



I AM

*the Door.*

if anyone

enters by Me,

he will be

**SAVED...**

John 10:9 (ESV)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, April 26, 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Welcome** to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

**NURSERY AVAILABLE** We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

**Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:**

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available 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: "THE DOOR OF JESUS' CROSS"

**AS WE GATHER:** The place where we worship is often called the Lord's house. It is a sacred space, a holy house, and more. It is our blessed home. English clergyman Isaac Watts, who authored hundreds of hymn texts during his life, concluded his paraphrase of the Twenty-Third Psalm in this memorable way: "The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; oh, may His house be my abode and all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home" (*OAR* 272). We are so much more than strangers or guests here today. We are children at home. Paul writes to the Ephesians and to us, "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.
  
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
 Poor and sinful though we be;  
 You have mercy to relieve us,  
 Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 Early let us turn to You.  
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
 Early let us do Your will;  
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
 With Your love our spirits fill.  
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.  
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us, Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt., Text: Public domain

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 16:1–2, 5–6, 9, 11

- P Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.  
 C **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”**  
 P The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.  
 C **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**  
 P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.  
 C **You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalms 85:1–2, 7

P LORD, You were favorable to Your land;

C **You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

P You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

C **You covered all their sin.**

P Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,

C **and grant us Your salvation.**

P Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, mighty Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not lived up to our calling to be at peace with each other. Many times, we do not share Your peace in our homes, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We fall short of loving You and loving those around us. We repent and are truly sorry for our sins in thought, word, and deed. Have mercy on us, merciful Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

P God has promised His merciful forgiveness to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in confession. He will revive them and speak peace to His people. In His stead and by His command, therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of peace and joy, and finally bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, Your Son is the Shepherd of Your people. Grant that, when we hear His call, we will know His voice and follow where He leads; who, with You and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

### + THE WORD +

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 2:19-25 (ESV)

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

<sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.

<sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth.

<sup>23</sup>When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:1-10 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

## **“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

LSB 709

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
And He is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
My ransomed soul He leadeth  
And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
With food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love He sought me  
And on His shoulder gently laid  
And home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death’s dark vale I fear no ill  
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
And, oh, what transport of delight  
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, Text: Public domain

## **SERMON “THE DOOR IS CALLING”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
John 10:1-10

## **NICENE CREED**

- C **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.)*

### **“The Shepherd Song”**

Based on Psalm 23;

additional words and music by L. Hodges and J. Coates

#### **Ascension Choir**

*The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie;  
In pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.*

*Like a shepherd caring for His sheep, my God provides for my ev'ry need;  
Pastures green and quiet waters are beside me as I walk His way.  
He leads in paths of righteousness as I'm walking with my Lord each day.*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, our blessed Shepherd, and for all people according to their needs:

We pray for the whole church, that through it, the goodness of God be shared and the Good News of salvation joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are in need, assured of the Shepherd's care for all His sheep. Give us willing hearts to help those who travel with us through life, as we are led by our Good Shepherd day by day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for the nations of the world, asking that still waters of peace flow around the globe and that there be goodness and kindness among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for our families and everyone in them. Grant that together we follow the Good Shepherd as one flock in which all dwell in love and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those whose tables are set in difficult or challenging places, whose lives know want or discord or sadness or continuing illness...Gently guide them with Your rod and staff, Good Shepherd, and keep them ever with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P With gratefulness we remember those who already dwell in the eternal house of the Lord forever. Inspired us to pass throughout our earthly journeys with faith and with hope as we heed the voice of our Good Shepherd and follow in His ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer. 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.

**(8:30am service, please turn to page 13 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 HYMNS +

#### “Lamb of God”

LSB 550

- 1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.
- Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**
- 2 Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **(refrain)**
- 3 I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. **(refrain)**

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#### “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

My Shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is His name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,  
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wand'ring spirit back,  
When I forsake His ways;  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk thro' the shades of death  
Thy presence is my stay;  
One word of Thy supporting breath  
Drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
Oh may Thy house be my abode,  
And all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, our heavenly Father, as part of Your loving plan for us You have again welcomed us at Your Table. We thank You for the blessings of this Holy Meal. As the bread was once scattered as seed upon the fields and after being harvested was made one, so let Your church be gathered together into one flock from the ends of the earth until at last we taste the fullness of Your great goodness in Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### “Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me  
Upon life’s way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me  
From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor  
I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior,  
And lead the way.
  
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,  
I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages,  
Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding,  
I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding,  
In peace I go.
  
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen  
And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen  
My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me,  
O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me  
Unto the end.

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## DISMISSAL

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

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Thank you to Karen Zahursky for the  
lovely Altar flowers,  
in memory of Rich, given to the glory  
of God.

**† BRIDAL SHOWER FOR KATHERINE HOUK**

All ladies invited to join us in celebrating the upcoming wedding of Katherine and Wyatt for a bridal shower on Sunday, May 3, at 12:30pm (after the late worship) in the Community Room. There will be a luncheon and sweet treats. Please RSVP to Michele at 503-665-8821 or email [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org).

The bride and groom are registered at ZOLA.com if you need help finding a gift for the happy couple.

**† THANK YOU FROM DEBBIE REKDAHL**

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and well-wishes received while I was in the hospital, rehab, and now at home. They strengthened me through the many blood tests and procedures done as they looked for a diagnosis and the procedures continue as they try to determine what I have. The ongoing support and prayers of family and church friends sustain me and they are very much appreciated. I am so blessed. You all are blessings to me and I thank you.

**† CHRISTIANITY 101**

Class continues Monday at 10:30am.

**† YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Each Monday evening at 6:00pm.

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Debbie Rekdahl, Carolyn Shore, The Family of Lorraine Haggard, The Family of Don Tigges, 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. \*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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**GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS**

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March General Fund Tithes	\$ 36,152
March Expenses	<u>\$ 54,163</u>
<b>Difference</b>	- (\$ 18,011)

(The employee pension funds have been brought up to date. The total needed was \$17,300. Benefits are now intact.)

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**DEDICATED OFFERINGS**

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<i>March Dedicated Offerings</i>	<i>\$ 607</i>
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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN. APR. 26–SAT., MAY 2**

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<b>Sunday, April 26</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, April 27</b>	10:30am	C-101
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>	2:30pm	Confirmation
<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 3–SAT., MAY 9**

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<b>Sunday, May 3</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
<b>Monday, May 4</b>	12:30pm	Katherine Houk Bridal Shower
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
	10:30am	C-101
	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>	2:30pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Thursday, May 7</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rich Bartell-1 Mike Adams-2	John Aden-1 Matthias McInaney-2
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Alex Hodges
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Sue Lewis
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Sue Rotramel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Sunday School: Hana and Gina	

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ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Wyatt Brown
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Adams -1 John Aden -2	Don Brown-1 Marcus Young-2
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	John Hazen
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Alex Hodges
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Karon Keup	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: John and Wendy Hazen	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Sunday School: Audrey and Cynthia	

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Attendance

Sunday, April 19

8:30am 54

11:00am 76

**TOTAL = 130**

Adult Ed, April 19

**36**

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MILESTONES – Sunday, April 26 through Sat., May 2

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Sasha Harris	Apr. 28	Nekayla Maier	Apr. 28
Ty Fogarty	Apr. 29	Steven Schaefer	Apr. 29
Allan Krueger	Apr. 30	Robin Wymore	Apr. 1974
Mel Haggard	May 1	Alex Ritchie	May 1
Brooklyn Spencer	May 1	Eli Deal	May 2
Ellie Graham	May 2		

**BIRTHDAYS:** None

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Keith and Sue Wentela            May 2, 1981

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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

## Our Mission Statement:

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## Our Vision Statement:

*“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”*

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

## STAFF

**Rev. Jim Sprengle, Pastor**  
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