



"For judgment I came into this world,
that those who do not see may see, and
those who see may become blind." John 9:39

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

March 19, 2023

Fourth 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 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: “Discovering What Is Good and Right and True”

As We Gather: Recently published health guidelines suggest that it is of significant benefit that each adult walk about 10,000 steps each day. The guidelines do not suggest where or how or even when that walking should be done during the course of a day. It simply commends the walking itself. Walking is important for our lives! Paul wrote to the Christians at Ephesus to “walk as children of light” and to seek what is “good and right and true” (Ephesians 5:8b, 9b). May our walking with our Lord be blessed each day—no matter how many steps we take along the way!

Prelude

Welcome

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 119:33–35, 40–41

P Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end.
C Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law and observe it with my whole heart.
P Lead me in the path of Your commandments, for I delight in it.
C Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life!
Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your promise.

Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us make confession of our sins to God, our gracious, heavenly Father.
- C** **Eternal God, we confess that we have sinned and need forgiveness. By nature, we are sinful from the very beginning of our lives. Through our thoughts, words, and deeds, we continually sin against You. We have lived for ourselves in many ways, breaking Your commands. We have walked in the darkness of bad choices and have not done the good You require. O God, in Your mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments.**
- P** God promises to hear those who turn to Him with repentant hearts. Upon this your confession, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Faithful God, whose grace attends us all our days, look upon us in mercy and renew us by Your Holy Spirit. Direct our steps into pathways of peace and lead us to discover all that is good and right and true. Preserve us in Your righteousness and at last bring us to Your eternal kingdom where You live and reign with the Father 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 always.
- C** **And also with you.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 42:14-21 (ESV)

- ¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace;
I have kept still and restrained myself;
now I will cry out like a woman in labor;
I will gasp and pant.
- ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills,
and dry up all their vegetation;
I will turn the rivers into islands,
and dry up the pools.
- ¹⁶And I will lead the blind
in a way that they do not know,
in paths that they have not known
I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.
These are the things I do,
and I do not forsake them.
- ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame,
who trust in carved idols,
who say to metal images,
“You are our gods.”
- ¹⁸Hear, you deaf,
and look, you blind, that you may see!
- ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant,
or deaf as my messenger whom I send?
Who is blind as my dedicated one,
or blind as the servant of the LORD?
- ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them;
his ears are open, but he does not hear.
- ²¹The LORD was pleased, for His righteousness’ sake,
to magnify His law and make it glorious.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14 (ESV)

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is

pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Holy Gospel

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then He anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . .

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about Him, since He has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . .

³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him He said, “Do you believe in the

Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him, and it is He who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped Him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS

HYMN

Just as I Am

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

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Sermon
"LORD, OPEN OUR EYES"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
John 9

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 \dagger 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) "The Hiding Place"

Bryan Jeffery Leech/arr. Dick Bolks
Ascension Choir

*In a time of trouble, in a time forlorn,
There is a hiding place where hope is born.
In a time of danger, when our faith is proved,
There is a hiding place where we are loved.*

*There is a hiding place, a strong protective space,
Where God provides the grace to persevere.
For nothing can remove us from the Father's love,
Though all may change, yet nothing changes here.*

*In a time of sorrow, in a time of grief,
There is a hiding place to give relief.
In a time of weakness, in a time of fear,
There is a hiding place where God is near.*

Prayer of the Church

- P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend...and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks for the blessings being celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

(11:00am 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 HYMNS +

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

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Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!

- 2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.
- 5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.
- 6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, almighty God, for by You we have been fed and nourished with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Strengthen us through this Holy Meal in faith toward You and in caring love toward one another as we live out our callings. With Your loving grace, hear our prayers and grant all that is best for us according to Your caring will. Grant us Your abiding peace as we await Your eternal kingdom. In the name of Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life, we pray.

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.)

HYMN

Amazing Grace

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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Dismissal

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

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† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

Wednesday, March 22 at 6:00pm-Mexican Fiesta! Bring something to share! See the white board for each week's theme!

† BRACELET PROJECT FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

Make Bracelets, Wednesdays 2:00pm and 6:00pm, March 15, 22, 29. Volunteers will help put bracelets together during the Wednesday Lenten get togethers. In the community room on Wednesdays at 2pm or 6pm during Lent. If you cannot come to Wednesdays, you can take home supplies and make them from home! ~or~

Help spread the Gospel! Know a business in town that is willing to put a basket of bracelets on their counter? Family-owned restaurants, mechanics, retail stores, hotels - or any place willing to put a basket of Gospel bracelets in their business will help spread the Word.

† EASTER BREAKFAST BENEVOLENCE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 9 the Human Care Board is hosting an Easter Breakfast Fundraiser between services! 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! You are welcome to donate further the day of the event for this valuable ministry! Check out the white board in the Narthex for opportunities to provide food for the event!

† PRAYERS FOR THE BROWN FAMILY

Our dear sister in Christ, Jessica Brown, passed away late March 8 from complications brought on by her recent heart surgery. The loss is very heartbreaking and yet we find comfort in the knowledge that she is cradled in our Savior's arms. Please keep all involved in your prayers. Service information will be shared when available.

† THANK YOU, BRANDY WEBBER!

Thank you to Brandy for the beautiful display you created in the window box, it is creative and beautiful! Please look at the Easter display in the glass cabinet in the east hallway!

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, The Brown Family, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob's Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Rich Zahursky, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

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).

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Mike Potter	Mar. 21	Corey Ritchie	Mar. 21
Jenny Schuldheisz	Mar. 21	Karen Zahursky	Mar. 23
Tracy Schaffer	Mar. 25		

BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Hubbard	Mar. 19	Karon Keup	Mar. 20
Kevin McInaney	Mar. 21	Corey Ritchie	Mar. 21
Ruby Sylvia	Mar. 22	Pam Eilers	Mar. 23
Madison Fogarty	Mar. 25		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

NONE

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 19

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Herb Hoefer	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Joshua Mundo Jonathan Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Riki Neagle
Readers:	Karon Keup	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Karon Keup
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup/Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK SERVICE, MARCH 22

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	
Ushers:	NEEDED	Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	None Needed
Greeters:	Karon Keup	NEEDED
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Jim Eckart NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Christian Freeman
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carol Hoefer
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 19 - SAT., MAR. 25

Sunday, Mar. 19	8:30am	Worship with Comm.
LENT 4	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, March 20	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Tuesday Mar. 21	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday Mar. 22	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together and Bracelet making
	3:30pm	5th Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Mexican Fiesta!
	6:00pm	Spanish Gospel Bracelets
	7:00pm	5th Lenten Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 23	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 24	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Mar. 25	10:30am	The Chosen 3 Study

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 26 - SAT., APRIL 1

Sunday, Mar. 26	8:30am	Worship
Lent 5	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Comm.
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Mar. 29	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together and Bracelet making
	3:30pm	6th Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Apps and Desserts
	6:00pm	Spanish Gospel Bracelets
	7:00pm	6th Lenten Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 30	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 31	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmation

Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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