



"Lessons from the desert"

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, March 9, 2025

FIRST 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 upon request.*)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgar con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (*El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.*)

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: “40 DAYS IN THE WILDERNESS”

AS WE GATHER: As we have now entered the forty-day pilgrimage of Lent, we approach the most climactic event of our Lord’s earthly ministry, the one that confused and frightened the first followers of Jesus and perhaps even some to this day. The expectation of the establishment of the kingdom of God with Jesus, the Son of God, seated on a royal throne as ruler was demolished as they witnessed their Rabbi, Master, and Lord taken captive, convicted, tortured, and executed on that Passover in Jerusalem.

The cross has always been an offense. To this day, the same mystery stands: His royal throne is but a frightful cross of crucifixion—His kingdom hidden to the eyes. When confronted with the facts of God’s Word, many cannot see past this mystery. Yet it is the power of God’s Word that gives people the gift of faith and new eyes to see what was incomprehensible and secret now revealed by the Spirit of God. God’s truth is that in the death of Christ, redemption and forgiveness of sin now avails for the entire world. Sinners are delivered, justified before God by faith in the blood of Jesus shed on the cross and given the ability to repent and believe and become children of God for eternity. For sinful mankind, this life-giving truth is impossible to believe or understand. Only because of the mighty Word of God proclaimed to the world by His church and by the power of the Spirit is that otherwise mysterious Word actually easy and powerful to understand and to believe.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Thy Word”

Chorus

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

And a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear As long as You are near;
Please be near me to the end. **(chorus)**

I will not forget Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, And hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end. **(chorus)**

You're the light ----- unto ----- my path.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE Ps. 124:8; Rom. 10:13, 10; Ps. 13:5-6

P Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C who made heaven and earth.

P Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

C For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

P I have trusted in Your steadfast love;

C my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

CONFESSION

P The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

C a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

(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.

G **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. (Psalm 51:3-4)**

P 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.**

P Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live. Let us pray.

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

ABSOLUTION

P The Lord hears your confession, and you may rejoice in His grace. The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed as God's beloved children. So, give Him thanks and find His peace and comfort in this good news: 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.

G **Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You sent Your Son to be tempted by the devil, and by the power of Your Holy Word alone He defeated the old, evil foe for us. Increase our faith and confidence in Your mighty Word to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, that we may endure all temptation and remain true to Your call as members of Your family and the household of faith; 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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (ESV)

¹“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make His name to dwell there. ³And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ ⁴Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders.

⁹And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which You, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 10:8b-13 (ESV)

^{8b}“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. ³The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, ⁶and said to Him, “To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will.

⁷If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written,

“You shall worship the Lord your God,
and Him only shall you serve.”

⁹And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

“He will command His angels concerning You,
to guard You,’

¹¹and “On their hands they will bear You up,
lest You strike Your foot against a stone.”

¹²And Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”

tune: Thy Strong Word

Jesus, tempted in the desert,
Lonely, hungry, filled with dread;
“Use Your pow’r,” the tempter tells Him;
“Turn these barren rocks to bread!”
“Not alone by bread,” He answers,
“Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
Is our deepest hunger stilled!”

Jesus, tempted at the temple,
High above its ancient wall;
“Throw Yourself from lofty turret;
Angels wait to break Your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
Feats that fickle crowds request;
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
We must never vainly test.”

Jesus, tempted on the mountain,
By the lure of vast domain;
“Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame You’re sure to gain”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
Turns His eyes another way;
“God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!”

When we face temptation’s power,
Lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour,
Come and be our living bread.
By Your grace, protect, preserve us,
Lest we fall, Your trust betray.
Yours above all other voices,
Be the Word we hear, obey.

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SERMON

“LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Luke 4:1-13

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) “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

American spiritual, arr. Hal Hopson

Ascension Choir

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley, He had to walk it by Himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself.*

*We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.*

*Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; He had to bear it by Himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for Him, He had to bear it by Himself.
We must take our cross and follow; Yes, we must follow by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can follow for us, we have to follow by ourselves.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, almighty Father, we give You thanks for Your clear and mighty Word by which You brought the entire universe into being and also ourselves as individual members of the human family. More than that, however, we praise You for re-creating us by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be numbered among those counted already now as citizens of Your heavenly, eternal kingdom. Continue to form, guide, and direct us that we may be salt and light in this world, witnesses of Your eternal grace and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for Your whole church of every time and every place—all those who rejoice with us in the truth of Your Holy Word as well as those living amid the suppression of Your truth who are challenged for their faith in the clarity of Your Word by the lies and confusion of unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Enable all who preach and teach Your Law and Gospel, those called to administer Your Holy Sacraments, and every servant of Your people with the stamina and conviction required to faithfully convey Your Word of truth both in season and out of season to convince, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and patience. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Graciously grant to our nation, our people, and those who lead and serve in public office wisdom to seek and acknowledge Your divine will, that justice and peace may prevail among all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Grant Your healing and comfort to all who are sick or hospitalized, those cast down by sorrow or fear, and all who are in any need of body or spirit...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We give You thanks for the gift of life and all Your blessings, and we rejoice with those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth
 as it is in heaven;
 give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

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

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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 +

“We Remember You”

In broken bread And the cup that we share,
We remember You.

In broken bread And the cup that we share,
We remember You.

(Chorus)

**We remember You Jesus,
We remember Your love for us,
We remember the blood You shed,
We remember You.**

In broken bread And the cup that we share,
We remember You.

In broken bread And the cup that we share,
We remember You. **(chorus)**

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“Jesus Died My Soul To Save”

I stand amazed at Your love for me,
That lonely night in Gethsemane.
This sinner’s heart can’t help but thrill
To hear You pray, “Father, not My will.”

Chorus

**What depth of love, what reach of grace!
Oh, how my grateful heart now aches
To sing it louder, the refrain,
Jesus died my soul to save.**

Atonement full applied to me,
The blood that spilled at Calvary,
Has swallowed all my sin and shame.
I’m reconciled in Jesus’ name. **(chorus)**

(Bridge) Oh, such pleasure, oh, such pain,
The Father’s wrath and fury lay
On Christ Who saves and angels praise.
Jesus died my soul to save.

Come you broken, bound by sin
And let your weary journey end.
Come and lay your burdens down
Where mercy rules and peace abounds. **(chorus)**

(Ending) What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, both for Your command to believe and for the faith to receive this salutary gift, and we pray that as Christ’s redeemed people we may show forth the light of Your grace and love to our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G **Amen.**

RESPONSORY

(Psalm 91:1-3; 9)

- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
P I will say to the LORD,
C “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
P For He will deliver you.
C The Most High, who is my refuge.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

LSB 718

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.
- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to the Brown family for the beautiful
Altar flowers given in memory of Jessica,
to the glory of God.*

† CALLIGRAPHY CLASS IS ONGOING

The calligraphy class offered Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the Community Room are ongoing until March 26. Everyone is welcome. All supplies are provided, and the cost is \$2. Call Carolyn Gordon with any questions: 503-674-6713.

† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS

It is time for us to outfit a new family with essentials at My Father's House. Please check out the whiteboard in the Narthex to see what you can donate. Write your name by the item you are getting and then bring it to the Community room after you have bought it. All items must be new and unopened. Thank you for your generosity!

† SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – WE NEED YOUR HELP

- A/V and Sound Booth
- PowerPoint
- Ushers
- Greeters

If you're willing to serve, please let Michele know: 503-665-8821 or office@alcportland.org.

† KARLA DEAL MEMORIAL

The memorial for Karla Deal is planned for Saturday, Mar. 22 at 1:00pm at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave, Portland, OR 97211.

† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS –

Looking for a way to support and strengthen Ascension? If you have a Thrivent account, you may be able to participate in Thrivent's charitable outreach program, Thrivent Choice. Eligible Thrivent members can choose where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing their Choice Dollars to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Ascension.

If you have Choice Dollars for 2024 that you did not designate, it is not too late! You can do so BEFORE March 31, 2025.

If you previously donated or directed Choice Dollars to us, we thank you for your support! If you haven't yet participated in Thrivent Choice but would like to learn more or participate, visit:

www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice You may also contact Neil Zeller for help. Thanks, Your Stewardship Board

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Carol Hoefler, The Family of Karla Deal, Riki Neagle, Bobbie Adams, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Randy Bryant's friend (Robert), Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
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 Neil and Deb Zeller)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MARCH 9 – SAT., MARCH 15

Sunday, March 9	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
Monday, March 10	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, March 11	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 12	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class
	3:30pm	Lent 1 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 1 Midweek Worship
Thursday, March 13	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, March 14	5:30pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 16 – SAT., MAR. 22

Sunday, March 16	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, March 17	1:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, March 19	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class
	3:30pm	Lent 2 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 2 Midweek Worship
Thursday, March 20	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, March 21	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night
Saturday, March 22	1:00pm	Karla Deal Memorial at St. Michaels Lutheran Church

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Mar. 9– Saturday, March 15

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Caleb Zeebuyth Mar. 13

BIRTHDAYS:

Catalina Hernandez	Mar. 9	Ellie Graham	Mar. 10
John Hazen	Mar. 11	Amy Sheppard	Mar. 11
Linda Tatum	Mar. 11	Jenny Schuldheisz	Mar. 12
J. E. Knox	Mar. 13	Deb Zeller	Mar. 14

WEDDINGS: NONE

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 9, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	John Aden Marcus Young Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Tom Osgood	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Joann Schulz	Sue Rotramel
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Jan Oswald (and March 12)	
Flowers:	Both Services: The Don Brown Family	
Counters:	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald (March 5 and 9)	
Sunday School	9:45am: Hana Brandt and Gina Kreps	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 16, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Mike Adams Randy Schroeder John Aden	Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Christina Freeman Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Michele Sprengle
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber (and March 19)	
Flowers:	Both Services: John and Wendy Hazen	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier (March 12 and 16)	
Sunday School	9:45am: Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle	

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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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