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Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 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 comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: "The Lord Is Among Us, Giving Living Water"

As We Gather: One guideline consistently commended to hikers is the importance of bringing along sufficient water for the journey. It is important to be refreshed and revitalized along the way, wherever our paths may take us. As we gather for worship, our gracious God refreshes us here in this place where, as American hymnist Christopher Wordsworth beautifully phrased it, "Gospel-light is glowing With pure and radiant beams And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams" (*TLH* 9:4). As we join in worship, our cups run over with that living water. Once again, we are renewed and satisfied and made ready to journey further in the name of the Lord.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

- Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be; For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
- 2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind; Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heav'nly glories blind.
 Now I worship none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst, Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.

 △ 3 Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
 Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
 Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
 Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 34:1–3, 5, 22

- I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!
- C Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Confession and Absolution

Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful, and we add on to that burden of sin throughout our lives by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God's punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily see that we need repentance and renewal that can only come through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

- Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know too well our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

• And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, source of all power and restorer of health and life, draw us ever closer to You and supply us with the living water that will quench our great thirst for time and for eternity. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer.

C Amen.

Sharing The Peace Of The Lord

- P The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8 (ESV)

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Pastor Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-26 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.
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Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." 8(For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and Who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to Him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband':

¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

SONG

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart His wounds have paid my ransom!

Sermon "I KNOW"

Pr. Jim Sprengle John 4:5-26

The First Article and Explanation

The First Article

As we reflect on how God intersects with His people at the crossroads of life and graciously meets their physical and spiritual needs, we speak the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning as is set forth in the Small Catechism, which relates the loving work of God the Father for us.

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

- P What does this mean?
- I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

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.)

(11:00) "For God So Loved The World"

(based on John 1:10-12 and John 3:16-17) Words and Music by Stuart Dauermann Ascension Choir Mark Wheeler and John Knoke, guitar

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, That whosoever believes in Him should not perish, But have life everlasting. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

For God did not send His Son into the world to bring condemnation; But rather that through the receiving of Him, men might find salvation And have life everlasting. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

He came into the world and He dwelt among His own; But His own they would not receive Him. But pow'r to become the sons of God He gave to all who believed. He gave life everlasting. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.

Prayer Of The Church

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

Gracious Father, we ask Your blessing on all in Your Church throughout the world. Fill the Church with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's baptized and holy people, asking that we may gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, in our district, and in our local congregation, that God may work among us through their examples and that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We make petitions for the sick, the shut-in, the sorrowing, those undergoing hardship or challenges, and all who this day need our prayers...that their prayers may be soon answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We rejoice with those who give thanks this week for baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries and other occasions...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- We pray that our lives be offerings of the best that we have and are in response to the great offering of our Lord Jesus for us on the cross and that what we give of our time, talent, and treasure for the work of the Lord bring blessing to many. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, since You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will give ear to their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be best for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through 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.

(Please turn to page 13 for the benediction.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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.
- **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 SONGS +

Oh, How He Loves You And Me

- Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me! He gave His life, What more could He give? Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me!
- 2 Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for sinners to show.
 What He did there Brought hope from despair. Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me; Oh, how He loves you and me!

(repeat verse 1)

The Lamb

- The Lamb, the Lamb,
 O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price! Refrain
- ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!
- 2 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb,
 Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. Refrain
- The Lamb, the Lamb,
 As wayward sheep their shepherd kill So still, His will
 On our behalf the Law to fill. Refrain

- 4 He sighs, He dies,
 He takes my sin and wretchedness.
 He lives, forgives,
 He gives me His own righteousness. Refrain
- 5 He rose, He rose,
 My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong
 Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. Refrain

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray,

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your great love for us is beyond comprehension. We thank You for granting us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your blessed Table where we find refreshment and renewal. Strengthen us through what we have here received and keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth, bringing us to the eternal banquet in Your kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \pm give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;

Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,

Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace. 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,

 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
 Jesus died and rose victorious
 That we may know God by grace.
 Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
 Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

Wednesday March 15 at 6:00pm-Soup and rolls! Bring something to share! See the white board for the line-up!

† 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? Familyowned restaurants, mechanics, retail stores, hotels - or any place willing to put a basket of Gospel bracelets in their business will help spread the Word.

+ COME ONE, COME ALL! CHURCH WORK PARTY!

Please join us on Saturday, March 18th from 9am-Noon in getting the church grounds ready for Easter.

Bring your favorite tools and work gloves to help trim bushes, weed beds and plant pretties near the entrances of the church.

† 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!

† LWML MEETING

Ascension's LWML Group will meet Saturday, March 18 in the Community Room from 10:00am to 11:45am to discuss and plan items for the rest of this year. Plan to come early or stay late if you also want to participate in the Church Work Party that day.

† MANY THANKS FROM MAE SMITH

Thank you all for your thoughtful prayers during my recovery. They, and each of you mean a lot to me. I'd also like to thank those of you who have sent cards which have brightened my days. I'm looking forward to seeing you and worshiping with you very soon.

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.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 12				
	8:30am	11:00am		
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Herb Hoefer		
Acolytes:				
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney		
	NEEDED	Marcus Young		
		Johnnie Driessner		
		John Knoke		
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter		
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson		
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Rebecca Williamson		
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Peggy Hall		
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald		
Flowers:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen		
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie and Rebecca		

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK SERVICE, MARCH 15

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	3:30pm	7:00pm		
Elder:	Randy Schroeder			
Ushers:	NEEDED	Marcus Young		
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	None Needed		
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED		
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Jan Oswald		
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup/Sheryl Maier		
ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19				
	8:30am	11:00am		
Elder:	Herb Hoefer	Dan Parshall		
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Joshua Mundo		
	Bob Rekdahl	Jonathan Mundo		
	Randy Schroeder			
	NEEDED			
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J. E. Knox		
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox		
Greeters:	Norma Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez		
	Jean Dillon	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		

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

NONE

BIRTHDAYS

Miki Etzel J.E. Knox Audrey Bauch Wilma Mukul Mar. 12 Mar. 13 Mar. 16 Mar. 17 Jenny Schuldheisz Mar. 12 Debbie Walter Mar 14

Don Hilliard Mar. 17

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: NONE EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUN., MAR. 12 - SAT., MAR. 18

Sunday, Mar. 12 LENT 3	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship with Comm. Worship in Spanish with Comm. Online Worship Posted
Tuesday Mar. 14	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday Mar. 15	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
		And Bracelet making
	3:30pm	4th Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Soup
		Spanish Gospel Bracelets
	7:00pm	4th Lenten Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 16	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 17	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Mar. 18	9:00am	Church Work Party (9 to 12)

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., MAR. 19 - SAT., MAR. 25

Sunday, Mar. 19 LENT 4	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	Worship with Comm. Education Hour Worship Worship in Spanish Online Worship Posted
Monday, March 20	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Tuesday Mar. 21	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	-	Newsletter Items Due
-	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

† 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).

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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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