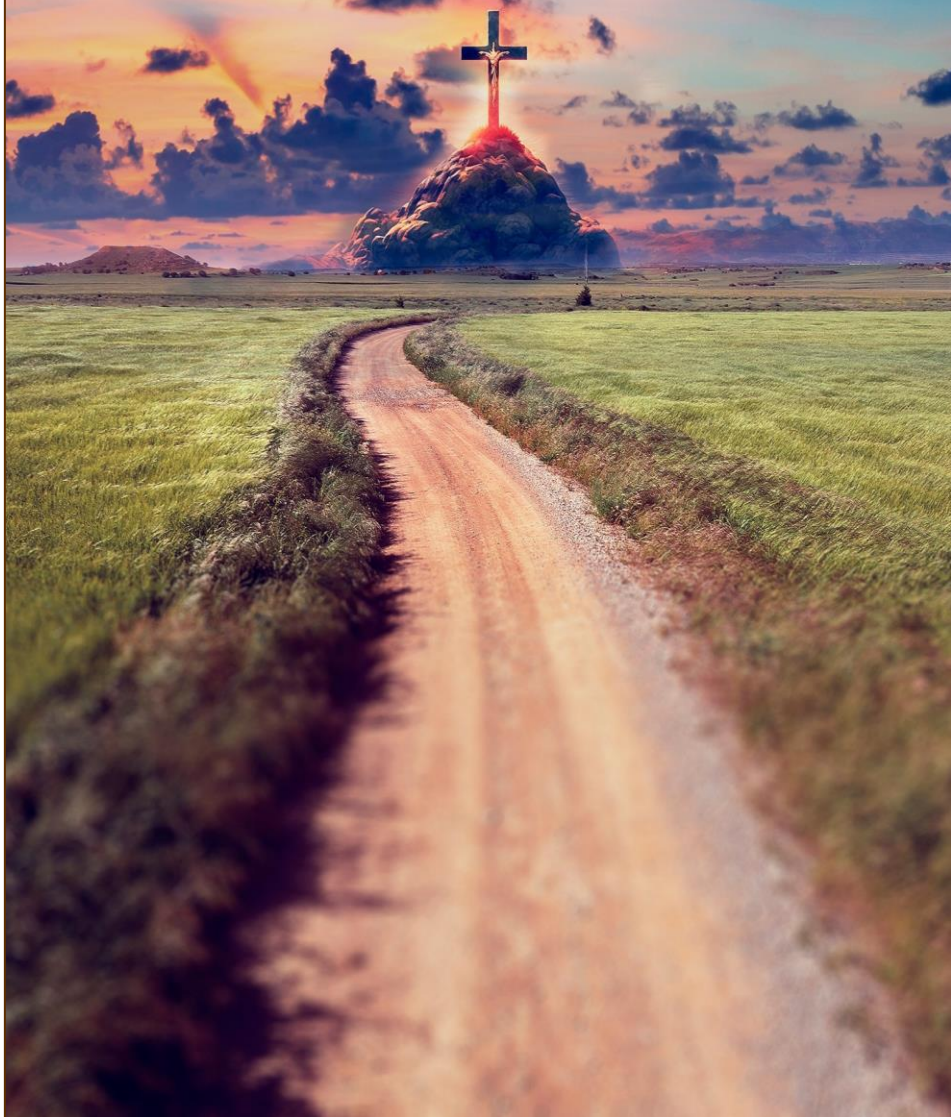


“Now I see!”



Ascension Lutheran Church

*“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”*

April 23, 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2023

**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: “God Opens Our Eyes”

**As We Gather:** A crooked generation instinctively clings to wealth and riches, grasps human logic, and understands ordinary fact. The baptized fervently cling to forgiveness and grace in Christ, believe divine mysteries, and confess Christ crucified. Jesus’ death was necessary that we would know imperishable life. Without His death, the breaking of the bread would be empty ritual. But in the Eucharist, we receive the broken bread and the body of Christ that sustains extraordinary faith and enables us to confess divine truths.

### Prelude

*(The true beginning of our church service. Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise. Be mindful of others in preparation for worship. Quietly consider your encounter with the living God.)*

### Welcome

### OPENING SONG

#### “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

He is risen. He is risen.  
He is risen. He is risen.

Lord, we praise You. Lord, we praise You.  
Lord, we praise You. Lord, we praise You.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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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

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** God raised Jesus from the dead  
**C** and gave Him honor and glory.
- P** We place our faith in Him,  
**C** and we place our hope in His resurrection.

## Confession (sung)

- P** Let us confess our sin to the Lord as we pray and sing:

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have failed to live for You  
In the things I say and do,  
And have fallen short of living in Your love.

**Chorus: Lord, have mercy on me.  
Lord, have mercy, set me free.  
O forgive me, Lord, I pray,  
And take my sin away  
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have placed myself above,  
And have hurt the ones I love,  
And I know that only You can set me free. **(chorus)**

Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.  
Welcome us, O Father, Back to Your home again.  
Bless Your sons and daughters,  
And let the feast begin, Let it begin! **(chorus)**

## Absolution

- P** Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and 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.
- C** Amen.

## Salutation

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

## Prayer Of The Day

- P** Let us pray.
- O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 always.
- C** And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

## First Reading

*Acts 2:14, 36-41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

<sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:17-21*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:13-35*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

<sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. <sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged Him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

### HYMN

#### Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

- 1 Who are you who walk in sorrow  
Down Emmaus' barren road,  
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,  
Bent beneath grief's crushing load?  
Nameless mourners, we will join you,  
We who also mourn our dead;  
We have stood by graves unyielding,  
Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.
- 2 Who is this who joins our journey,  
Walking with us stride by stride?  
Unknown Stranger, can You fathom  
Depths of grief for one who died?  
Then the wonder! When we told You  
How our dreams to dust have turned,  
Then You opened wide the Scriptures  
Till our hearts within us burned.
- 3 Who are You? Our hearts are opened  
In the breaking of the bread—  
Christ the victim, now the victor  
Living, risen from the dead!  
Great companion on our journey,  
Still surprise us with Your grace!  
Make each day a new Emmaus;  
On our hearts Your image trace!
- 4 Who are we who travel with You  
On our way through life to death?  
Women, men, the young, the aging,  
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!  
At the font You claim and name us,  
Born of water and the Word;  
At the table still You feed us,  
Host us as our risen Lord!

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## SERMON

**“NOW I SEE!”**

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*

*Luke 24:13-35*

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life  $\dagger$  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.)*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,  
**C** we bring to God our prayer and praise.

**P** For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus,  
that they may see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross  
alone. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,  
**C** we bring to God our prayer and praise.

**P** For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people, and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures forever. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**C** **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

**P** Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, *especially*...Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**C** **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

**P** For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and community, so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those who are single. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**C** **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

**P** For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**C** **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

**P** For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, *especially*...We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**C** **we bring to God our prayer and praise.**

**P** For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy...we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

**C** **we bring to God our prayer and praise. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

*(8:30am service, please turn to page 14 for the closing scripture.)*

## + 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.

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**

- 1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate,  
Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father,  
Perfect God, the great I AM;  
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished,  
Light and life You bring to all;  
Light our path with Your own presence,  
Grant us grace to heed Your call.
- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,  
Food for body, food for soul;  
Christ, the manna daily given,  
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven,  
Foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water  
Springing up eternally.
- 3 Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant  
From the stump of Jesse's tree;  
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches  
To bear fruit abundantly.  
Graft us into You, O Savior;  
Prune our hearts so we remain  
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard  
Till eternal life we gain.
- 4 Christ, our good and faithful shepherd,  
Watching all Your lambs and sheep;  
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold,  
Never-failing vigil keep.  
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us,  
Find us, lift us, bear us home;  
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us;  
Let us hear Your voice alone.

- 5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing  
To the Father's home on high,  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator to the Father,  
Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
There to share Your wedding feast.

- △ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
Christ, the life and resurrection,  
Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration  
And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit  
And to You eternally.

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## **Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim  
For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,  
Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!  
Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil  
In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried:  
Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

△ 3 Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior  
Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia  
To the triune Majesty!

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have purified us through this Meal, the very body and precious blood of Christ. We pray that You would strengthen us to love one another as You have loved us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Closing Scripture

- P** Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia!

## 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

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

## SONG

### Thine Is The Glory

Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded graveclothes  
Where Thy body lay.

#### (Refrain)

**Thine is the glory,  
Risen conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won!**

Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
Risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly He greets thee,  
Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His Church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth;  
Death hath lost its sting! **(Refrain)**

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## Dismissal

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

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## † LIFE SUNDAY UPDATES!

- Baby bottles to collect donations for *First Image* are here! Do not forget to pick yours up in the Narthex and fill it with any and all donations! Then return it to the church by May 14.
- Life Sunday planned for May 14 (Mother's Day)
- The First Image Fun Run and Walk is a family-friendly annual event. Come together to support women, men, and babies so they can have every opportunity to experience abundant life! Register online at: <https://first-image.org/5k/> The run is on Saturday, May 13 at Blue Lake Regional Park, 21224 NE Blue Lake Rd, Fairview, OR 97024

## † BRACELET PROJECT FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

- **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.

## † CANTATA IS COMING! 1 SERVICE MAY 21

You are invited to a special service of music and praise on Sunday May 21 at 10:30. There will be only one service that Sunday. Look for more information for a possible gathering afterward.

## † WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY, YOU'RE INVITED!

We will be studying Psalms. The class begins Tuesday, April 25 from 9:30am to 11:00am. Hosted by Elly Brown, 214 NE 27th St Gresham. See you there! Contact Bonnie Webber, (503) 915-2771 or Elly Brown, (503) 674-8015 with any questions.

## † CHRISTIANITY 101 - A STUDY IN GOD'S WORD

Join us in the Community Room on Wednesday, May 17 to June 28, 8 Sessions from 6:00-7:00pm. Examine God's Word from a Lutheran perspective. Whether you have no experience with Christianity or want to review what you learned long ago; this class is for you! Sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex, call 503-665-8821 or email [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org)



## † EASTER BREAKFAST SUCCESS

The Easter breakfast was able to bring in \$3346 to support our Benevolence fund. What a wonderful blessing it was for all who attended and also will be to those we can help.

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

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## † MILESTONES

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Judy Blubaum	Apr. 24	Marcia Bryant	Apr. 24
Ruby Sylvia	Apr. 25	Bob East	Apr. 26
Nola Petri	Apr. 26	Nekayla Maier	Apr. 28
Ty Fogarty	Apr. 29		

### BIRTHDAYS

Larry Hart	Apr. 23
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### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 23

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	John Hazen
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Bonnie Webber
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Bonnie Webber
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Marcus Young	Jim Eckart
	<b>NEEDED</b>	Stan Chapulis
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis	Christian Freeman
	Heather Gulde	
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Jan Oswald
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Sheryl Maier
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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## **EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., APRIL 23 - SAT., APRIL 29**

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<b>Sunday, April 23</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with comm.
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, April 25</b>		Newsletter Items Due
<b>Wednesday April 26</b>	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, April 27</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Friday, April 28</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 30 - SAT., MAY 6

<b>Sunday, April 30</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, May 2</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 3</b>	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, May 4</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Friday, May 5</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

### † 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).

### † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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# 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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