



“Yes, Lord;
I believe
that you are
the Christ,
the Son of God.”

John 11:27, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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 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 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: “WE DON’T DESERVE IT”

As We Gather: It is a long-standing tradition in the world of the theatre that when players in a drama or musical are replaced for a given performance, the name of the substitute is inserted into the program or playbill. It is appropriate that the hard work of the understudy be noted by those attending the event. In the weeks of Lent, we focus on the truth that Jesus Christ was and is our substitute, fulfilling the Law of God for us and ultimately paying the price of our sin. He is much more than any kind of understudy! He is our Lord, who willingly takes our place and endures our punishment. In gratitude, we are drawn to the cross!

Prelude

Welcome

MEDLEY

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from Heaven above;
With wisdom, pow'r and love,
Our God is an awesome God. **(repeat)**

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Lord, I Lift Your Name On High

Lord, I lift Your name on high. Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from Heaven to earth To show the way.
From the earth to the cross, My debt to pay.
From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high. **(repeat)**

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalms 36:5, 7–9

- P** Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
C Your faithfulness to the clouds.
- P** How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.
- P** They feast on the abundance of Your house,
C and You give them drink from the river of Your delights.
- P** For with You is the fountain of life;
C in Your light do we see light.

Confession

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 2)

Not the labor of my hands,
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

P Let us consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

C **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.**
(Psalm 51:3-4)

P Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 3)

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

P The Lord hears your confession, and you may rejoice in His grace. 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.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Holy Spirit, You are a gift and a blessing. You call us from death and despair to faith and faithfulness and assure of resurrection and life in Christ, who has brought about our atonement. Enlighten our hearts that we may rejoice in the power and blessing of Your presence in and among us. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Father are one God, world without end.

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 +

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11 (ESV)

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. ⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Holy Gospel

John 11:1–3, 20–27, 32–45 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent to Him, saying, "Lord, he whom You love is ill."

²⁰So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not He who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. ⁴²I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me." ⁴³When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." ⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

- 1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!
Death hath now no power o'er us,
Thou hast conquered in the strife.
Thanks because Thou didst arise
And hast opened paradise!
None can fully sing the glory
Of the resurrection story.
- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,
All my sins on Thee were laid;
Thou hast won for me salvation,
On the cross my debt was paid.
From the grave I shall arise
And shall meet Thee in the skies.
Death itself is transitory;
I shall lift my head in glory.

- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,
For Thy holy, precious Word;
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Communion board;
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,
For Thy resurrection morn,
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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Sermon
“THE PREVIEW”

Pr. Jim Sprenkle
JOHN 11:1-45

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 men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
 and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

(11:00) “The Hiding Place”

Bryan Jeffery Leech

arr. Dick Bolks

Ascension Choir

*In a time of trouble, in a time forlorn,
 There is a hiding place where hope is born.
 In a time of danger, when our faith is proved,
 There is a hiding place where we are loved.*

*There is a hiding place, a strong protective space,
 Where God provides the grace to persevere.
 For nothing can remove us from the Father’s love,
 Though all may change, yet nothing changes here.*

*In a time of sorrow, in a time of grief,
 There is a hiding place to give relief.
 In a time of weakness, in a time of fear,
 There is a hiding place where God is near.*

Prayer of the Church

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

We pray for all Christians around the world that, as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus, our Redeemer. Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P We pray for all nations of the earth, that in all places on earth there may be times of peace. We pray for people in lands where there has been upset and strife. And we pray for our own nation that it may know safety and the people may be joyful in their daily lives. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P We pray for all those whose labor serves us, especially those in the military, our police personnel, medical workers, and all those whose efforts support the common good. Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P We pray for the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs, bringing to You our joys, our sorrows, and our hopes, *including...*Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P We pray and give You thanks for the many gifts being celebrated this week...Let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

The 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, please turn to page ?? for the Benediction.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

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 HYMNS +

Come, Let Us Eat

(Leader/ALL)

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Our Lord's body let us take together,

Our Lord's body let us take together.

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,

Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together,

Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.

In His presence now we meet and rest,

In His presence now we meet and rest.

In the presence of our Lord we gather,
In the presence of our Lord we gather.

Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word,
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty Word.

Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom,
Jesus risen will bring in the Kingdom.

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Eat This Bread

**Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to Him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

- 1 This is His body given for you;
this is His blood that was shed for you. **Refrain**
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you show His death until He comes again. **Refrain**
- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. **Refrain**
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread
will live forever. **Refrain**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread,
we will have eternal life. **Refrain**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, Father, for the life and knowledge You have revealed to us through Jesus, Your Son. To You be glory forever. We bless You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Sanctify us by the working of Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works that You desire us to do as we await the final resurrection and fullness of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

C Amen.

Announcements

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

HYMN

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, Great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

(Chorus) Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus, the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He hath done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. **(chorus)**

Great things He hath taught us,
Great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our victory, when Jesus we see! **(chorus)**

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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† **LAST LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNER**

Wednesday, March 29 at 6:00pm-Appetizers and desserts!!
Bring something to share!

† **BRACELET PROJECT FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS**

Make Bracelets, Wednesdays 2:00pm and 6:00pm, March 29. Volunteers will help put bracelets together during the Wednesday Lenten get togethers. In the community room on Wednesdays at 2pm or 6pm during Lent. If you cannot come to Wednesdays, you can take home supplies and make them from home! ~or~

Help spread the Gospel! Know a business in town that is willing to put a basket of bracelets on their counter? Family-owned restaurants, mechanics, retail stores, hotels - or any place willing to put a basket of Gospel bracelets in their business will help spread the Word.

† **WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY**

The Bible Study will meet the last Tuesday of every month, 9:30am-11:00am at Elle Brown's home, 214 NE 27th Street, Gresham

† **EASTER BREAKFAST BENEVOLENCE FUNDRAISER**

Sunday, April 9 the Human Care Board is hosting an Easter Breakfast Fundraiser between services! Tickets will be sold in advance to estimate the number who will attend; however, no advance purchase is necessary! The Cost is \$5 and under 12 years old is free! You are welcome to donate further the day of the event for this valuable ministry! Check out the white board in the Narthex for opportunities to provide food for the event!

† **THANK YOU, BRANDY WEBBER!**

Thank you to Brandy for the beautiful display you created in the window box, it is creative and beautiful! Please look at the Easter display in the glass cabinet in the east hallway!

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail:
office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Nephews of Gil Cdebaca, The Brown Family, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubbaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob's Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Rich Zahursky, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† 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).

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Luke Teyema	Mar. 30	Audrey Bauch	Apr. 1
Elly Brown	Apr. 1	Mike Hatley	Apr. 1
Gina Kreps	Apr. 1		

BIRTHDAYS

Carolyn Shore	Mar. 28	Janice Hart	Mar. 29
Hilary Sylvia	Mar. 29	Barbara Patch	Mar. 31

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul and Debbie Walter	Mar. 29, 1975
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ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 26

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Jim Eckart NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Christian Freeman
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carol Hoefer
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK SERVICE, MARCH 29

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	
Ushers:	NEEDED	Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	None Needed
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Michele Sprengle/Ryan
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 26 - SAT., APRIL 1

Sunday, Mar. 26	8:30am	Worship
Lent 5	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Comm.
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Mar. 29	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together and Bracelet making
	3:30pm	6th Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Apps and Desserts
	6:00pm	Spanish Gospel Bracelets
	7:00pm	6th Lenten Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 30	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 31	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 2 - SAT., APRIL 8

Sunday, April 2	8:30am	Worship
Palm Sunday	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, April 4	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday April 5	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together/Bracelets
	6:00pm	SPECIAL TIME Praise Team
	7:00pm	SPECIAL TIME Choir
Thursday, April 6	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 7	6:30pm	NO Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation
	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship

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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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