



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
March 06, 2022

FIRST 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 comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “And So It Begins”

AS WE GATHER: Lent is the whole of our Christian lives in summary. Our lives in Christ are a journey from the wilderness of sin into the promised land of God’s mercy and from slavery into freedom through forgiveness. Remembering how God delivered the children of Israel, we are pointed to Christ, our Savior, through whom we are delivered from the tyranny of sin, strengthened in the face of temptation, and equipped to do the good works we were created to do. Remembering our Baptism into Christ, we daily repent of our sin and rejoice in His forgiveness. Though we often do not see the progress, God is ever guiding us through daily repentance and the Means of Grace until we are brought to everlasting life.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“O Christ, You Walked the Road” (tune: “Lord Jesus, Think on Me”)

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation’s pow’r And fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung’ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand’ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation’s hour To fight our ancient foe.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Mark 14:38; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 Cor 10:12–13*

- P** Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”
- C** **Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**
- P** Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man.
- C** **God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 6:20, 22–23, adapted; Mark 1:15*

- P** God’s Word reminds us that when we were slaves of sin, we were free in regard to righteousness.
- C** **But now that we have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit we get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.**
- P** For the wages of sin is death,
- C** **but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- P** Let us confess our sins to God, who has brought us out of slavery and promises to lead us to the promised land of heaven.

A moment for silent confession.

P Heavenly Father, we know we are blessed when we remain steadfast under trial, yet we fall prey to the devil's schemes and give in to temptation. We are lured and enticed by our own evil desires—desires that contradict your good and gracious will.

C **For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P As Jesus began His ministry, He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." As you have repented of your sins, believe these words as if Jesus was standing here speaking them to you: 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.

Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit to fast forty days in the wilderness and was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Give us Your grace and Spirit that we may be faithful before temptation and delivered from slavery to sin through forgiveness to serve You faithfully all our days; 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 ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 26:5–11 (ESV)

(God's people recall His mighty deliverance from the slavery of Egypt into the land of promise.)

⁵“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. ⁷Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. ⁹And He brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which You, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Romans 10:8b–13 (ESV)

(The Word of the Lord is always near us, and all who call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.)

⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13 (ESV)

(Our Lord is tempted in the wilderness by Satan.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness ²for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, He was hungry. ³The devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” ⁴And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’” ⁵And the devil took Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,⁶ and said to Him, “To You I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. ⁷If You, then, will worship me, it will all be Yours.” ⁸And Jesus answered him, “It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve.”” ⁹And he took Him to Jerusalem and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, “He will command His angels concerning you, to guard you,’ ¹¹and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”” ¹²And Jesus answered Him, “It is said, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN

“Jesus, Tempted in the Desert”(tune: Thy Strong Word – *EBENEZER*)

Jesus, tempted in the desert,
 lonely, hungry, filled with dread;
 “Use Your pow’r,” the tempter tells Him;
 “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”
 “Not alone by bread,” He answers,
 “can the human heart be filled.
 Only by the Word that calls us
 is our deepest hunger stilled!”

Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall;
“Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!”
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request;
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test.”

Jesus, tempted on the mountain,
by the lure of vast domain;
“Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame you’re sure to gain!”
Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns His eyes another way;
“God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!”

When we face temptation’s power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, Who knew the tempter’s hour,
come and be our living bread.
By Your grace, protect, preserve us,
lest we fall, Your trust betray.
Yours above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

SERMON

“THE WILDERNESS”

Luke 4:1–13
Pr. Jim Sprengle

WE SING OUR FAITH ~ THE CREED IN SONG

“In God The Father I Believe”
(tune: Kingsfold)

In God the Father I believe, Almighty Lord of all
Who made the heavens and the earth: His name be praised in awe.
And I believe in Jesus Christ, The Father’s only Son;
Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Of virgin Mary born.

Who suffered when He stood condemned By Pontius Pilate's code;
Was crucified, was dead, As He Himself had long foretold.
Our Lord was buried in a tomb, Descended into hell,
But on the third day He arose Again on earth to dwell.

Ascending into heaven above He sits at God's right hand;
From there He shall return to judge The living and the dead.
In God the Spirit I believe, Who guides a holy church;
The universal body that Victorious shall emerge.

I do believe that all the saints Must now commune in love,
And that, redeemed by Jesus' blood, Our sins are pardoned us.
And at life's end, my body frail, Upraised from earthly strife,
Is resurrected and renewed In everlasting life!

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)

"Those Who Wait Upon the Lord"

(based on Isaiah 40:28-31)

words and music by Gary Hallquist

Ascension Choir

*Those who wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.*

*They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall walk and not grow faint.*

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth,
Does not grow tired or weary.
Shall renew their strength.*

*Even youths grow tired and weary.
Even young men stumble and fall, but those who wait,
Yes, those who wait on the Lord will not faint.
Those who wait upon the Lord
Shall renew their strength.*

*They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run and not grow weary;
Run and not grow weary.
Those who wait upon the Lord
Will not faint.*

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.
- For the Church, the people of God led from slavery in the wilderness of death to freedom and life through the forgiveness of sin; for boldness to proclaim this saving Gospel to all those still captive; and for strength in the face of temptation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all pastors and church workers, that they be kept in holiness, and for those who receive their ministry that they be brought to faith and sustained in hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For courage in the face of temptation, strength in time of test, and hope in the face of despair that nothing may cause our faith to waver from our confidence in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For blessing upon the government and institutions of our land, for the light of God's Word to shine in the wilderness of unbelief, and for peace in our nation and among the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and those who suffer any need of body, mind, or soul, that God grant them healing according to His will and strength to endure their afflictions. We pray for...let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the blessings God richly bestows on us, we thank Him and we rejoice with those celebrating this week...let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** As our Lord Jesus has taught us in scripture, we pray with boldness in His name:
- 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.**

✠ 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 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

“Just As I Am”

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

“Feed Us Now”

Feed us now, Bread of Life,
In this holy meal,
Let us know Your love anew,
We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of Life,
Come and live within,
Let Your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine,
Lord, this food is good
Love and mercy come to us,
Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine,
Who can understand
How His mercy works in these,
Yet, Lord, we believe.

God is here, O so near,
Nearer than our thoughts;
Stay with us where'er we go,
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal
May we always feed on You,
On the Bread that is true.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O Lord, in Your great goodness You delivered Your people of old from slavery to freedom and brought them into the land of promise. We give You thanks for having delivered us from the slavery of our sins through the cleansing of our Savior's blood and for our communion upon His flesh and blood in this Sacrament, assuring us that we belong to Him; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

O Lord, throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, your skill and trust
In God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves
Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in Heaven's praise.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you, Bonnie Webber, for the lovely
Altar flowers in memory of Jack's birthday.*

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† BRACELET ASSEMBLY AND DINNER THIS WEEK!

The Mission Board is hosting workshops to make evangelism bracelets. Workshops will be held in the community room prior to the first 3 Midweek Lenten Services on Wed. March 9, 16, and 23. Join us from 5:30-6:30pm. Supper will be served!

The Bracelets will be sent to the LCMS Board for Missions to be distributed through seminary students in India and elsewhere around the world.

† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I

Join in this amazing opportunity, everyone is invited! Classes are the second and fourth Saturday of the month beginning on next Saturday, March 12 from 10:30am to noon.

9 Sessions in total: March 12, 26; April 9, 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9

Sessions will include discussion and Bible study, followed by an episode of the series to reflect upon for the following weeks Bible study session. (*Maybe even some movie theater snacks*)

Books have arrived and you can pick them up at the first session or today in the Narthex! (The cost is \$13.50 each.) We only have 6 extra copies if you have not signed up yet do it right away!!

† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

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

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† TRUMPET RECITAL!

Join us here at Ascension on Friday, March 18th at 4:00pm for an inspiring recital featuring Karlee Wood, a student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and granddaughter of Rich and Karen Zahursky. It is going to be a great opportunity to see this level of talent!

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 6, LENT I

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Marcus Young NEEDED	Marcus Young John Knoke
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	John Hazen (Sound)
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Rebecca Williamson	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK I - WEDNESDAY MARCH 9

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Not Needed	Michele Sprengle
Greeters:	Lottie Guericke	Bonnie Webber
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 13, LENT 2

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Marcus Young	Erik Kreps Evan Kreps Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood (Sound)	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Teresa Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Julie Williamson
Readers:	NEEDED	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	John and Wendy Hazen
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, March 6 – Saturday, March 12

Sunday, Mar. 6	8:30am	Worship with Communion
<i>LENT 1</i>	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Mar. 8	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Mar. 9	3:30pm	Lent Midweek Worship
<i>Lent Midweek 1</i>	5:30pm	Gospel Bracelet Assembly and Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Mar. 10	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 11	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Mar. 12	10:30am	The Chosen Bible Study
		Daylight Saving Begins - Set your clock ahead

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, March 13 – Saturday, March 19

Sunday, Mar. 13	8:30am	Worship
<i>LENT 2</i>	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Mar. 15	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Mar. 16	3:30pm	Lent Midweek Worship
<i>Lent Midweek 2</i>	5:30pm	Gospel Bracelet Assembly and Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Mar. 17	Saint Patrick's Day	
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 18	4:00pm	Karlee Woods Trumpet Recital
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Mar. 19	10:30am	Church Clean-Up

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: office@alcpportland.org

† **PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:**

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);

Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

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

† **MILESTONES**

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Linda Strefling 3/6

BIRTHDAYS

Ayde Alvarado 3/6 Ellie Graham 3/10

John Hazen 3/11 Miki Etzel 3/12

Jenny Schuldheisz 3/12

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

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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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