

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love
and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

Philippians 4:1 (ESV)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, March 16, 2025

SECOND 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: “STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH”

As We Gather: How’s your faith? Is it firm, steadfast, and strong? Or do you find that it seems to be growing weak, uncertain, or even in danger of disappearing at times? As we follow our Lord in this Lenten season, leading up to the distressing events of Holy Week, we are warned today that the same opposition, rejection, and betrayal faced by prophets like Jeremiah, and even Jesus, will also face us as His followers. What did He mean when He said, “You will be hated by all for My name’s sake”? (Luke 21:17). But rather than a dire prediction, Jesus said, “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11–12). When challenges arise and temptations overwhelm, we are reminded to remember and observe examples of faith, such as the apostle Paul in his many struggles and even our Lord Himself whose faith and confidence in His Father’s gracious design made Him endure “the cross, despising the shame” with the prospect of His certain victory and eternal placement at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2). That certainty is ours. Faith hangs on to the promise “I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown” (Revelation 3:11). Or as Paul says, “Therefore, my brothers, . . . my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord” (Philippians 4:1).

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702

- 1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

- 2 May Thy rich grace impart
 Strength to my fainting heart;
 My zeal inspire!
 As Thou hast died for me,
 Oh, may my love to Thee
 Pure, warm, and changeless be,
 A living fire!
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread
 And griefs around me spread,
 Be Thou my guide;
 Bid darkness turn to day,
 Wipe sorrow's tears away,
 Nor let me ever stray
 From Thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,
 When death's cold, sullen stream
 Shall o'er me roll,
 Blest Savior, then, in love,
 Fear and distrust remove;
 O bear me safe above,
 A ransomed soul!

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee", Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–87, Text: Public domain

INVOCATION


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

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 4:1, 3

- P** Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
- C** **Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**
- P** Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;
- C** **the LORD hears when I call to Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** As we eagerly await our final transformation as citizens of heaven on the day of resurrection, let us above all pursue steadfastness of faith, relying on the power and promises of God our heavenly Father.
- C** **O almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You in our weakness seeking and imploring the strength of Your grace and blessing. Our sins wear us down. Make us desire all that You promise and to firmly believe in Your forgiveness for all our days. We ask this only for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd.**
- P** Even amid the challenges and hardships of life in faith in this world, as citizens of the kingdom of God we have the assurance of grace abounding throughout our days. 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.**

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.
- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior’s righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”, Text: Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt., Text: Public domain

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as false prophets and teachers have arisen among Your people in all ages, give us such devotion to the truth of Your Word that we may stand firm in steadfast faith all our days; 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

Jeremiah 26:8-15 (ESV)

⁸When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, “You shall die!

⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?’” And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. ¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD.

¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, “This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears.”

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. ¹³Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that He has pronounced against you.

¹⁴But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (ESV)

¹⁷Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹Who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

¹Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” ³²And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish My course.

³³Nevertheless, I must go on My way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.’ ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!

How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! ³⁵Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see Me until you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“Jerusalem the Wayward”

tune: Jerusalem the Golden

- 1 Jerusalem the wayward,
Why do you turn from Me?
You strain to view your future
With eyes that will not see.
How can you speak of wisdom?
Your lying tongue is slurred.
How can you heed My warning
With ears deaf to My Word?
- 2 Jerusalem the prideful,
Who gloats in wicked shame,
Your crown is fleeting glory;
Your throne is passing fame.
You cry for vindication,
For vict’ry over foes.
The gods of your creation
Will bring defeat and woes.
- 3 Jerusalem, My people,
Your King is here to save.
You kill your faithful prophets,
But I will rule the grave.
Your Priest comes to the temple
To give the sacrifice.
This Lamb of God is able
To pay in full the price.

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SERMON
“THE COST OF TRUTH”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Philippians 3:17-4:1

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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.)

(8:30) “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 Almighty God, we give You thanks for Your gift and creation of faith in our hearts and minds. By this faith, we greatly rejoice in the power of Your Word and Spirit that gives us strength and confidence to face all the challenges we encounter. We live out that faith in praise of Your goodness and mercy and in love towards all who are in need of Your help and salvation. We ask You to hear our prayers and grant us Your help. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P For Your holy church throughout the world, all Christians redeemed by the blood of Christ, inspire firm and steadfast faith in Your truth that we all may remain faithful in the face of any and every challenge that would seek to cause us to fall. Preserve us and help us counter all false teachings that seek to contradict Your truth. Save us from all temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh that we may live with integrity and in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give to all pastors, teachers, and all who serve in Your church Your wisdom and grace that they be instruments of Your mercy to all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless all missionaries and faithful servants of our international fellowship of confessional Lutheran churches throughout all nations, granting them success in their ministries and safety, especially in challenging circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Inspire in our nation justice, honor, and peace. Grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land and help them to serve this people according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remembering all who have served You and have gone before us, now resting from their labors, we ask You to keep us in fellowship with them and with all Your saints and bring us at last to our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your Word and Spirit grant healing and comfort to all who are in sorrow, sickness, or any adversity...Be with all those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Give steadfastness of faith to all who endure any and every challenge to living according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks and rejoice with those who are 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.

(11:00 service, please turn to page 14 for the Closing Resp.)

+ 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

PEACE OF THE LORD

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.

We remember You Jesus,
We remember Your love for us,
We remember the blood You shed,
We remember You. **(repeat from beginning)**

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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 O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, for sending Your Son, our Lord, to be both a sacrifice for our sin and a model of the godly life. By His body and blood, strengthen our faith to stand steadfast as inheritors of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING RESPONSORY

LSB 587:1

P I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;

C And this my faith confessing, unmoved I stand on His sure Word.

P Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;

C Who trusts in human wisdom relies on shifting ground.

P God's Word is all-sufficient, it makes divinely sure;

C And trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.

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.)

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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† 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.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Carol Hoefer, 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)

† 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.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MARCH 16 – SAT., MAR. 22

Sunday, March 16 Lent 2	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

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 23 – SAT., MAR. 29

Sunday, March 23 Lent 3	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 24	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, March 25	Newsletter Items Due	
Wednesday, March 26	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class
	3:30pm	Lent 3 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 3 Midweek Worship
Thursday, March 27	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, March 28	5:30pm	Confirmation

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

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Mike Adams John Aden NEEDED	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: None in observance of Lent	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier (March 12 and 16)	
Sunday School	9:45am: Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 23, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefer
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Randy Schroeder
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Alex and Michele
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Peggy Hall
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Debbie Rekdahl (and March 26)	
Flowers:	Both Services: Merci McInaney	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie (March 19 and 23)	
Sunday School	9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham	

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Mar. 16– Saturday, March 22

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

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

BIRTHDAYS:

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

WEDDINGS:

None

† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Join us on March 21 at 6:30 pm for a SOUPER SMARTIES EVENT!
This is a soup potluck and trivia night! Come prepared to have a full stomach and lots of fun!

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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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