

"Zeal for Your House  
will consume Me."

John 2:17



Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, March 3, 2024



## THIRD 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 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.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### Theme: “Disruptive Jesus”

**As We Gather:** In our Gospel today, we find Jesus clearing the temple of all those who have made it a house of trade. Jesus disrupts not just the sinfulness of these practices, showing a different side of Him than we expect to see. He also disrupted the status quo—everyday realities that had come to be accepted in the temple. May Jesus so disrupt our lives where it is needed.

### Prelude

## Welcome

### God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

- 1 God Himself is present:  
Let us now adore Him  
And with awe appear before Him.  
God is in His temple;  
All within keep silence;  
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.  
He alone  
On His throne  
Is our God and Savior;  
Praise His name forever!
  
- 2 God Himself is present:  
Hear the harps resounding;  
See the hosts the throne surrounding.  
"Holy, holy, holy!"  
Hear the hymn ascending,  
Songs of saints and angels blending.  
Bow Your ear  
To us here:  
Hear, O Christ, the praises  
That Your Church now raises.
  
- 3 Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Purify my spirit,  
Trusting only in Your merit.  
Like the holy angels,  
Worshiping before You,  
May I ceaselessly adore You.  
Let Your will  
Ever still  
Rule Your Church terrestrial  
As the hosts celestial.

God Himself Is Present Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835, alt.; tr. John Miller, 1756–90, alt., Text: Public domain

### Invocation

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

## Opening Sentences

- P** God invites us to gather in His name.
- C** **We are gathered to worship and praise.**
- P** Our heavenly Father's house is a house of prayer for all the nations.
- C** **He gathers people from every corner of the earth to sing His praises.**
- P** We listen to God's Word.
- C** **We hear the message proclaimed of Christ crucified.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Though this is a house of prayer, we do not always honor God's house as we should. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us ever into His house to seek forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we have sinned against You and against our neighbors. 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. Disrupt our sinfulness. Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, on account of Jesus. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world, not only to disrupt our sinfulness but also to forgive us by His death and resurrection. 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. We are forgiven because of Christ crucified.**

## Thank You, Lord

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.  
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole.  
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free!

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## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Exodus 20:1-17 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words, saying,

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>3</sup>"You shall have no other gods before Me. <sup>4</sup>"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

<sup>7</sup>"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

<sup>8</sup>"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

<sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Lambs’ Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple He found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And He told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make My Father’s house a house of trade.” <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for Your house will consume Me.” <sup>18</sup>So the Jews said to Him, “What sign do You show us for doing these things?” <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?” <sup>21</sup>But He was speaking about the temple of His body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered



## Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways

LSB 707

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
To keep His statutes still!  
Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word  
And make my heart sincere;  
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
A stricter watch to keep;  
And should I e'er forget Thy way,  
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands—  
'Tis a delightful road—  
Nor let my head or heart or hands  
Offend against my God.

Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways, Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., Text: Public domain

**Sermon**  
"TOUGH LOVE"

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
John 2:13-22

## 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) I Want Jesus to Walk with Me**

(Traditional Spiritual)

arr. Bryan L. Greer

#### **Ascension Choir**

*I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me,  
All along my pilgrim Journey, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me.  
When my head is bowed in sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*When I am dying, Lord, walk with me. When I am dying, Lord, walk with me.  
When I am on my bed of sorrow, I want Jesus to walk with me.  
I want Jesus to walk with me.*

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## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Lord Jesus Christ, lead Your church on earth to be a house of prayer for all the nations. Disrupt our petty preferences and cultural bias so that we might welcome people from every nation, language, and background. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
  
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, send Your strength to all missionaries. Embolden them to preach the power of Your cross. Encourage them in their service by the same message they proclaim that You have died and are risen for us and our salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
  
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, intercede for all those struggling with relationship issues, whether in friendships, family dynamics, marital struggles, or relationships within the church. We pray that You would bring repentance, forgiveness, and reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, as You delivered the people out of slavery in Egypt and taught them how to live as Your people, so teach us to live according to Your righteous instructions so that we may live peacefully with You and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are well acquainted with grief and death. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief. Point them to the hope that in Your Father's house are many rooms and that You have gone to prepare a place for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, especially... Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, for the blessings You richly bestow, we thank You, and we rejoice with those celebrating this week... Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father 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 13 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 HYMNS +**

**Agnus Dei ~ Lamb Of God**

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## O Living Bread from Heaven

LSB 642

tune: Aureli

O living Bread from Heaven,  
How well You feed Your guest!  
The gifts that You have given  
Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,  
Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing,  
With praises overflows.

My Lord, You here have led me  
Within Your holiest place,  
And here Yourself have fed me  
With treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given  
What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from Heaven,  
That now I shall not die.

You gave me all I wanted;  
This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted  
The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit  
The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit  
Bow down before Your throne.

Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened,  
To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit  
To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit,  
Where joys unmingled flow.

## The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away  
Stood an old rugged cross;  
The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old cross  
Where the dearest and best,  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

### Chorus

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Oh, that old rugged cross,  
So despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God,  
Left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary. **(chorus)**

In the old rugged cross,  
Stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross,  
Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. *(chorus)*

## Post Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Keep us steadfast in the true faith, ever hearing and proclaiming Christ crucified for all; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, 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.)

### God of Grace and God of Glory

LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
  
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
  
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

God of Grace and God of Glory, Text: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878–1969, Text: Public domain

### Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

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You can personalize your bell and add a personal inscription! Look for the “sponsor a bell” poster in the Narthex and ask Brad Hall for details about inscriptions.

Remember you can make anonymous donations in the offering plate. Please note “Bells” clearly on any donations.

**† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS**

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Mar. 6, at 6:00pm – Mexican Potluck

Wednesday, Mar. 20 at 6:00pm – Italian Potluck

**† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

The Thrivent Choice charitable grant program engages Thrivent clients and Thrivent Member Networks by providing grants to support their favorite churches, nonprofit organizations and causes. To direct your CHOICE Dollars online, visit: [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) or by phone: 800-847-4836 and when prompted, say “Thrivent Choice.” Direct your dollars before time runs out!

**† EASTER BREAKFAST**

Easter Sunday, March 31, the Human Care Board is hosting an Easter Breakfast Fundraiser from 9:30am to 10:45am. The fundraiser will support the Benevolence Fund. Tickets will be sold in advance to estimate the number who will attend; however no advance purchase is necessary. The Cost is \$5 and under 12 years old is free! Free will offerings are appreciated. Your ticket will be used to enter you in the drawing for door prizes too. Check out the white board in the Narthex for opportunities to provide food for the event! You may purchase your tickets between services!

**† COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Outreach Board is planning an Easter Egg Hunt open to the community in the park. Admission is free of charge. So, gather your friends and family, and join us, on Saturday March 30 at 10:30 am in the park! Look for signs to point the way.

For any questions or to volunteer for the event, please feel free to contact Cindy Reinert. We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you!



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 3, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Sprengle/Driessner
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	None
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 10, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bruce Blubaum
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Jenny Schuldheisz
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Laura Potter	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Margo Bachhuber	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Hana Laughton and Gina Kreps

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 3 – SAT., MARCH 9**

<b>Sunday, March 3</b> LENT 3	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Mar. 4</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board
	3:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 5</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 6</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Lent Midweek 3 Worship
	6:00pm	Mexican Food Pot-Luck Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek 3 Worship
<b>Thursday, Mar. 7</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Mar. 8</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Mar. 9</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 10 – SAT., MARCH 16**

<b>Sunday, March 10</b> LENT 4	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 12</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 13</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Lent Midweek 4 Worship
		<b>NO POTLUCK</b> this week
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek 4 Worship
<b>Thursday, Mar. 14</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Mar. 15</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Mar. 16</b>	10:00am	LWML Meeting
	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAR. 3- SATURDAY, MAR. 9**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

None

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Eileen Hatley                      Mar. 4                      Ayde Alvarado                      Mar. 6

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

None

**† PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

**† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of Merci McInaney);  
Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Bob Rekdahl, The family of Kevin McInaney, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Gina Kreps, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Hatley, \*Lorraine Haggard, \*Carolyn Barendse, \*Home Bound.

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## **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.

## **STAFF**

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