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Colossians 1:19-20 (ESV)

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" November 20, 2022

Last Sunday of the Church Year November 20, 2022

Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child. **Holy Communion** is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lord's Table with us today: The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)

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

♣ PREPARATION **♣**

THEME: "Who Are You because of Jesus?"

AS WE GATHER: There are many things that can define who we are: our relationships, our jobs, our language, our socioeconomic status, our location, or many others. Today, we focus on our identity in Jesus. Who are we because of Jesus? We will find that ultimately, we are not defined by what we do but by what Jesus does for us. Because of Jesus and His work and His ways, we are delivered and set free from sin and the assaults of Satan. You are a forgiven child of God!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me, Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the Heav'ns above, Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!

Love that found me – wondrous thought –

Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart, Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, Joy that lifts the soul to Heav'n, Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me; All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own. He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

- P Though darkness surrounds us,
- Christ shines His light upon us.
- P Though our world is full of war and violence,
- C Christ is our peace.
- P Though our relationships are strained and broken,
- Christ brings reconciliation and redemption.
- P Though we fail to remember Jesus,
- **G** He always remembers us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In our lives, we often ask ourselves, "Who am I?" We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P Heavenly Father,
- we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. By His cross, Jesus makes peace and delivers you from all your sins to live as His new creation. 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.
- Amen. In Jesus we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by the blood of Your cross You have delivered us from the domain of darkness into Your kingdom of light. Strengthen us to find our identity, not in the things of this world, but in all You have done for us; for 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 all.
- **C** And also with you.

→ THE WORD →

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13-18 (ESV)

(God's treasured possession)

¹³ "Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. ¹⁷ "They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:13–20 (ESV)

(Christ makes peace by the blood of His cross.)

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43 (ESV)

(Jesus is crucified.)

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty third chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- ²⁷ And there followed Him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say,
- **G** 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!'
- ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"
- ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴ And Jesus said,
- "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying,
- "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!"

- The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷ and saying,
- "If you are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"
- There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying,
- "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"
- ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked Him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all. Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all. Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all. To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

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) "See, He Comes"

words: Charles Wesley, alt. R. Gunderlock and Z. Sprowls, music: Z. Sprowls and R. Gunderlock Ascension Choir

See He comes upon the clouds, Jesus Christ our King appears, All the saints bought by His blood Will rise to meet Him in the air. Earth and sea shall flee away, All creation waits and groans, For the Lord Redeemer comes To take His longing exiles home.

Chorus

Hallelujah hallelujah, Come oh Lord, oh come and reign. Hallelujah hallelujah, We await the coming day.

Those who mocked and scorned His name, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wail, in sorrow grieve, When they the true Messiah see.
Every eye will see the Lord Dressed in dreadful majesty;
Every knee shall bow before The judge of all eternity. (chorus)

Still He bears the holy scars; Evidence of saving grace
All the saints bought by His blood Shall then rejoice to see His face.
Yes, amen let all adore Christ on His eternal throne.
All the pow'r and might are Yours, Come claim the kingdom as Your own. (chorus)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

 Lord Jesus Christ, You defeat all the powers of evil and darkness. Strengthen us to resist the temptations of Satan. Surround us with Your truth and light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
- **©** be our strong defender.
- Lord, we live in a world torn apart by war and violence. All human-made peace is only temporary, but You have made eternal peace by the blood of Your cross. Encourage us by Your peace, which passes all understanding. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
- **©** be our strong defender.
- Lord, we bring before You all who are struggling with infertility. Remind them that their identity is only in You and Your goodness and fruitfulness. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor.
- be our strong defender.
- Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Give them the courage to ask for help. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor.
- **©** be our strong defender.
- Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering. We especially pray for...Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
- **©** be our strong defender.
- Lord, we rejoice with those who are celebrating baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries...Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
- be our strong defender.
- Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations to Your infinite wisdom and power, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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)

나 SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT 나 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.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

(Latin for "Peace of the Lord"—the response is "Amen!" or "So be it!")

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Be Unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time, We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save,
You are the love song we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. (chorus x2)

"Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin; That we might become His righteousness; He humbled Himself, and carried the cross. Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven;

His body the bread, His blood the wine Broken and poured out, all for love.

Jesus Messiah. Lord of all.

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn. Love so amazing, love so amazing. **(chorus)**

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You; All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. **(chorus)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You sent Your Son make peace by the blood of His cross. As we have feasted upon His body and blood for our forgiveness and peace, strengthen us to live lives of peace here on earth; 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 Numbers 6:24–26

- 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

HYMN Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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Thanks to Karon Keup for donating the lovely Altar flowers in memory of her mother Phyllis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOV. 20, 2022

† LWML NEWS

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to our LWML Fundraiser. Our combined efforts and the generosity of our members and friends raised a total of \$757.50 for Mission Grants and mission efforts. We also acknowledge our craft and baked goods makers. If the generous amount of their donated hours and the cost of ingredients and crafting supplies were also counted, we're sure that total would be doubled. We are blessed by our church family and friends here at Ascension. Our LWML thanks you all for your support and prayers for our efforts and for our mission grant recipients.

Ladies, you're invited to our Christmas gathering at ALC on Dec. 3 from 10am to 12pm in the Community Room. There will be a white elephant gift exchange if you want to participate or purchase a \$5-ish gift to give. Bring your favorite cookie recipe and samples if you like. We'll sing some songs and have some time for fellowship and socializing. Bring a guest if you like.

† THE HUMAN CARE BOARD FOOD COLLECTION

We are once again collecting nonperishable food for SnowCap on Thanksgiving Eve. If you need one, blue Walmart shopping bags are available on the table next to the front door for your use. If you give a monetary donation that night, it will be used to benefit the ALC Benevolence Fund.

SnowCap most needed item list: sugar, soups/chili/ stews, canned fruits and vegetables, quart sized zip lock bags, cooking oil/butter, pet food, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, body soap/body wash, shampoo/conditioner, baby wipes, lotion, laundry detergent, hats, gloves, hand warmers.

† CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, December 18 at 1:00pm in the narthex as we gather to share Christmas carols with our shut-ins. We hope that you can join us in this wonderful time of sharing the love of Jesus with those who cannot get out to enjoy the season. Our time ends with singing at Fairlawn at 4:00pm.

† SING WITH THE CHOIR?

"Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come!" If you would like to sing with the choir in celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve, please plan on attending rehearsals December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00pm.

† THE CHOSEN SEASON 2 FINALE

Our last class is Saturday, November 26 at 10:30am.

† CRAFTING CONTINUES

each Wednesday at 2:00pm. Card making is starting as a craft you can join in on. Bring scissors if you have them!

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, NOV. 20, 2022

8:30am 11:00am
Elder: Herb Hoefer Bob Ritchie

Acolytes: Jaden Mundo

Ushers: Stan Chapulis Joshua Mundo

Bob Rekdahl Jonathan Mundo

Jim Eckart

Randy Schroeder

Audio/Visual: Laura Potter J.E. Knox

PowerPoint:Rebecca WilliamsonRosemary KnoxGreeters:Norma DillonEsperanza Gutierrez

Jean Dillon Margaret Hubbard
Jim Eckart Carlyn Staudt

Readers:Jim EckartCarlyn StaudtAltar Circle:Both ServicesVirginia JacobsFlowers:Both ServicesKaron Keup

Counters: Both Services Bonnie and Rebecca

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THANKGIVING EVE NOV. 23, 2022

7:00pm

Elder: John Hazen
Ushers: Stan Chapulis
Audio/Visual: Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint: Rebecca Williamson
Greeters: Michele Sprengle
Altar Circle: Debbie Rekdahl

Counters: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2022

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Bruce Blubaum Dan Parshall

Acolytes:

Ushers: Bob Rekdahl Matthias McInaney

NEEDED Bob Freeman

James Freeman

John Knoke

Audio/Visual: Stan Chapulis Laura Potter

PowerPoint:Debbie RekdahlRebecca WilliamsonGreeters:Sue LewisChristina Freeman

Heather Gulde

Readers:Wanda CassettyJ. E. KnoxAltar Circle:Both ServicesWendy HazenFlowers:Both ServicesBonnie WebberCounters:Both ServicesKaron Keup and

Sheryl Maier

EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUNDAY, NOV. 20 - SAT., NOV. 26

Sunday, Nov. 20 8:30am Worship w/ comm. 9:45am Education Hour

11:00cm Worship

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4:00pm Latino Worship 6:00pm Online Worship

6:00pm Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Nov. 23 2:00pm Crafting Get-Together

5:00pm Praise Team

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thursday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Offices Closed **Friday, Nov. 25** 6:30pm Noche Familiar

Saturday, Nov. 26 10:30am Chosen 2 Last Episode

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Sunday, Nov. 27	8:30am	Worship
ADVENT 1	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ comm.
	4:00pm	Latino Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Nov. 30	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner
	7:00pm	Advent Worship
Thursday, Dec. 1	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 2	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Dec 3	10:00am	LWML Christmas

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, George and Carlee Metteer, Rev. Travis Leslie, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Brayson Pardue Dec. 24

BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Strutz Nov. 20 KaiLeah Woods Nov. 20 Jennifer Alvarado Nov. 22 Don Tigges Nov. 23

Rebecca Williamson Nov. 25

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Joe and Wanda Cassetty Nov 24, 1990

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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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