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again; he was lost, and is found.'  
and they began to celebrate.*

*Luke 15:24*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, March 30, 2025

## FOURTH 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: “Makes You Want to Sing!”

**AS WE GATHER:** Traditionally, the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been known as Laetare Sunday, from the Latin Introit *Laetare Jerusalem*: “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her” (Isaiah 66:10). Though still in the penitential season of Lent, this Sunday is a relaxation from normal Lenten discipline. Flowers may appear, and ministers may wear rose-colored vestments as a lighter shade of violet.

Today’s service is inspired by the Old Testament Reading of Isaiah, the First Song of Isaiah: “Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth” (Isaiah 12:5). Today we take that admonition literally as not only the liturgy is sung but also the Readings are expanded with hymn stanzas. “Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 12:6). In the joy of the faithful father in Jesus’ parable of the prodigal son, the forgiveness of our sin and reconciliation with God as His baptized sons and daughters, well, it just makes you want to sing! So we shall!

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

**“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** LSB 528

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow’r of canceled sin; He sets the pris’ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off’ring made For ev’ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv’n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav’n.

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”, Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt., Text: Public domain

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 12:2

**P** Behold, God is my salvation;

**C** I will trust, and will not be afraid;

**P** for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,

**C** and He has become my salvation.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 96:2

**P** Beloved in the Lord, Paul reassures us, saying, “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability.” Let us with confidence and gladness enter God’s presence, confessing our sins and receiving His grace, assurance, and forgiveness.

**C** Lord God, we are glad to enter Your house this day, for we have heard and believe in Your loving kindness and redemption through Jesus Christ, Your Son. In the faith You have given us as Your baptized children, we confess to You all our sins and failures. We have failed to share Your gifts of mercy with others, and we have failed to love You with our whole heart. Please grant us Your forgiveness, and give us a renewed heart to sing Your praises in worship of You.

**P** “Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to 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.

## Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.

Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.

Thank You, Lord, for giving to me

Thy great salvation so rich and free!

## **SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(from the Te Deum Laudamus)

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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 +**

## **EPISTLE READING**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So He told them this parable: . . .

<sup>11b</sup>"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might

celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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

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

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS ARE GATHERED

### “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I’m found,  
Was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear,  
The hour I first believed.

#### Chorus

**My chains are gone, I’ve been set free.  
My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.  
And like a flood His mercy rains,  
Unending love, amazing grace.**

The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures. **(chorus twice)**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine.  
But God, who called me here below,  
Will be forever mine,  
Will be forever mine,  
You are forever mine.

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**SERMON**  
**“GRACE IS BIGGER THAN ALL THAT”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**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.)*

**“The First Song of Isaiah”**

Jack Noble White

Choir and **Congregation (Bold)**

*Surely it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,  
And He will be my Savior.*

**☐ Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in Him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense,  
And He will be my Savior.**



*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
From the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His Name. (refrain)  
Make His deeds known among the peoples;  
See that they remember that His Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,  
And this is known in all the world. (refrain)*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,  
Ring out your joy, for the Great One in the midst of you  
Is the Holy One of Israel. (refrain - sung twice)*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Lord God, we pray for Your whole church on earth. Grant that Your life-giving, life-sustaining Word be rightly proclaimed and firmly believed, that many may come to repentance and faith and the eternal life of Your new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Heavenly Father, may Your whole creation praise and glorify You. Let Your blessing be upon seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, and all the realm of our life together as a nation. Preserve us, O Lord, in justice and honor that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** God of mercy, we lift up all who are in any need, the sick, the hospitalized, the homebound, the lonely and abandoned, the oppressed and afflicted...Come to all with healing, hope, and restoration of freedom and health. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** For all Your blessings for which we give thanks, and for those good gifts celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and 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.

## CLOSING RESPONSORY

**P** There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
**C** It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest name on earth.  
**P** It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;  
**C** It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea.  
**P** What depth of love, what reach of grace!  
Oh, how my grateful heart now aches to sing it louder, the  
refrain:  
**C** "Jesus died my soul to save!"  
**P** No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
**C** Since Christ is Lord of heav'n and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

## 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.)

### “By Grace I’m Saved”

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1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.

Why stagger at this word of promise?

Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?

No! Then this word must true remain:

By grace you too will life obtain.

2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.

God in His love sent our Redeemer,

Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;

His death did for our sins atone,

And we are saved by grace alone.

3 By grace God’s Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.

Was it because of your own merit

That Jesus died your soul to win?

No, it was grace, and grace alone,

That brought Him from His heav’nly throne.

6 By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying;

In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;

For though I know my heart’s condition,

I also know my Savior’s voice.

My heart is glad, all grief has flown

Since I am saved by grace alone.

“By Grace I’m Saved”, Text: Christian Ludwig Scheidt, 1709–61; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt., Text: Public domain

## DISMISSAL

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

**G** Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to Wilma Aguilar Mukul for the lovely Altar flowers  
given in memory of Alejandra to the glory of God.*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS      MARCH 30, 2025**

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### **† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS**

Many thanks from the Human Care Board. Once again, through your awesome generosity, we have collected all the items necessary to fill our Adopt-a-Room at My Father's House. We will house the room as soon as we receive notification that another family in need is ready to move in. We appreciate your generosity.

### **† COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

- Saturday, April 19 at 10:30am
- Children under 5 only from 10:30 to 10:45am
- Children 5 to 10 may join in at 10:45am
- Children over 10 may join in at 11:00am
- Join us in Vance Park next to Ascension

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this event, email Cindy Reinert at [cinrein@live.com](mailto:cinrein@live.com)

## **† EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

The Human Care Board invites you to our Annual Easter Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday April 20 from 9:30 to 10:45am. This special event will support the Benevolence Fund, which provides assistance to those in need.

Tickets will be available between services starting Sunday, March 23, to help us estimate attendance, but no advance purchase is required. Be sure to hold onto your ticket, as it will also enter you into a drawing for door prizes! The cost is \$5 per adult, and children under 10 eat free. Freewill offerings are also welcome and appreciated.

If you'd like to contribute food items, check out the whiteboard in the Narthex after March 23 for the sign-up list.

## **† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT: ALL AGES WELCOME!**

Join us on April 11 at 6:30pm to fill Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Join in fellowship and share some yummy snacks!

## **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

The Family of Carol Hoefer, The Family of Karla Deal, Riki Neagle, Bobbie Adams, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, 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)

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 30, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	Neil Zeller Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Wendy Hazen (and April 2)	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Wilma Aguilar	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald (March 26 and 30)	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham	

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., APRIL 6, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Adams John Aden Stan Chapulis	Paul Walter Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Karon Keup	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Virginia Jacobs	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Wanda Cassetty	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier (April 2 and 6)	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle	

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## **EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 30 – SAT., APRIL 5**

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<b>Sunday, March 30</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>Lent 4</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship

<b>Monday, March 31</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 2</b>	3:30pm	Lent 5 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 5 Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday, April 3</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 4</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation

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## **EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 6 – SAT., APRIL 12**

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<b>Sunday, April 6</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
Lent 5	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	<b>NO</b> Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, April 7</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Mtg.
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, April 8</b>	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 9</b>	3:30pm	Lent 6 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 6 Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday, April 10</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 11</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Event

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## **† MILESTONES – Sunday, Mar. 30– Saturday, April 5**

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### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Luke Teyema	Mar. 30	Elly Brown	Apr. 1
Jim Conway	Apr. 1	Gina Kreps	Apr. 1
Eileen Hatley	Apr. 3	Emanuel Aguilar	Apr. 5
Josue Aguilar	Apr. 5	Lesly Aguilar	Apr. 5

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Clydetta Hilliard	Mar. 31	Barbara Patch	Mar. 31
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### **WEDDINGS:**

John and Wendy Hazen	Apr. 4, 1981
Mike and Laura Potter	Apr. 5, 1980

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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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