



LENTEN

MIDWEEK THREE

Ascension Lutheran Church
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Lenten Midweek Three – March 4, 2026

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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.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS During the midweek services of Lent, a basket is located in the center aisle to give your offering when you arrive or depart.

WELCOME

“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”

vs. 1-4

Dies irae, dies illa
Thomas de Celano, c. 1250
Tr., William J. Irons, 1848, alt.

Dies irae
Latin melody, c. 1200

1 Day of wrath, O day of mourn - ing! See ful - filled the
2 Oh, what fear man's bos - om rend - eth When from heav'n the
3 Won - drous sound the trum - pet fling - eth, Thro' earth's sep - ul -
4 Death is struck and na - ture quak - ing; All cre - a - tion

Prophet's warn - ing, Heav'n and earth in ash - es burn - ing,
Judge de - scend - eth On whose sentence all de - pend - eth!
chers it ring - eth, All be - fore the throne it bring - eth.
is a - wak - ing, To its Judge an an - swer mak - ing, A - men.

- 5 Lo, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.
- 6 When the Judge His seat attaineth
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unavenged remaineth.

INVOCATION

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

Psalm 90:1-17

- L** Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
- C** **Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**
- L** You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
- C** **For a thousand years in your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.**
- L** You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
- C** **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.**
- L** For we are brought to an end by your anger;
by your wrath we are dismayed.
- C** **You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**
- L** For all our days pass away under your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- C** **The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;**
- L** yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
- C** **Who considers the power of your anger,
and your wrath according to the fear of you?**
- L** So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
- C** **Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!**
- L** Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- C** **Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

- L** Let your work be shown to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.
- C** **Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- A** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins
and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and
justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I
am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and
I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the
holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a
poor, sinful being.**
- A** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for
us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who
believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the
children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the
Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion
in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER

- A** Let us pray.
Almighty God and Father, our souls are downcast, yet we
constantly thirst for You. Give us continuing hope and
confidence in You because of the life, death, and resurrection of
Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 1: 2-6, 14-18 (NIVO)

²“I will sweep away everything from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD. ³“I will sweep away both men and animals; I will sweep away the birds of the air and the fish of the sea. The wicked will have only heaps of rubble when I cut off man from the face of the earth,” declares the LORD. ⁴“I will stretch out My hand against Judah and against all who live in Jerusalem. I will cut off from this place every remnant of Baal, the names of the pagan and the idolatrous priests—⁵those who bow down on the roofs to worship the starry host, those who bow down and swear by the LORD and who also swear by Molech, ⁶those who turn back from following the LORD and neither seek the LORD nor inquire of Him. ¹⁴“The great day of the LORD is near—near and coming quickly. Listen! The cry on the day of the LORD will be bitter, the shouting of the warrior there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers. ¹⁷I will bring distress on the people and they will walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their entrails like filth. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD’s wrath. In the fire of His jealousy the whole world will be consumed, for He will make a sudden end of all who live in the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Jude 17-25 (NIVO)

¹⁷ But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. ¹⁸ They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” ¹⁹ These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. ²⁰ But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. ²¹ Keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴ To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious

presence without fault and with great joy—²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:1-11 (NIVO)

A The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

¹ But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² At dawn He appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴ and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do You say?” ⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger. ⁷ When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸ Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ “No one, Sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”

vs. 7-12

7 What shall I, frail man, be pleading?
Who for me be interceding
When the just are mercy needing?

8 King of majesty tremendous,
Who dost free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.

- 9 Think, good Jesus, my salvation
Caused Thy wondrous incarnation;
Leave me not to reprobation!
- 10 Faint and weary Thou hast sought me,
On the cross of suffering bought me;
Shall such grace be vainly brought me?
- 11 Righteous Judge, for sin's pollution
Grant Thy gift of absolution
Ere that day of retribution!
- 12 Guilty, now I pour my moaning,
All my shame with anguish owning:
Spare, O God, Thy suppliant groaning!
- 13 From that sinful woman shriven,
From the dying thief forgiven,
Thou to me a hope hast given.

SERMON

Pr. Eric Lange

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us go to our Lord in confident prayer, trusting in His promises and care for our lives:

Gracious God, offering full and free forgiveness, we come in spiritual sackcloth and ashes, painfully aware of our sins and failings. Graciously wash us and clothe us with the robe of Christ's own righteousness so that we may live eternally with all Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

P Eden's Lord and ours, hear us and all who call out to You in pain and sorrow, sweat or tears. Remind us of Your painful victory over every temptation, and strengthen us to follow where You have led the way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Loving Father, calling us to Mount Calvary, remove from us our fear of Your righteous judgment for our sins; strengthen our faith in the all-availing sacrifice of Your Son in our stead. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Spirit of life, remind us again of our Baptism, in which our old Adam was drowned; strengthen us to live in the freedom of the children of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord Jesus, Savior and Guide, give us the eyes of faith to see the tree of life awaiting us in heaven, and guide us to follow where You have led the way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Protecting Father, assure us of Your presence on our journey through the desert of this world and bring us at last to the paradise purchased by Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Holy and merciful Lord over all, we feel the burden of our sin; renew in us the firm faith that Your Son has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows, giving His life for ours. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Everlasting Father, our Savior has conquered death. Fill us with rejoicing, confident that we shall therefore gather around the eternal throne of the Lamb, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit are 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.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

- C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

- P** The Lord bless us and keep us,
the Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us,
the Lord look upon us with favor and grant us peace.
C Amen.

“Day of Wrath, O Day of Mourning”

vs. 14-19

- 14 Worthless are my prayers and sighing;
Yet, good Lord, in grace complying,
Rescue me from fires undying.
- 15 With Thy favored sheep, oh, place me!
Nor among the goats abase me,
But to Thy right hand upraise me.

- 16 While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.
- 17 Low I kneel with heart-submission,
See, like ashes, my contrition;
Help me in my last condition!
- 18 Day of sorrow, day of weeping,
When, in dust no longer sleeping,
Man awakes in Thy dread keeping!
- 19 To the rest Thou didst prepare me
On Thy cross; O Christ, upbear me!
Spare, O God, in mercy spare me

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord!
C **Thanks be to God.**

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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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