incarnate, tells us of God’s great love; He goes to the cross willingly so that we may graciously follow Him through death to our eternal promised land of heaven.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### HYMN

#### “Jesus, Take Us To The Mountain”

(tune – “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”)

Jesus take us to the mountain, Where with Peter, James and John,  
We are dazzled by Your glory, Light as blinding as the sun.  
There prepare us for the night By the vision of that sight.

What do You want us to hear there That Your dear disciples heard?  
Once again the voice from Heaven Says of the Incarnate Word,  
“Listen, listen, everyone, This is My beloved Son!”

Take us to that other mountain Where we see You glorified,  
Where You shouted, “It is finished!”, Where for all the world You died.  
Hear the stunned cen-tu-ri-on, “Truly this was God’s own Son!”

We, who have beheld Your glory, Risen and ascended Lord,  
Cannot help but tell the story, All that we have seen and heard,  
Say with Peter, James and John, You are God’s beloved Son!

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SCRIPTURE *Hebrews 3:6a; Luke 9:35; Psalm 99:9*

- P** Christ is faithful over God's house as a son.
- C** **And we are His house.**

- P** "This is My Son, My Chosen One;
- C** **listen to Him!"**

- P** Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His holy mountain;
- C** **for the LORD our God is holy!**

## CONFESSION

### (sung – "Rock of Ages" – stanza 2)

Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- P** Let us consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### (sung – "Rock of Ages" – stanza 3)

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

**P** Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, even though He knew His disciples would forsake and deny Him. He went to the cross so that He could offer us all full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore 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.

Heavenly Father, in times past You spoke through Your servants, the prophets, who proclaimed Your Word of promise until Your Son would come to save us. Strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit that we may listen to our Savior, by whose death and resurrection the heavenly promised land awaits us; through the same 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

### Deuteronomy 34:10–12 (ESV)

(Moses was the greatest prophet.)

<sup>10</sup> And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, <sup>11</sup> none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,

<sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

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

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

## EPISTLE

**Hebrews 3:1–6 ESV**

(Moses served in God’s house,  
but Jesus is the Son of God, its builder.)

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, <sup>2</sup> who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God’s house. <sup>3</sup> For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. <sup>4</sup> (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) <sup>5</sup> Now Moses was faithful in all God’s house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, <sup>6</sup> but Christ is faithful over God’s house as a Son. And we are His house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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

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

## LAMBS’ LESSON

**Pastor Jim Sprengle**

## HOLY GOSPEL

(Jesus is transfigured, and the voice tells  
the disciples to listen to Him.)

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

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

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings He took with Him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And as He was praying, the appearance of His face was altered, and His clothing became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> And behold, two men were talking with Him, Moses and Elijah, <sup>31</sup> who appeared in glory and spoke of His departure, which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup> Now Peter and those who were with Him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him. <sup>33</sup> And as the men were parting from Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!” <sup>36</sup> And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

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

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

**HYMN**

**“Be Thou My Vision”**

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, Save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought, By day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, And Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee And Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, And I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, Nor man’s empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, Now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, First in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, My Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, My victory won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, Whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**SERMON**

**“NO COMPARISON”**

**Hebrews 3:1–6**  
**Pastor Jim Sprenkle**

## 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.)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various needs.

Moses was the leader of God's people as they sojourned from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. O Holy Spirit, raise up people to govern our nation freely and justly. Give them courage to enact laws that protect all who live within their borders. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** The Israelites had to deal with the tribes already in the Promised Land. Around the world today, good Lord, guide and protect firefighters, first responders, and all those who go in harm's way in their communities. Accompany and protect armed forces deployed across the globe wherever nations are in conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

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



**P** Lord Jesus, You accompanied the disciples as they returned to the others. Be among Your Church as it gathers anywhere around Word and Sacrament. Bless Your Church and give Your people courage and opportunity to spread the news of Your death for our sins and Your resurrection on the third day for our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** The three disciples on the mountain “were heavy with sleep.” Surround people who are tired, poor, sick, or lonely with faith-filled medical personnel, friends, and family who seek to meet their needs. We especially pray for...Use us as part of Your answers to their prayers, heavenly Father, to bring about strength, health, security, and companionship. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** You are the giver of every good and perfect gift, and we give You thanks, O Lord, for all Your blessings, both temporal and eternal, as we remember those who celebrate this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your gracious hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors,  
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil,  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever. Amen.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 12 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 HYMNS**

**“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 conquerors 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)

### **“Beautiful Savior”**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows; Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, pleased with Your Son on the Mount of Transfiguration, we give thanks for the pardon and peace You have given us for His sake in this Sacrament. As He descended to the plain with His disciples, accompany us now on our journey with Your Holy Spirit that we be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

## HYMN

### **“Lift Your Eyes And See The Glory”**

(tune: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – *HYFRYDOL*)

#### **(ALL sing)**

Lift your eyes and see the glory, Christ adorned in majesty,  
Shining bright upon the mountain, To the world, a mystery.  
With the ancient prophets standing, Christ appears in garments white,  
Covered by a cloud of glory Clothed in everlasting light.

#### **(ALL – 8:30, choir only – 11:00)**

Like a star, His face was shining, He who was the Light of all,  
And His faithful friends beheld it, Filled with wonder and with awe.  
From the sky, a voice was speaking: “This is My beloved Son;”  
Words fulfilling all the prophets, Coming from the heart of God.

#### **(ALL)**

This our shout of acclamation: Christ the Son is King of kings.  
He is holy. He is worthy. He is Lord of everything.  
Glory, blessings, laud and honor Be to Christ, the Lord of grace!  
Fill your heart with alleluias. Christ is worthy of all praise!

## DISMISSAL

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS      FEBRUARY 27, 2022

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### † GOSPEL MISSION BRACELET HELP

Stop by the Community Room or office on weekdays to get supplies to put together bags of items to assemble Gospel Bracelets for the upcoming Lenten get-togethers. It is a wonderful way to pass on the story of salvation.

### † THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I

Join in this amazing opportunity, everyone is invited! Classes are the second and fourth Saturday of the month beginning on March 12 from 10:30am to noon.

9 Sessions in total: March 12, 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.

Books must be ordered in advance for \$13.50. If you would like a copy, please let us know soon!

### † TRUMPET RECITAL!

Join us here at Ascension on Friday, March 18th at 4:00pm for an inspiring recital featuring Karlee Wood, a student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and granddaughter of Rich and Karen Zahursky. It is going to be a great opportunity to see this level of talent!

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bruce Blubaum
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Marcus Young Jim Eckart	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman Wyatt Brown
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter (Sound)
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Karla Deal	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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**ASSISTING IN ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2**

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	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl	NEEDED
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Michele Sprengle	Michele Sprengle (Sound)
<b>Greeters:</b>	Lottie Guericke	Carrie Graham
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 6, LENT I**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Marcus Young NEEDED	Marcus Young John Knoke
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	John Hazen (Sound)
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Rebecca Williamson	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

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### THIS WEEK – Sunday, Feb. 27 – Saturday, Mar. 5

<b>Sunday, Feb. 27</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 1</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 2</b>	11:00am	CareConnect
	3:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
<b>Thursday, Mar. 3</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Mar. 4</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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### NEXT WEEK – Sunday, March 6 – Saturday, March 12

<b>Sunday, Mar. 6</b> <i>LENT 1</i>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Monday, Mar. 7</b>	10:00am	Stewardship Meeting
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 8</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 9</b> Lent Midweek 2	3:30pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	5:30pm	Gospel Bracelet Get-together and Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday, Mar. 10</b>	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Mar. 11</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, Mar. 12</b>	10:30am	The Chosen Bible Study
		Daylight Saving Begins - Set your clock ahead

### † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto: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, Bob Rekdahl, 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), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

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## † **MILESTONES**

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### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Eric Kreps	2/28	Jennifer Netsch	2/28
Celia Kreps	3/1		

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Margo Bachhuber	3/1	Eileen Hatley	3/4
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### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Bruce and Judy Blubaum	Mar. 3, 1961
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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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