



# Ascension Lutheran Church

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

May 14, 2023 ~ Life Sunday / Mothers Day

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**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: “Blessed For Life”

**As We Gather:** The value of every human life flows from three simple but profound Scriptural truths: Every human life is created by God. Every human life is someone for whom Jesus died. Every human life is someone God desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him. That is what God has done that gives life value. That is why we value life!

### Prelude

(11:00)

#### “God Knew Your Name”

Jim Likens / Arr. by Chris Bergmann

**Karon Keup, soloist**

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### Welcome

### HYMN

#### “Breathe My Name”

(tune: Joyful, Joyful)

God, the Father, You have known me from creation of the earth,  
Searched me, Lord, completely knowing of the moment of my birth,  
Fashioned me within my mother, with Your hands You knitted me,  
Breathed into my life Your breath a living soul I came to be.

Dearest Jesus, You have known me on the cross of Calvary,  
Searched my soul completely saving, breathed your last in place of me,  
Through the water and the Spirit washed away my life of sin,  
Crucified together with You, Lord, in me You breathe again.

Holy Spirit, You have known me all my days before they came,  
Nowhere can I flee Your presence in the womb You knew my name,

By your power, through Your working, You have breathed my name again  
That through faith it shall be written in the Book of Life, in Heav'n.

tune: Hymn to Joy. From *For Life! Pro-Life Songs for Classrooms, Choirs & Congregations*.  
Edited for *Lutherans For Life*, Frank Morgan, 2000. © Text: Rev. Darryl Andrzejewski,  
1997, p. 1. Used by permission.

## Invocation and Opening Responses

**P** In the name of God the Father,

**C** **Who creates every life.**

**P** In the name of God the Son,

**C** **Who redeemed every life.**

**P** In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

**C** **Who desires to call every life.**

**P** In the name of our Triune God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit,

**C** **Amen.**

## Scriptures For Life

**P** Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

**C** **before you were born I set you apart. (Jeremiah 1:5)**

**P** Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and  
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;

**C** **and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)**

**P** Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is  
a reward.

**C** **Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children  
of one's youth. (Psalm 127:3-4)**

**P** "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your  
life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your  
body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food,  
and the body more than clothing?

**C** Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? (Matthew 6:25-26)

**P** Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)

**C** In Him we live and move and have our being! (Acts 17:28)

## Confession and Absolution

**P** God tells us to "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely" (Hebrews 12:10). Sin can weigh so heavily upon us and cling so closely that it seems impossible to lay it aside. Sin can make us feel so faithless. But we depend upon God's faithfulness, not ours! He is faithful and just and promises that when we confess our sins, He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Let us confess our sins to Him.

**C** **Father, we confess our sinful nature clings closely to us. It appears in so many ways. It causes us to doubt the value of other lives. It causes us to value life for the wrong reasons. It so often makes us indifferent when we see life being devalued all around us. We fail to protect and defend life. We fail to proclaim the great value You give to life, Father, have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

**P** God has had mercy upon us! Jesus, "for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross" (Hebrews 12:2). The hands of God that create you stretched out in love upon the cross to pay the price for all your sins. Therefore, be assured that God's hand of mercy is upon you, and it is my joy, in the stead and by the command of the risen Jesus, to 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.

Heavenly Father, who gives value to every life, give Your people the wisdom to see the value You give to life and the love to reflect that value in our living, through Jesus Christ or 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

*Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)*

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

*Ephesians 1:3-10 (ESV)*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love <sup>5</sup> He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will,

<sup>6</sup> to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, <sup>8</sup> which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*

## Holy Gospel

**John 17:14-19 ESV**

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

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

<sup>14</sup> I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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

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

## Prayer and Love in Action Requests Gathered

## HYMN

### “Life Is A Gift From God”

Life is a gift from God, Who ordered all my days,  
And wrote them in His Book of Life So I could give Him praise.  
He guards and still preserves That life He gave to me,  
And loves me with a Father's love and will eternally!

Life is a Holy Gift Which God alone can give.  
He sets before us death and life; Choose life that you might live!  
For God has sent His Son Who could have come a king,  
But chose a mother's womb instead Eternal life to bring.

Life is a Gift of God, So Jesus did partake,  
And took upon our human form - His heirs He did us make!  
When we were being knit He knew who we would be,  
And markd us as His very own - His death has set us free!

Tune: Diademata/Crown Him With Many Crowns. *For Life! Pro-Life Songs for Classrooms, Choirs & Congregations*, p.11. Text John G. Fleischmann, 1987

**Sermon**  
**"WHO CHOOSES YOU?"**

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*  
*Ephesians 1:3-10*

**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.)*



## **“I Am A Child Of God”**

by Mark Shepperd  
**Ascension Choir**

*I am a child of God. Loved by the Savior, Made by the Father,  
Loved by the Savior, Born of the Spirit, Graced with His favor.  
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

*I am the Shepherds lamb, Into green pastures,  
Gently He leads me, Guarding, protecting, richly He feeds me.  
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

*I am a precious jewel. Jesus has found me; I am His treasure.  
His mark is on me; I bring Him pleasure.  
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

*I am a child of God, Safe in His family, Washed and forgiven,  
Home with His people, Here and in heaven,  
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

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## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Heavenly Father, we come to You because we are the work of Your hands, and You have asked us to make our requests known to You. Therefore, we confidently say,

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Thank You for shaping and forming us and giving us life.

**C** **Thank You for creating us.**

**P** Thank You for calling us in Christ be Your children and assuring us of Your presence.

**C** **Thank You for calling us in Holy Baptism.**

**P** As we recall our baptisms and receive Your body and blood, renew our faith and assure us of Your faithfulness, Your goodness, and Your forgiveness.

**C** **Our value comes from You.**

**P** Creator God, You have created this world and everything in it, as well as each person who lives in it. In You we live and move and have our being, and You continue to provide for our daily needs of body and life. Lead us as we steward the resources and relationships You generously give us. Guide us to see all people as Your masterpieces.

**C** **Our value comes from You.**

**P** Given value by You, use us to value and help those not yet born, those facing difficult situations, those facing death, and those who have made mistakes.

**C** **Help us value and serve others.**

**P** Given value by you, use us as instruments to renew in Your Church the value You give to life, and then use the influence of Your people to bring an end to those things that attack Your gift of life in our society.

**C** **Help us value and serve others.**

**P** Gracious God, we thank You for making us male and female and for creating families with a loving father and a mother. We grieve for those who do not experience life according to Your design and for those who experience abandonment, abuse, and neglect. We celebrate with those who experience Your love in their families.

Today, we especially remember our mothers. We remember those in whose wombs you knit us together. We remember those You have worked through to provide us comfort, wise counsel, care, and discipline throughout the different stages of our lives. We ask Your blessing on all mothers, that they experience Your love and are shaped by it in their parenting. Lord, we pray,

**C** **Thank You for our mothers.**

**P** We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

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

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

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

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

## + 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

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## + DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

### **I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry**

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized  
To see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
With a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
To find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord  
To whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
And you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
From dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life  
Not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
Complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in  
And you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been,  
With just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old,  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
To see your life unfold."

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### **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak, but He is strong.

**(Chorus)**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

Jesus loves me! See His grace!  
On the cross He took my place.  
There He suffered and He died,  
That I might be glorified. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! Gods own Son  
Over sin the victory won.  
When I die, saved by His grace,  
I shall see Him face to face. (Chorus)

Jesus loves me! He is near.  
He is with His Church so dear.  
And the Spirit He has sent by  
His Word and Sacrament. (Chorus)

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*Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*

## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

We thank You, our Maker, for creating us and for re-creating us through the cleansing waters of Baptism. We specifically thank You this day for serving us the body and blood of Jesus, in bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Empower us to join You in the work You are doing in our world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## **Recognition Of Mothers**

### **“We Thank You, Lord, for Mothers”**

(tune: The Church’s One Foundation)

We thank You, Lord, for mothers who Your great kindness share  
Through loving deeds for others as emblems of Your care.  
May we true honor show them and joyfully express  
That they are gifts among us to cherish and to bless.

## **Announcements**

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

## **HYMN**

### **“Lord Of Life”**

Lord of life, Whose hand has made us,  
Formed us each with tender care.  
You had crowned man with Your image,  
Not intending such despair.  
Yet through sin the glory faded,  
Death and doom came in its place,  
But in spite of our condition,  
We’ve been rescued by Your grace!

God so loved the world,  
He gave us Jesus Christ to bear our sin.  
On the cross His life He offered,  
That we might be His again.  
And the Holy Spirit calls us  
By the gospels joyful ring.  
Making us His own dear children,  
Us eternal life to bring.

Lord of Life, Who rose in triumph,  
Conquering death and giving hope,  
You have called us and equipped us,  
In a sinful world to cope;  
Teaching us to love each other,  
To befriend and help in strife;  
To forgive and seek to comfort,  
And preserve the gift of life.

Help us, Lord, to see as You do.  
Life is precious in each stage.  
From the unborn to the feeble,  
Life is precious in each age.  
Help us, Lord, to be Your witness  
And to show the world we care.  
So that people may not perish,  
But, instead, Your life may share!

Tune: Hyfrydol/Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us. For Life! *Pro-Life Songs for Classrooms, Choirs & Congregations*, p.19. Text: Rev. Gerald Scheperle, 1985.

## Dismissal

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

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*Thank you to Merci and Kevin McInaney for the lovely Altar flowers.  
in honor of Keilah and Tyler's Birthdays.*

*Thank you to Wendy and John Hazen for last week's flowers.  
in honor of Nichole and Lily's birthdays.*

## † THE CANTATA IS COMING! 1 SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY!

You are invited to a special service of music and praise on Sunday May 21 at 10:30. There will be only one service and NO Sunday School or Adult Ed class that Sunday.

## † CHRISTIANITY 101 - A STUDY IN GODS WORD

Join us in the Community Room on Wednesday, May 17 to June 28, 8 Sessions from 6:00-7:00pm. Examine Gods Word from a Lutheran perspective. Whether you have no experience with Christianity or want to review what you learned long ago; this class is for you! Sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex, call 503-665-8821 or email [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

## † RICH ZAHURSKY MEMORIAL

The memorial for Rich Zahursky is Tuesday, May 16 at 1:00pm. All are invited to attend.

## † THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of you who remembered me with your prayers and support about my recent surgery. It was very much appreciated. Blessings, Norma Dillon.

## † ASCENSION DAY IS THURSDAY MAY 18

Join us on Thursday, May 18 at 7pm for our namesake service!

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Rich Zahursky, The Family of Dale Porath, Carolyn Barendse, Gina Kreps, The Brown Family, 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.

## † VOTERS ASSEMBLY JUNE 4

This is an important meeting to attend after the 11am service!



## † PRAYER NEEDS?

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

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### ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MAY 14

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Eric Kreps Evan Kreps
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Julie Williamson
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Merci and Kevin McInaney
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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### ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21

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	10:30am
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefer
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jonathan Mundo Jaden Mundo
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Michele Sprengle
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Greeters:</b>	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	
<b>Counters:</b>	Dave and Jan Oswald

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAY 14 - SAT., MAY 20

<b>Sunday, May 14</b>	8:30am	Worship
Life Sunday and	9:45am	Education Hour
Mothers Day	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/ Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, May 16</b>	1:00pm	Rich Zahursky Memorial Service
	6:00pm	<b>NO</b> 3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday, May 17</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101
	6:00pm	SPECIAL DAY-Praise Team
	7:00pm	SPECIAL DAY-Choir
<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	7:00pm	Ascension Day Worship
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, May 20</b>	10:00am	Cantata Dress Rehearsal

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 21 - SAT., MAY 27

<b>Sunday, May 21</b>	10:30am	Cantata and Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, May 23</b>		Newsletter Items Due
<b>Wednesday, May 24</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101
<b>Thursday, May 25</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Friday, May 26</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	<b>NO</b> Confirmation
<b>Saturday, May 27</b>	10:30am	Confirmation Practice
	10:30am	The Chosen 3 Episode 6
	2:00pm	Yenny Aguilar Memorial

† **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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**† MILESTONES**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Ed Hubbard	May 14	Virginia Jacobs	May 14
Elaine Miller	May 14	Karla Deal	May 15
J. E. Knox	May 15	Diana Laxton	May 15
Jean Dillon	May 16	Karon Keup	May 19
Paul Walter	May 19	Hana Laughton	May 20

**BIRTHDAYS**

Debbie Walter	May 14	Rachel Kelley	May 18
Gertrud Bublies	May 19		

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

NONE

# 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.

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