



Whoever  
loses his  
life for my  
sake will

*Find it.*

Matthew 10:39 (ESV)

Ascension Lutheran Church

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

July 2, 2023



## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE PENTECOST

Sunday July 2, 2023

**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: “The Toughest Job You’ll Ever Love”**

### **As We Gather**

In the popular show *Dirty Jobs*, host Mike Rowe would involve himself for a time with a job that would be considered dirty and often downright messy. It was entertaining for the viewer to watch but also caused the audience to wonder if they could do a job like that. As people called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit and made God’s own, He has given us a job. It may not be considered dirty, but it is difficult. The job is to live as His people, to serve as His witnesses, to testify to His truth, and to follow Him where He leads. As hearers, we then wonder, “Can I do a job like that?” It would be tough for His disciples then and remains tough for us today. But even in those jobs we are privileged to have as His people, we don’t go it alone. Jesus has done the dirty work in this world for us through His perfect life and sacrificial death on the cross leading to His victorious resurrection. Because of that, He goes with us wherever He places us to do His work for the sake of others now and for the sake of His kingdom to come.

### **Prelude**

**Special thanks to Peggy Hall for her musical leadership in our worship this morning.**

## Welcome

### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be

In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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## Invocation

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

## Opening Sentences

*Matthew 10:39–40*

- P** Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today’s Gospel, “Whoever finds his life will lose it,
- C** and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”
- P** “Whoever receives you receives Me,
- C** and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

## Confession and Absolution *Matthew 16:24; 22:37; Mark 12:30–31*

- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
- C** We confess that we have put love for other things above You in our hearts, souls, and minds.
- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and, as we follow, to “love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself.”
- C** We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserves Your present and eternal punishment.

- P** You call us, Lord, to follow, and tell us, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.”
- C** **We have often failed to take up Christ’s cross in our daily living, our witnessing, and our resisting of temptation.**
- P** As we follow in repentance and humbleness,
- C** **for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ 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.
- Lord Jesus Christ, as we follow You, You call for devotion to Your kingdom apart from the things of this world. Even as the sword of truth divides,
- C** **help us to know lasting peace and find fulfillment and forgiveness in You;**
- P** 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 always.
- C** **And also with you.**

## + THE WORD +

### Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 28:5-9 (ESV)*

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Romans 7:1-6 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to Him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Lambs' Lesson

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*



## Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. <sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

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

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

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

**“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said**

(tune – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast - *Erhalt Uns, Herr*)

“Take up your cross,” the Savior said,  
“If you would My disciple be;  
Forsake the past, and come this day,  
And humbly follow after Me.”

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
Pervade your soul with vain alarm;  
His strength shall bear your spirit up,  
Sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
Nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
For You the Lord endured the cross  
To save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
Nor think till death to lay it down;  
For only those who bear the cross  
May hope to wear a golden crown.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.

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**Sermon**  
**I'M FREE!**

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*  
*Matthew 10:34-42*

## **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 people of God and for all people according to their needs.

Ever-gracious Lord, You have blessed us with time, talents, and abilities to serve others in various vocations. You have also given us the privilege of serving You. As we continue in the joyful job of following You, witnessing Your truth, and living faithfully with Your Word as our guide, grant us continued confidence in Your presence, Your promises, and Your ultimate peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Ever-present Lord, we know in this world we will have trouble. Our Savior speaks of divisions and disturbances even among those closest to us as we bear the name of Your beloved children. In times of trial, grant us a sure faith in Christ's redemptive work accomplished for us. Even as the sword divides, Your cross brings peace for those who believe that You have overcome this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty God, You have given us this good land as our heritage. Grant that we remember Your generosity and constantly do Your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil course of action. Grant that we, who came from many nations with many different languages, may become a united people. Support us in defending our liberties, and give those to whom we have entrusted the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, may our hearts be thankful, and in troubled times do not let our trust in You fail. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Comfort, O God, with Your Holy Spirit all who are in trouble, want, sickness, anguish of labor, peril of death, or any other adversity *especially*...Grant courage and steadfastness especially to those who suffer for Your name's sake that they may receive and accept their afflictions in the confidence that You will acknowledge them as Your own. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We give You thanks for the special days, milestones, and other blessings being celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** These and whatsoever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

**(11:00am service, please turn to page 15 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 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 +

#### I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole:

**Refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!**

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **(refrain)**
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **(refrain)**
- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **(refrain)**
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
It is faith's bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
The covenant of hope and grace. **(refrain)**

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## Beautiful Savior

- 1 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.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 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.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that as on this earth Your sword divides, through this Means of Grace You have made us one and given us peace. Grant in our jobs, vocations, relationships, and daily lives that we may live the truth of Your Word that has come to our ears and touched our lips in Christ, the Word made flesh. As Your forgiven people, strengthen us by this Sacrament that we may be one in faith and may love You, the one true God, with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we follow You; for You live and reign as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** As we follow our Lord, and as we with joy go to the jobs He would have us do, the Lord goes with you.

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.)

### America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountains majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw.  
Confirm thy soul in self control, Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife.  
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

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## Dismissal

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thank you to Wilma Aguilar for the lovely Altar flowers.*



## † INSTALLATION SERVICE

Officers and Board members will be installed for service on Sunday July 9 at both services. If you are a board member or officer please attend one of these important worships.

## † SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! Sunday, August 20 at 10:30am ~ ONE WORSHIP ~ Lunch will follow. Look for more details to come!

## † THANKS, FROM KARLA DEAL

Dear Ascension Family, thank you for your prayers, cards, support and outpouring of love over the past months. God has blessed my cancer treatments and procedures. They are complete and we're praying for a healthy future. Your Sister in Christ, Karla Deal

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821 Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Rich Zahursky, The Brown Family, Carolyn Barendse, Gina Kreps, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacobs Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

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).

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, JULY 2, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Bob Rekdahl Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Bonnie Webber
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wilma Aguilar
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney James Freeman Bob Freeman Johnnie Driessner
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman Virginia Jacobs
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	None
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JULY 2 - SAT., JULY 8**

<b>Sunday, July 2</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, July 4</b>		Office Closed
		NO Elder Meeting
		Crafting Get-Together
<b>Wednesday, July 5</b>	2:00pm	C-101 week 6
	6:00pm	
<b>Thursday, July 6</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
<b>Friday, July 7</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JULY 9 - SAT., JULY 15**

<b>Sunday, July 9</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, July 11</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, July 12</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 week 7
<b>Thursday, July 13</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
<b>Friday, July 14</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

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**† MILESTONES - SUN., JULY 2 - SAT., JULY 8**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

John Knoke	July 3	Millie Edwards	July 4
Maxine Markwart	July 4	Teresa Osgood	July 6
Roberta Ritchie	July 6	Debbie Rekdahl	July 8

**BIRTHDAYS**

Luis Lavadores	July 2	Fredia Moore	July 2
Joshua Mundo	July 4	Merci McInaney	July 7
Bob Rekdahl	July 8		

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Jerry and Alma Bangs	July 4, 1999
Rich and Hilary Sylvia	July 6, 2016

# 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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