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Romans 5:19 (ESV)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, Feb 22, 2026

THE 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 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: “ADAM AND CHRIST: COMPARE AND CONTRAST”

AS WE GATHER: Adam and Jesus are a study in contrasts. Where man in the Garden of Eden was weak before the devil’s wiles, Jesus returns the words of Satan with the Word of God. In so doing, He does not simply repeat words but expresses His trust and confidence in the Father. The Spirit led Jesus to the place of temptation knowing that Jesus knew what Adam forgot. Thanks be to God the error of Adam is not like the gift of God in Christ. What Adam lost, Christ won and not for Himself but for all who believe in Him. The family of sinners born with Adam’s sin is contrasted with the sons and daughters of righteousness born of Christ and His atoning work. Everyone suffers from Adam’s sin but only those who believe know the saving fruits of Christ’s holy obedience.

PRELUDE

“The Tree Of Life”

(LSB 561 - based on today’s OT reading)

Ensemble

WELCOME

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest, whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see Him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free,
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me,
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable "I Am",
The King of glory and of grace.
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased with His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

I bow before the cross of Christ,
And marvel at this love divine,
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes.
This river's depths I cannot know,
But I can glory in its flood;
The Lord Most High has bowed down low,
And poured on me His glorious love,
And poured on me His glorious love.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 32:5

P I acknowledged my sin to You.

C I did not cover up my iniquity.

P I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."

C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever.

But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

LSB 422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, when Adam as parent of us all chose sin and its death, You did not condemn the people You had made but sent forth the promise of a new Adam, Jesus Christ, Your Son, to resist the lies of the evil one and earn a righteousness great enough to be given to all people in His name. Help us to abide in Christ and in His strength before the temptations of the devil; in the holy name of Jesus do we pray.

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

Genesis 3:1-19 (ESV)

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
He shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise His heel.”

¹⁶To the woman He said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”

¹⁷And to Adam He said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you,
‘You shall not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19 (ESV)

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the One who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one Man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one Man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one Man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But He answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command His angels concerning You,' and "'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to Him, “All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.”” ¹¹Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G 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
“GREATER GRACE”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Romans 5:12-19

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.)

“In Adam We Have All Been One”

(LSB 569)

Ensemble

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, in the midst of this life we are beset by many temptations. Fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus, who bore temptation for us and resisted to the point of death, and bring us through the evils of this fallen world to dwell with You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but desire that they turn from evil and live. Give pastors courage to warn of sin and death. Give all Christians strength to defend that message. Turn sinners to life by the proclamation of Christ, who delivers from all unrighteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You have established earthly authorities to punish evil and praise those who do good. Grant our rulers humble hearts to resist the allure of power and to worship You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, though You gave us stewardship of Your good creation, we often love the gifts more than the Giver. Save us from trusting in our possessions more than in Your Son. Teach us to use what You have provided to help those in need and to relieve the poor, the unemployed and the oppressed. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Father, hear us on behalf of those who are troubled in mind or body, the dying and those who grieve...Sustain them through their afflictions and pain, heal them according to Your gracious will and deliver them at the last to everlasting life in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Creator of all things, we rejoice with those who celebrate this week and thank You for...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a refuge from the world in the Body of Christ. Protect us from all evils of body and soul, that we would find rest in this life and eternal rest in Your heavenly embrace; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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, turn to page 14 for the Closing Scripture.)

+ 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

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

“Come Unto Jesus”

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here, bring your wounded hearts, broken and needy.
Come unto Jesus, mighty to heal.

Joy of the comfortless, Light for the straying,
Hope of the penitent, Peace in our strife.
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying
My yoke is easy, my burden is light.

Chorus

**Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.**

Come, taste the Bread of Life, broken for sinners.
Drink from the cup of His promise made sure.
Feast at His table as sons and as daughters.
Grace overflowing is yours evermore. **(chorus)**

Come, now and follow Him, this life forsaking.
All that was gain, count as nothing but loss.
Trade all this world for His kingdom unfading.
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.
Come unto Jesus, take up your cross.
Life everlasting He offers to us.

(Final Chorus)

**Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.**

**Come unto Jesus. Come unto Jesus.
Lay down your burdens, He is enough.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.
Come unto Jesus, rest in His love.**

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"Nothing But the Blood of Jesus"

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain

**Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

Glory! Glory! This I sing Nothing but the blood of Jesus,
All my praise for this I bring Nothing but the blood of Jesus. **(refrain)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, from Your Baptism You were led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil and You did not succumb to his wiles. Grant to all the baptized people of God strength in the hour of temptation that we may not fall victim to the devil's lies as Adam did, bringing sin and death upon all. Cover us with the righteousness by which Christ, the new Adam, equips us to endure the trial and receive the crown of everlasting life He won for us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C **who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P Put on the whole armor of God,

C **that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.**

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.)

“O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

LSB 418

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.
- 2 You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust
In God’s eternal Word.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves,
Since we have known God’s love.
- 4 Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in heaven’s praise.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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† DEDICATED ACCOUNTS FULLY FUNDED

At the February council meeting the leadership voted transfer \$10,277.21 from checking to the dedicated accounts, which fully funds any money borrowed. Your generosity is so appreciated! Thank you, Ascension members.

† THANKS, FROM THE FOGARTY FAMILY

The family would like to thank the congregation for all the work cleaning, setting up and food provided for the memorial service for Mike. Thanks for the cards and flowers. We are especially thankful for all the support and comfort during these difficult days. Mike asked a lot of this congregation during the soccer clinic, and you all stepped up and helped to make it possible over the last 20 years. Thanks for supporting our family. Blessings, Linda Fogarty

† ART FROM OUR COMMUNITY ROOM WALL

There is a box next to the library cabinet in the community room with the art so many of you were kind enough to lend to us. We are grateful for the donations, but as the panels have arrived, we will not have the wall space for art. If you want the church to keep the art just let the office know (office@alcpportland.org). If you want it, just take your piece home with you. We will find another spot for donations.

† WIDOWERS ESSAY OFFERING

Herb Hoefler has written an essay reflecting on his first year of grieving after his wife, Carol, was called home by our Lord. He is inviting other widowers in the congregation to receive a copy and gather to discuss it. They can contact him: herbhoefer@gmail.com or 503-780-8033 for a copy.

† LENTEN MIDWEEKS

Feb. 25, 3:30 and 7:00pm: Pastor John Durkin, Beautiful Savior

March 4, 3:30 and 7:00pm: Pastor Eric Lange, Redeemer

March 11, 3:30 and 7:00pm: Pastor Kevin Honstadt, Beautiful Savior

March 18: 5:30 Potluck – 6:15 Concert, Beautiful Savior

March 25, 3:30 and 7:00pm: Pastor Jim Sprengle, Ascension

† IRON MEN DEVOTION

The next Devotion will be Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8:00am. Join other men in the congregation to gather for fellowship and to grow around God's word.

† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 27 at 6:30pm. They will be joining for fellowship and fun. Do not miss out.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carolyn Shore, The Family of Cal Stabenow, The family of Barbara Schrader, The family of Jerry Bangs, The family of Mike Fogarty, Regan, Diane and Ed and Ingrid (friends and neighbors of Cynthia Jacobsen), Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, Marla Graber, Joann Schulz, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, *Larry Hart, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *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)

MILESTONES – Sunday, Feb. 22 through Sat., Feb. 28

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Alma Bangs	Feb. 22	Bruce Blubaum	Feb. 24
Gabriel Woods	Feb. 24	Stan Chapulis	Feb. 28
Eric Kreps	Feb. 28		

BIRTHDAYS:

Angel Mukul Aguilar	Feb. 23	Bradley Grosz	Feb. 24
Evan Kreps	Feb. 24		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Michael and Bobbie Adams Feb. 22, 1975

Attendance

Sunday, Feb. 15	8:30am	64
	11:00am	68
TOTAL		132

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., FEB. 22, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Wyatt Brown
Ushers:	Mike Adams Rich Bartell	Matthias McInaney Paul Walter
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Alex Hodges
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Rich Bartell	Jim Eckart
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
Flowers:	Both Services: Gertrud Bublies	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
Sunday School:	Hana and Gina – Unit 2, Lesson 11	

ASSISTING LENT MIDWEEK 2, WED, FEB. 25, 2026

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Ushers:	NEEDED	NEEDED
A/V:	Michele Sprengle	
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Altar Guild:	Margo Bachhuber	
Counters:	Sandy Kirchner and Cindy Reinert	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	John Aden Stan Chapulis	Don Brown Bob Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Peggy Hall	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Sandy Kirchner and Cindy Reinert	
Sunday School:	Katherine and Cynthia: Unit 2, Lesson 8	

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

January General Fund Tithes	\$ 34,088.50
January Expenses	<u>\$ 32,616.80</u>
Difference	+ \$ 1,471.70

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

<i>January Dedicated Offerings</i>	\$ 1,916.83
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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 22–SAT., FEB. 28, 2026

Sunday, Feb. 22	8:30am	Worship
Lent 1	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Feb. 23	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Feb. 24	2:30pm	Confirmation
Wednesday, Feb. 25	3:30pm	Lent 2 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 2 Midweek Worship
Thursday, Feb. 26	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Feb. 27	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night
Saturday, Feb. 28	8:00am	Iron Men Fellowship
	3:00pm	Private Events

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 1–SAT., MAR. 7, 2026

Sunday, Mar. 1	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
Lent 2	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Mar. 2	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Mar. 3	2:30pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 4	3:30pm	Lent 3 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 3 Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 5	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

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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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