



# ***“I AM the Good Shepherd”***

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”

Sunday, May 11, 2025

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

## + PREPARATION +

### THEME: "THE GOOD SHEPHERDING CONTINUES"

**AS WE GATHER:** Even as we celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd, we also acknowledge that His shepherding love and care continues through the undershepherds whom He sends to protect, preserve, and provide for His sheep. The pastors do not replace Jesus, our Good Shepherd, but are the means by which our Lord continues His work among us through His Word and Sacraments. His Word and promise continue and He is among us just as He has said, still leading us to the still quiet waters, the rich green pastures, and the safe refuge so familiar to us in the words of Psalm 23.

### WELCOME

#### "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

LSB 711

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.
- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.
- 3 You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

- 4 Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessèd Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us", Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt., Text: Public domain

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Isaiah 53:6; 1 Peter 2:24

- P All we like sheep have gone astray;  
C **we have turned every one to his own way;**  
P and the Lord has laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all. He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross  
C **that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.**

*Silence for reflection and examination.*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 T 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 Merciful God, You have provided for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and, through Him, pastors to serve as undershepherds for Your people. Continue to work in us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may be kept safe from harm and led to everlasting life through Your Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

## **+ THE WORD +**

### **FIRST READING**

Acts 20:17-35 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 7:9-17 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

- 1 I am Jesus’ little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am;  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need and well provides me,  
Loves me ev’ry day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd’s lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

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**SERMON**  
**“CARING FOR THE FLOCK”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Acts 20:17-35

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

- C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

### **“The Lord Is My Shepherd”**

Allen Pote

#### **Choir**

*The Lord is my shepherd.  
Nothing shall I want.  
My Shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,  
Leads me beside still waters.*

*The Lord is my shepherd,  
Who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For the sake of the Lord's name.*

*And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me,  
Your rod and staff will comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me,  
In the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil,  
My cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy,  
Shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And in the house of my God I will live forever.  
The Lord is my shepherd,  
I shall not want.*

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Father, You have shown Your goodness and mercy in providing for us Your own Son to be our Good Shepherd and to lay down His life for His sheep. Grant us Your grace that we may hear the voice of our Good Shepherd, follow where He leads, and live in peace and quietness all our days. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P Father, Your Son has raised up undershepherds through whom He provides His care and protection, guarding us by His Word and nurturing our faith by His Sacraments. Make us attentive to their voice that we may be kept from danger and secured in the truth so that nothing can snatch us from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Father, we have seen Your goodness in the still quiet waters and rich green pastures You daily and richly provide. Give us wise and grateful hearts that we may receive Your grace with thanksgiving and treasure them in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Father, Your watchful care is supplied for us in the governments and leaders of our land. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will govern us according to Your Word and will work for peace and justice for all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Father, give comfort and hope to those who are bereaved, that we may be consoled with the knowledge that those who die in Christ live forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Father, shepherd the sick and suffering to healing and relief that they may know Your presence in trouble and Your peace in trial. We pray for...For all who stand in need of Your grace, keep them to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Father, we pray for and rejoice with those who celebrate this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands, O loving and gentle Shepherd, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 14 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

### **“What Is This Bread”**

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- 1    What is this bread?  
     Christ's body risen from the dead:  
         This bread we break, This life we take,  
     Was crushed to pay for our release.  
     O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
  
- 2    What is this wine?  
     The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
         The cup of grace Brings His embrace  
     Of life and love until I sing!  
     O taste and see—the Lord is King.
  
- 3    So who am I,  
     That I should live and He should die  
         Under the rod? My God, my God,  
     Why have You not forsaken me?  
     O taste and see—the Lord is free.
  
- 4    Yet is God here?  
     Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
         In mouth and soul He makes us whole—  
     Christ, truly present in this meal.  
     O taste and see—the Lord is real.
  
- 5    Is this for me?  
     I am forgiven and set free!  
         I do believe That I receive  
     His very body and His blood.  
     O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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### **“Jesus, Strong And Kind”**

Jesus said That if I thirst,  
I should come to Him.  
No one else can satisfy,  
I should come to Him.

Jesus said If I am weak,  
I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my strength,  
I should come to Him.

**(Chorus)**

**For the Lord is good and faithful.  
He will keep us day and night.  
We can always run to Jesus,  
Jesus, strong and kind.**

Jesus said That if I fear,  
I should come to Him.  
No one else can be my shield,  
I should come to Him. **(chorus)**

Jesus said If I am lost,  
He will come to me.  
And He showed me on that cross,  
He will come to me. **(chorus x2)**

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for providing for us Your own Son to be our Shepherd and Lord. Grant that through the means of grace and those undershepherds who administer them to us we may continue to be fed and nourished to eternal life and bring us at last to that day when we shall gather as one in Your presence on high, without trouble or trial to afflict us, and we shall know His love face to face; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20–21; Numbers 6:24–26

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS

### “She Will Be Called Blessed” (spoken)

P She will be called blessed by her sons and her daughters;

C **Precious to the Father are those who seek His ways.**

P She will be called blessed, held above every other;

C **Blessed is the mother who turns to God in Praise.**

P Her strength and her dignity clothe her with beauty;

C **In works of her hands she excels.**

P A heart of compassion she turns to the needy;

C **In service to others, she gives of herself.**

P She rises each morning to see her household;

C **She looks toward the future with joy.**

P She teaches her children true lessons of kindness;

C **And shares with them wisdom the world cannot destroy.**

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### “We Thank You, Lord, For Mothers”

We thank You, Lord, for mothers Who Your great kindness share  
Through loving deeds for others As emblems of Your care.  
May we true honor show them And joyfully express  
That they are gifts among us To cherish and to bless.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **“He Leadeth Me”**

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate’er I do, where’er I be,  
still ‘tis God’s hand that leadeth me.

### **(Refrain)**

**He leadeth me, He leadeth me;  
by His own hand He leadeth me:  
His faithful fol-l’wer I would be,  
for by His hand He leadeth me.**

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since ‘tis my God that leadeth me. **(refrain)**

## DISMISSAL

P    Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
C    **Thanks be to God!**

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Thank you to John and Wendy Hazen for the lovely  
Altar flowers  
in honor of Lily and Nichole’s birthdays, given to the  
glory of God.

## † RE:VITALITY

The LCMS Re:Vitality program is offering Ascension Lutheran Church the opportunity to do a self-assessment to see how their resources can benefit us. We need honest feedback from anyone connected to our congregation, especially you! Grab a card from the Table by the door in the Narthex to see how you can participate.

## † SUPPORT SNOW CAP WITH PROTEINS

During the month of May, the Human Care Board is requesting that members donate protein food items into the Snow Cap bin in the narthex. (Suggested items include: peanut butter, tuna, beans, etc.) These items will be delivered to Snow Cap to help with the nutritional needs of people in our community. Thank you for your support.

## † INTRODUCING “IRON MEN” – MONTHLY MEN’S BREAKFAST AND DEVOTION

“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” *Proverbs 27:17*

This group will meet *the fourth* Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00am beginning Saturday, May 24 in the Community Room.

Men of the congregation and community you are invited to join us to connect, grow in faith, and encourage one another through God’s Word and fellowship.

The gathering will focus on Christian brotherhood and spiritual growth. We’ll meet for a simple breakfast (think breakfast burritos and coffee), followed by a brief devotion shared by one of the men. After the devotion, we’ll open up time for group discussion, allowing us to reflect on the Word and how it applies to our lives. We’ll close with the Lord’s Prayer and finish by 9:00am. For more information or to RSVP, contact Pastor Jim.

## † ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP

Forty days after Easter is the festival of the Ascension of our Lord. Come worship and celebrate with us as we sing hymns of praise joined by our choir and handbells. Please join us for our annual Ascension Day Service on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 pm.

## † THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

This 70-voice ecumenical group continues its long tradition of singing praises to God with members from over 60 churches of various denominations. The choir rehearses on Monday from 7:00-9:00pm in preparation for the four Sunday concerts beginning September 14. No audition is necessary but experience in singing choral music is



helpful. Rehearsals are at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR 97217. Please arrive a bit early for our first rehearsal on June 2nd. For more information, go to [lutheranchoral.org](http://lutheranchoral.org) or contact LCA president, Mark Hoelter at [mark@hoelter.net](mailto:mark@hoelter.net) or 503-936-4916.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Bonnie Webber, Ed Hubbard, Bill Guthrie, Joann Schulz’s grandson (Brett), Randy Bryant’s sister-in-law (Diana), Riki NeagleMike Fogarty, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob’s brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez’ mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)  
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);  
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).  
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MAY 11, 2025

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefer	Randy Schroeder
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart	John Aden Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Wyatt Brown
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Tom Osgood	Alex Hodges
<b>Greeters:</b>	Millie Edwards	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Sue Rotramel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Virginia Jacobs	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: John and Wendy Hazen	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Hana and Gina	

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUN., MAY 18, 2025

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<b>Elder:</b>	<b>8:30am</b> Bruce Blubaum	<b>11:00am</b> Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	John Aden Randy Schroeder	Paul Walter Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
<b>Readers:</b>	Joann Schulz	Carlyn Staudt
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Debbie Rekdahl	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Klara Schmidt	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Carrie and Michele	

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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAY 11 – SAT., MAY 17

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<b>Sunday, May 11</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship with Comm.
<b>Monday, May 12</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b>	6:30pm	C-101
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>	10:00am	LWML Group Gathering

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EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 18 – SAT., MAY 24

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<b>Sunday, May 18</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, May 19</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b>	6:30pm	C-101

<b>Thursday, May 22</b>		<b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE</b>
	6:00pm	Praise Team

7:00pm Choir Practice

**Friday, May 23**

5:30pm Confirmation

**Saturday, May 24**

8:00am IRON MEN Bible Study Breakfast

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MILESTONES – Sunday, May 11 – Saturday, May 17

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Bob Freeman	May 12	Christina Freeman	May 12
James Freeman	May 12	Debbie Noonan	May 12
Ed Hubbard	May 14	Virginia Jacobs	May 14
Elaine Miller	May 14	J. E. Knox	May 15
Diana Laxton	May 15	Jean Dillon	May 16

BIRTHDAYS:

Jaden Mundo	May 11	Giselle Lavadores	May 12
Debbie Walter	May 14	Susan Rotramel	May 17

WEDDINGS: None

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LAST WEEK AT ASCENSION

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<b>Offerings for Sunday, May 4, 2025</b>	\$11,030.50
<b>Weekly Budgeted Needs</b>	<u>\$8,240.72</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$2,789.78</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Income</b>	\$388,050.08
<b>Year-to-Date Expenses</b>	<u>\$410,379.02</u>
	<b>(- \$22,328.84)</b>

**Attendance**

Sunday, May 4, 2025:	8:30am – 60
	<u>11:00am – 68</u>

<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>128</b>
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† VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

Join us for our upcoming Voter's Assembly on June 1 following the 11:00am worship.

† CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, May 11 from 9am to 12pm. We will be working outside!

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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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