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against whom
the Lord will not
count his sin.”*

Romans 4:7-8 (ESV)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, March 1, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:

The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lords Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christs body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of ones sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available on the cup return table.*)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.)*

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: “ABRAHAM’S ACCOUNT AND OUR OWN”

AS WE GATHER: Abraham looms over the Old and New Testaments. Abraham is also our father because we are in Christ. We are his heirs, who live within the promise God made to us through Abraham. We are also his heirs as a people whose righteousness is not by accomplishment but by faith, not by works but by trusting in the promise of God to save us. Paul urges both Jew and Gentile to see in Abraham the model of faith who many times was left only with faith in God’s promises and still believed. So now are we commended to show forth that we are his heirs by our own faith in Christ, our righteousness. Like Abraham, we have no real options. Our hope is bound to the Father’s gracious promises fulfilled in Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”

- 1 What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

- 2 The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Saviour, He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

3 No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

4 With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION

P From where does my help come?

C **My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

P With godly sorrow and humble hearts, we come before the Lord, mindful of our sin and of our great need for His mercy and forgiveness.

(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** Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live. (*Ezekiel 18:30b–31a, 32*)

Let us pray.

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

ABSOLUTION

- P** What kind of love is this? It is amazing love! How can it be that the King of Kings would die willingly for the sins of the whole world? It is because His love and His mercy is more! 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.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations. Grant to us that we may see in Jesus the fulfillment of Your promise and covenant, with Your holy church, sealed in His blood on the cross. Bring us to the righteousness that comes by faith in Christ, our Savior; in the holy name of Jesus, who with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God and one Lord, 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 +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9 (ESV)

¹The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 4:1-8; 13-17 (ESV)

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . .

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with Him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man

be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER/LOVE-IN-ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

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SERMON **"FAITH COUNTS"**

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Romans 4:1-8; 13-17

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.)

(8:30) “God So Loved the World”

Setting by Aaron David Miller

Ascension Choir

*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
So that everyone who believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*For God sent not His Son to the world to condemn the world,
But that the world through Him might be saved.*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us come before the throne of God’s grace in the name of Jesus and bid Him on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

For grace that with Abraham our father, we trust in the Lord for all things and this faith be counted unto us as righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace to trust in our Baptism from above and for the Spirit to enable us to show forth the fruits of this new life in words and works all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace to enjoy a good government and good leaders who do what is good and right and honorable in the sight of the Lord and for the pursuit of peace among the people in our land and across the world, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace to proclaim with courage the Good News of our Lord’s death and resurrection and for the Spirit to open the hearts of those who hear that they might believe in Him whom the Father has sent, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace upon every pastor and church worker that they faithfully fulfill their vocations and for the Lord to raise up many who will follow them into the Lord’s service, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace to enjoy the good fruits of the earth with thankful hearts, for grace to be generous with those in need, and for grace to love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace to provide for the widow and the fatherless, the single and the married, the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying...that in their need they know the comfort of God's presence and have confidence in His mercy to supply all that they need for this life and for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace upon those who celebrate this week...let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Remembering faithful Abraham who was counted righteous by faith and giving thanks for those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, we pray You to bring us at last with them into the place of eternal light and life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the benediction.)

God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”

LSB 622

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, You have prepared
This feast for our salvation;
Your very body and Your blood;
Thus, at Your invitation,
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,
We come to You for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.
- 2 Although You did to heav'n ascend,
Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in Your presence they behold
Your glory, all excelling,
And though Your people shall not see
Your glory and Your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,
- 3 Yet, Savior, You are not confined
To any habitation;
But You are present even now
Here with Your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand,
Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.
- 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup,
Your precious Word believing
That Your true body and Your blood
Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true;
All things are possible with You,
For You are Lord Almighty.

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“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine.
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first lov-ed me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath.
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in Heaven so bright.
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God, in Your mercy You promised faithful Abraham that he would be the father of a great multitude and counted him righteous by faith. You sent Your own Son to accomplish this promise and establish a church for all nations and a people declared righteous in Christ. Grant that we who have received of Your goodness in this Holy Sacrament may live in holiness and faith all the days of our lives, until at last we are reunited with all of the heirs of Abraham in the glory of life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Abraham's Son and Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, is 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

LSB 542

- 1 When I behold Jesus Christ, True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love As He hung on the tree.

Refrain

**What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there To me on Calvary.**

- 2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can Your selflessness explain. **(refrain)**
- 3 You had no sin, holy Lord, But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all My sins You bled and died. **(refrain)**
- 4 What love is this? Greater love No one has ever known.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You alone. **(refrain)**

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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† DEDICATED ACCOUNTS FULLY FUNDED

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

† THANKS, FROM THE FOGARTY FAMILY

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

† ART FROM OUR COMMUNITY ROOM WALL

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

† WIDOWERS ESSAY OFFERING

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

† LENTEN MIDWEEKS

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

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

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

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

† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, March 13 at 6:30pm they will be joining for music, Easter Egg stuffing and food provided by the Youth Board. Do not miss out.

† EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter Breakfast will be on April 4 from 9:45 to 11:00am. Tickets will go on sale after both services on March 15, 22 and 29. Tickets are \$5

per person; family of 4 or more \$20; children 10 and under are free. Your ticket will be entered for door prizes.

If you have any items to donate toward our door prizes (new or GENTLY used) you may bring them to the office.

If you would like to bring items for breakfast see the white board in the Narthex to sign up.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)

Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller's)

MILESTONES – Sunday, March 1 through Sat., March 7

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Celia Kreps Mar. 1

BIRTHDAYS:

Margo Bachhuber Mar. 1 Alex Hodges Mar. 2

Eileen Hatley Mar. 4 Ayde Alvarado Mar. 6

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

Attendance

Sunday, Feb. 22 8:30am 49

11:00am 60

TOTAL 109

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 1, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	John Aden Stan Chapulis	Don Brown Bob Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Peggy Hall	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Sandy Kirchner and Cindy Reinert	
Sunday School:	Katherine and Cynthia: Unit 2, Lesson 12	

ASSISTING LENT MIDWEEK 2, WED, MARCH 4, 2026

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
A/V:	Michele Sprengle	
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Altar Guild:	Barb Cochran	
Counters:	Bob and Elaina Ritchie	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
Ushers:	Rich Bartell NEEDED	Matthias McInaney John Aden
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	NEEDED	John Haden
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Rich Bartell	Mark Wheeler
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
Flowers:	Both Services: Don and Wyatt Brown	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
Sunday School:	Audrey and Carolyn: Unit 2, Lesson 13	

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

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

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

<i>January Dedicated Offerings</i>	\$ 1,916.83
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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 1–SAT., MAR. 7, 2026

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

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 8–SAT., MAR. 14, 2026

Sunday, Mar. 8	8:30am	Worship
Lent 3	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Mar. 9	1:00pm	Stewardship Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Mar. 10	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	2:30pm	Confirmation
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 11	3:30pm	Lent 4 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 4 Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 12	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Mar. 13	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night

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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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