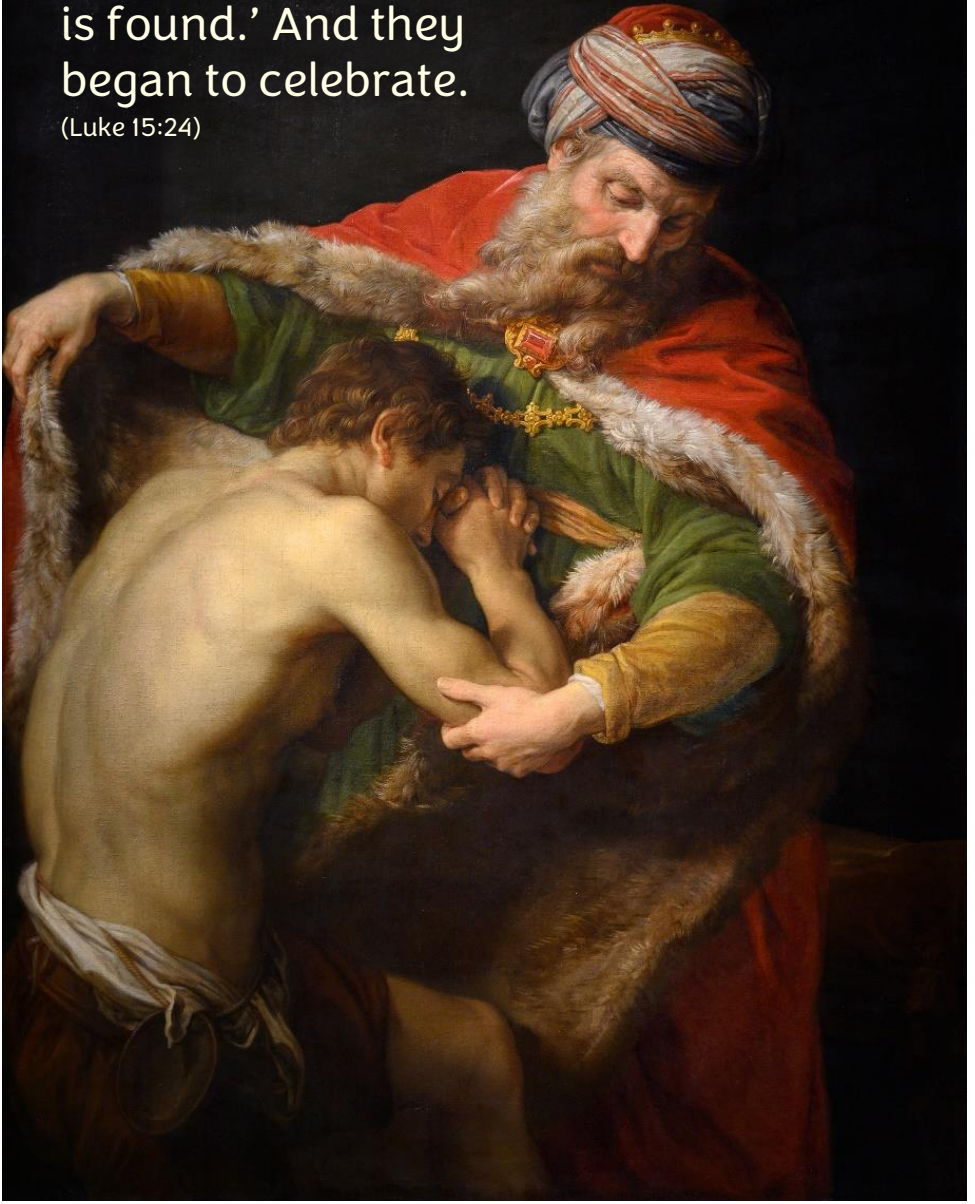


For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

(Luke 15:24)



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

March 27, 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

**For those wishing to commune at the Lord's 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 Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's 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.)*

(**P** = Pastor, **C** = Congregation, **A** = Reader/Assisting)

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Theme: “Joy in New Life”**

**AS WE GATHER:** The Christian life is not without its trials and troubles. Some of them are caused by the fact that we belong to the Lord in a world still unfriendly to His purpose. Yet the Christian life is not without joy. This joy proceeds not from an easy life or a life that fulfills all our wants and desires but rather flows from Christ, from His work of reconciliation, for His forgiveness of all our sins, and from our reconciliation with the Father. Hearing this Gospel every Sunday is meant in part to rescue our hearts from anxiety and despair and restore to us the joy of our salvation. Today we pray that we not only recall this cause for joy but preserve this joy no matter what twists and turns life brings us.

**PRELUDE  
(11:00)**

**“The Lord Is My Light”**

*(based on Psalm 27)*

Words and Music by Alberto Taulé

**Julie Williamson and Bonnie Webber, duo**

## WELCOME

## HYMN

### “If Your Beloved Son, O God”

(tune: “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”  
*NUN FREUT EUCH*)

If Your beloved Son, O God,  
Had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood  
Had not sin’s power ended,  
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine  
In hell eternally would pine  
Because of my transgression.

But now I find sweet peace and rest;  
Despair no more reigns o’er me.  
No more am I by sin oppressed,  
For Christ has borne sin for me.  
Upon the cross for me He died  
That, reconciled, I might abide  
With You, my God, forever.

I trust in Him with all my heart;  
Now all my sorrow ceases.  
His words abiding peace impart;  
His blood from guilt releases.  
Free grace through Him I now obtain;  
He washes me from ev’ry stain,  
And pure I stand before Him.

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 51:1–2*

**P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**C** and cleanse me from my sin!

**P** Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
**C** according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

**P** Merciful Father,  
**C** we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we are undeserving, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ. For His sake, restore and forgive us for all our sins and help us to live for You in all our ways. Amen.

**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.

## RESPONSE (sung)

*from Psalm 51*

### **“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free Spirit. Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good gifts and have given us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Deliver us from our sin and restore to us the joy of our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

**Isaiah 12:1–6 (ESV)**

(Surely God is my Savior.)

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to You, O Lord, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me. <sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.” <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. <sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in Your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

## 2 Corinthians 5:16–21 (ESV)

(If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)

<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.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Luke 15:1–2, 11b–24 (ESV)

(My son was dead and now he is alive again.)

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

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

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

<sup>11</sup> And He said, "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! Apr

<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.

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

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

## HYMN

### “Softly And Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me.  
See on the portals He’s waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

#### (Chorus)

Come home, come home.  
Ye who are weary come home.  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
Calling, O sinner come home.

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me? (chorus)

Oh, for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me.  
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me. (chorus)



**SERMON**

**“ALIVE...IN CHRIST”**

**Luke 15:1–2, 11b–24**  
**Pastor Jim Sprengle**

## **NICENE CREED**

**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 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)*

**(11:00)**

**“The First Song Of Isaiah”**

*(based on Isaiah 12:2-6 – today’s OT reading)*

Jack Noble White

**Ascension Choir & Congregation**

*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.*

**Refrain**

**C**

**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 know 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)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** As prodigals, we come into the arms of our heavenly Father, waiting even more for us to pray than we are to petition His mercy.

Heavenly Father, we have all been one with Adam in the rebellion of our stubborn wills and in suffering the consequences of sin with its death. Grant us grace that we may return to You with humble hearts and rejoice in Your forgiveness so that our hearts may be at peace and we may be rescued from our guilt, shame, and despair. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Blessed Lord, in Baptism You made us anew, raising up from the water a new person, created in Christ Jesus for good works. Give us the will and desire to do what is good, right, and pleasing in Your sight. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Mighty God, deliver the nations from violence and war, and teach us generosity, compassion, and the path of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Compassionate Father, You know our needs even before we ask but still we cry to You on behalf of all the sick and those who suffer. We especially pray for...Give them healing in accordance with Your will, grace to endure their affliction, and peace in the hour of death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for all Your blessings, and especially for the gifts You've given to those celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, remembering the faithful who have gone before us, we ask You to keep us by Your grace through the days to come, that we not be lost to You again but kept in faith now until the day of the resurrection of the dead, when we shall join the saints in glory in Your presence forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

(8:30 service, please turn to page 13 for the Benediction)

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available 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

*(Latin for “Peace of the Lord”—the response is “Amen!” or “So be it!”)*

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

**C** **Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION SONGS

**“Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”**  
**Karon Keup, soloist**

**“Jesus Messiah”**

He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

**(Chorus)**  
**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;**  
**Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.**  
**The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven;**  
**Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing. **(chorus)**

All our hope is in You,  
All our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God,  
The Light of the world. **(chorus)**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, You are the refuge of all who trust in You. Make us glad for Your grace that accompanies all the days of our lives, for the new birth that delivers us to everlasting life, and for the forgiveness of our sins. Deliver us from sorrow and make us to know the holy joy of the new life, which we have received in Holy Baptism and that we gladly share this blessing with others in Your name; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

**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**

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

## HYMN

### “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?  
What wondrous love is this,  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse  
For my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down,  
Sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down;  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God’s righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown  
For my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the Great I Am,  
While millions join the theme,  
I will sing, I will sing.  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

## DISMISSAL

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

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

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**† ORDINATION THIS AFTERNOON**

Celebrate the Ordination of Candidate, Ruberto Ek Yah, Sunday, March 27 at 3:00 in the afternoon. Potluck meal to follow. Trinity Lutheran Church, 5520 NE Killingsworth Street, Portland, OR 97218.

**† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES**

Our Next Class is Saturday, April 9 from 10:30am to noon. 7 Sessions left: April 9, 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9 Sessions will include discussion and Bible study, followed by an episode of the series to reflect upon for the following weeks Bible study.

**† SOLVE SPRING COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP**

The Mission Board has registered for ten volunteer positions with the SOLVE Spring community clean-up event in Gresham on April 23. The Barlow School District wants to develop an outdoor field study location at the Clear Creek Middle School. The team of up to 50 volunteers will clear the area of blackberry canes, holly, and ivy to then spread native seed. The event is sponsored by Portland General Electric and will run from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Ascension is a witness that God's church is part of the solution. To sign up email Herb Hoefler: [herbhoefler@gmail.com](mailto:herbhoefler@gmail.com)

**† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**

Looking for an easy way to support and strengthen Ascension? If you have a Thrivent account, you may be able to Participate in Thrivent Choice®, Thrivent's charitable outreach program. Eligible Thrivent clients with membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its outreach funding by directing Choice Dollars® to any of the thousands of enrolled churches and nonprofit organizations, including Ascension.

**† THANK YOU TO OUR GOSPEL BRACELET HELPERS!**

The Mission Board would like to thank everyone for their out-pouring of service in assembling the Gospel bracelets. It has been wonderful to see the number of people involved and how each person has contributed in their own unique way! There are at least 8000 ready to share with the Seminary and then on to India. There are more to prepare as we all continue to share the Gospel story around the world.



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## † MILESTONES

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Luke Teyema	3/30	Audrey Bauch	4/1
Elly Brown	4/1	Mike Hatley	4/1
Gina Kreps	4/1	Jim Haggard	4/2

### BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Shore	3/28	Janice Hart	3/29
Hilary Sylvia	3/29	Clydette Hilliard	3/31
Barb Patch	3/31	Rich Zahursky	4/2

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul and Debbie Walter      Mar. 29, 1975

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 27, LENT 4

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young James Freeman Bob Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Michele Sprengle	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Karla Deal	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Carol Hoefler
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Margaret and Ed Hubbard
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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## ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK 4 - WEDNESDAY MARCH 30

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	3:30pm	7:00pm
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Michele Sprengle	
<b>Greeters:</b>	Karon Keup	Bonnie Webber
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karen Keup

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3, LENT 5**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Marcus Young Bob Rekdahl Stan Chapulis Needed	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	John Hazen (sound)
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Rebecca Williamson	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Jan Oswald
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wilma Aguilar
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

**† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)

**† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);  
Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);  
Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
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).

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Richard Robertson, Rich Zahursky, The family of Fred Greco, The family of Ray Brown, MaryLou May, Miki Etzel, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Joyce (friend of Randy Bryant), Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), The people of Ukraine, \*Barbara Schrader, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

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### THIS WEEK – Sunday, March 27 – Saturday, April 2

<b>Sunday, Mar. 27</b> <i>LENT 4</i>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 30</b> <i>Lent Midweek 4</i>	3:30pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	<b>NO</b> Online Bible Study
<b>Thursday, Mar. 31</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Apr. 1</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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### NEXT WEEK – Sunday, April 3 – Saturday, April 9

<b>Sunday, Apr. 3</b> <i>LENT 5</i>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 6</b> <i>Lent Midweek 5</i>	3:30pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	<b>NO</b> Online Bible Study Posted
<b>Thursday, Apr. 7</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Apr. 8</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, Apr. 9</b>	9:30am	The Chosen Bible Study

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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