



Palm Sunday

Hosannah
in the highest!

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

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 +

“The King and Servant”

AS WE GATHER: It’s amazing to think that Jesus is the King of kings, yet a servant of all. The Epistle Lesson explains that He is so great that, “every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father,” (Philippians 2:10-11). Yet, at the same time, Jesus was also a humble servant. As we believe in Jesus as the one who went to the cross for our sins, our minds are transformed, and we become humble servants as well. Today we are called to have the mind of Jesus, who set aside Himself to love and serve others – even unto to death.

PRELUDE

“Lord of Our Hearts He Will Be”

Stan Pethel

Ascension Choir

*Rejoice, rejoice, all people of Zion; Shout, all of Jerusalem.
Our King has come, bringing salvation, riding in majesty.
Let us praise Him, praise Him, singing, “Hosanna!”
Blessed, blessed, blessed is He.
We exalt Him: Jesus, high King of heaven.
Lord of our hearts He will be.*

*Spread your garments, wave branches of palm;
In glory Jesus descends.
Lord of glory, righteous and strong,
God’s glorious kingdom begins.*

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(Please stand and face the processional cross.)

GREETING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C Hosanna to the Son of David.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12-19 (ESV)

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

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

¹²The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your King is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised Him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

PRAYER

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, heavenly Father. Today we especially thank You for the love You showed as Your Son redeemed us. Step by step our Savior followed Your will so that by His glorious death He would redeem us and draw us to Himself. When Jesus entered Jerusalem, those who greeted Him cut palm branches to lay before Him.

C **We ask that You bless these palms and all who bear them this day. Grant that we may always hail Him as our Lord and King;**

P through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ PROCESSION OF PALMS +

(The pastor, ushers, elders and others will place palm branches at the foot of the cross. The north side (piano side) of the congregation will then do the same, moving up the left side of the aisle, and returning to their seats by the opposite side of the aisle. The south side (pulpit side) will then do the same, moving up the center aisle, returning to their seats by the side aisle.)

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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**Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
 To You, Redeemer, King,
 To whom the lips of children
 Made sweet hosannas ring.**

- 1 You are the King of Israel; And David’s royal Son,
 Now in the Lord’s name coming Our King and Blessèd One.
 (refrain)
- 2 The company of angels Is praising You on high,
 And we with all creation In chorus make reply. **(refrain)**
- 3 The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
 Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present.
 (refrain)
- 4 To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
 To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **(refrain)**
- 5 As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
 O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.
 (refrain)

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INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Today is the beginning of Holy Week. During this time, we recall how our Savior gave His life so that all our sins may be forgiven, and heaven opened to us.
- C** **Our lives are full of distractions, trials, and sin. Please help us to trust in Your presence and Your mercy.**
- P** Your concerns and your sins are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.
- C** **I confess that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. My sin makes it impossible to save myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.**
- P** As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, 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 and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

A Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

A behold, your king is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation is He,**

A humble and mounted on a donkey,

C **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

A I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

C **As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made Himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

(Tune: In The Cross Of Christ I Glory)

Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving.
May His will in us be done.

Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.

Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.

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SERMON
"LIKE-MINDED"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Philippians 2:5-11

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father's right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances.

For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For loving families and caring communities, for schools and institutions of higher learning, wherever people gather to share and build up, that God would provide them the wisdom and understanding they need to do His will, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For those near to us who are ill or suffering...that God would visit, relief, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P For the gifts and joys of life being celebrated by our brothers and sisters...let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

+ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD +

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26 and 27 (ESV)

(The congregation reads the parts in bold)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Passion of Our Lord.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS (Mt 26:14-16, 21-25)

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray Him.²¹And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another,

"Is it I, Lord?"

²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray Him, answered,

“Is it I, Rabbi?”

He said to him, “You have said so.”

JESUS’ PREDICTION OF PETER’S DENIAL (Mt 26:31-35)

³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³Peter answered Him,

“Though they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away.”

³⁴Jesus said to Him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to Him,

“Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!”

And all the disciples said the same.

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE (Mt 26:36-46)

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me.” ³⁹And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping.

And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour?

⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

⁴³And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

JUDAS’ BETRAYAL AND THE ARREST OF JESUS (Mt 26:47-56)

⁴⁷While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the man; seize Him.” ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

“Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed Him.

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.”

Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.”

Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

PETER’S DENIAL (Mt 26:69-75)

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, “You also were with Jesus the Galilean.”

⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying,

“I do not know what you mean.”

⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, “This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.” ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath:

“I do not know the man.”

⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”
⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

“I do not know the man.”

And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE (Mt 27:11-17, 21-26)

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”

¹²But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” ¹⁴But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, – so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

“Barabbas.”

²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said,

“Let Him be crucified!”

²³And he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more,

“Let Him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵And all the people answered,

“His blood be on us and on our children!”

²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS (Mt 27:27-31)

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him.

²⁸And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying,

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

³⁰And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

JESUS' CRUCIFIXION (Mt 27:32-44)

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. ³⁷And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read,

“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying,

⁴² **“He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”**

⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

THE DEATH OF JESUS (Mt 27:45-54)

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

“This man is calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said,

“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”

⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

“Truly this was the Son of God!”

JESUS’ BURIAL (Mt 27:57-61)

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

PILATE POSTS A GUARD (Mt 27:62-66)

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, “Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, ‘After three days I will rise.’ ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away and tell the people, ‘He has risen from the dead,’ and the last fraud will be worse than the first.”

⁶⁵Pilate said to them, “You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can.” ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of our glorious God—the Father who sent His Son; the † Son whose glory was to give His life that we might live forever; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in our hearts to follow Him step by step—be with you, now and always.

C Amen.

(We depart in silence as we anticipate the journey of our Lord to the cross.)

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given in memory of Kevin to the glory of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 24, 2024

**† JOIN US FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD
FRIDAY WORSHIP AT 7:00PM**

† 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: cinrein@live.com. We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you!

† WATERCOLOR CLASSES

Wednesdays through May 1 we are having watercolor painting classes that precede the regular craft day. The time is 11:30am to 2:30pm in the Conference room. Instructors are available and there is a minimum donation of \$2.

† 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. Save your ticket, it 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!

† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to come to a Bible Study on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Community room. A new study is beginning on April 9. Please contact the office (503-665-8821) for materials if you would like to come!

† LWML DONATIONS NEEDED

The Mt. Hood Zone gathering on April 13 is donating to NW Pilot Project. If you can't attend the meeting, you may place items in the LWML basket in the NE corner of the Narthex by 04-12-24. New items requested are: deodorant (men's and women's), shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, toilet paper, razor, and paper towels. Thank you!

† 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.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 24, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bruce Blubaum
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Celia Kreps
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Karon Keup
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	Merci McInaney
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School	9:45am	Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 31, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Herb Hoefler	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	Lily Hodges
	NEEDED	Alex Hodges
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Paul Walter Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	NEEDED
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Guild:	Both Services	All Altar Guild
Flowers:	Both Services	Gertrud Bublies
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School	9:45am	NO Sunday School

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 24 – SAT., MARCH 30

Sunday, March 24	8:30am	Worship
PALM SUNDAY	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Tuesday, Mar. 26		Newsletter Items Due
Wednesday, Mar. 27	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Thursday, Mar. 28	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, Mar. 29	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
Saturday, Mar. 30	10:30am	Easter Egg Hunt
	1:00pm	NO Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 31 – SAT., APRIL 6

Sunday, March 31	8:30am	Worship
EASTER SUNDAY	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Tuesday, April 2	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, April 3	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, April 4	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, April 5	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, April 6	1:00pm	Confirmation

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAR. 24– SATURDAY, MAR. 30**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Tracy Schaffer	Mar. 25	Luke Teyema	Mar. 30
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BIRTHDAYS:

Madison Fogarty	Mar. 25	Carolyn Shore	Mar. 28
Janice Hart	Mar. 29	Steven Schaefer	Mar. 29
Hilary Sylvia	Mar. 29		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Paul and Debbie Walter	Mar. 29, 1975
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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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