



Pentecost
Confirmation

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, May 24, 2026

PENTECOST - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lords Table with us today:

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

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

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: "WHERE THE SPIRIT FLOWS, LIFE GROWS"

AS WE GATHER: The arrival of the Holy Spirit is a day of celebration. This is a day to rejoice in promises kept and anticipate greater things to come. Today's festival is a bridge for the church. It connects the commemoration of the life of Christ (through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter) to the season centered on our life in Christ, beginning with Pentecost. The festival's signature red color reminds us of the fiery arrival of the Spirit, the Spirit's ongoing work as the heartbeat of Christ's church, and the blood shed by believers past and present as they proclaim the crucified, risen, and ascended Christ.

PRELUDE

"O Sing To The Lord" (Cantad al Señor) (11:00)
Brazilian melody, arr. B. Hall
Handbell Choir

WELCOME

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In" LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be truly living,
To You giving prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us by Your teaching;
Let our preaching and our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
 Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
 In us be strongly burning
 That we be faithful unto death
 And live in love and holy faith,
 From You true wisdom learning.
 Your grace and peace on us shower;
 By Your power Christ confessing,
 Let us see our Savior's blessing.

O Holy Spirit, Enter In, Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606–73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.; (st. 2): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt., Text: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 8:16–17

- P** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.
P The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,
C and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:7–8; Romans 10:13; 1 Corinthians 12:3

- P** Jesus said, “I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.”
C “And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.”
P So we pray to the Spirit, our Helper and advocate, who intercedes on our behalf: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, Your presence among us unifies us as one Body.
C Yet, too often we neglect, belittle, or attack our brothers and sisters.

P You have been poured out that we might bear witness to Christ, our Savior.

C Yet, too often we remain speechless.

P You were sent that You might produce in us the fruit of righteousness.

C Yet, too often we display our pessimistic, discontented, selfish nature. We plead to God, our Father, to forgive us for the sake of Christ. Holy Spirit, grant us power to testify to our Savior, Jesus in what we say and do. Bring to bear in us the fruit of righteousness and hold us united in faith unto life everlasting.

P “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved,” and “no one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except in the Holy Spirit.” Upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to all of 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.

“Spirit Of The Living God”

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.
Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.
Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, gift through water and the Word, continue to build the church as You did on Pentecost, that we might grow in faith and unity along with the whole Body of Christ, here and around the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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.

FAITH STATEMENT – LILIANA NOEL HODGES

(11:00)

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:24-30 (ESV)

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21 (ESV)

L ¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying,

C **“Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”**

L ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

C **“What does this mean?”**

L ¹³But others mocking said,

C **“They are filled with new wine.”**

L ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸even on My male servants and female servants
in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of
 the Lord shall be saved.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹Now this He said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”

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1	Come,	Ho - ly	Ghost, Cre - a -	tor blest,	And make
2	To	You, the	Coun - sel - or,	we cry,	To You,
3	In	You, with	grac - es sev -	en - fold,	We God's
4	Your	light to	ev - 'ry thought	im - part,	And shed
△ 7	Praise	we the	Fa - ther and	the Son	And Ho -



our hearts	Your place	of rest;	Come with	Your grace	and
the gift of	God Most	High;	The fount	of life,	the
al - might - y	hand be -	hold	While You	with tongues	of
Your love	in ev - 'ry	heart;	The weak -	ness of	our
ly Spir - it,	with them	One,	And may	the Son	on



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.
us be - stow The gifts that from the Spir - it flow!

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SERMON **“THE RIVER OF LIFE”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle
John 7:37-39

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.)

“Holy Spirit” (with Gabriel’s Oboe)

(11:00)

"Holy Spirit" by K. and K. Getty, and S. Townend

"Gabriel's Oboe" by E. Morricone, arr. P. Campbell

Karon Keup, vocal / Audrey Zeebuyth, violin

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.

Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see.

Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

*Holy Spirit, come abide within; May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

*Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made;
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice
That, in unity, the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.*

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

(11:00)

P This young Christian, who now presents herself for the Rite of Confirmation, has been instructed in the Word of God: the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, Confession, and the Lord's Supper. She knows that God has given her forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism, and she also knows what God desires of His followers. As a baptized child of God and member of the body of Christ, she is prepared to confess, as her own, the Christian faith and take her place as communicant member in the fellowship of believers. She now expresses her faith in the Triune God by answering these questions:

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R ***YES, I believe in God, the Father Almighty.***

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

R ***YES, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son.***

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R ***YES, I believe in the Holy Spirit.***

P Do you believe and accept that the entire Bible, both Old Testament and New Testament, is the inspired Word of God?

R ***I DO.***

P Do you confess and accept the doctrine of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as taken from the Bible as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism to be faithful and true?

R ***I DO.***

P Do you intend to faithfully continue in this confession and Church, and would you give up all, even your very life, rather than fall away from your Lord?

R *YES, with the help of God.*

P Do you believe that in Holy Baptism God has accepted you as His own?

R *I do believe.*

P Do you desire to share in the Lord's Supper with us because in it Christ Jesus comes to you, forgives your sins, and strengthens you to trust Him and to love one another?

R *I do desire the Lord's Supper.*

P You are about to be admitted into the communing membership of this congregation. God and we invite you to come regularly and frequently to corporate worship in God's house. God and we desire you to continue your study in God's Word so that you may better understand and live the Christian faith. You will want to come to the Lord's Supper often realizing what God has promised to give you in this sacrament.

All this will help you to live as God desires His people to live. Therefore, I ask you: Do you promise to commit to regular and frequent worship, Bible study, and Holy Communion attendance, knowing that God will help you?

R *I do promise with the help of God.*

P Do you desire to be a communicant member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and Ascension Lutheran Congregation?

R *I do so desire.*

THE SOLEMN VOW OF THE PARENTS

(Parents rise)

P Your child, who has made these promises, need your continued guidance and support. Therefore, I ask you: Will you continue to guide and direct, support and encourage your child in word, in deed, and in example?

R *YES, with the help of God.*

THE SOLEMN VOW OF THE CONGREGATION

(All worshipers rise)

- P** The promises made by this Confirmand and parents are difficult to fulfill. They need God's help and our encouragement and prayers. Do you this day give your promise before God to these Christians, to help them fulfill their promises to the Lord?
- C** **WE DO, with the help of God.**

THE BLESSING OF THE CONFIRMAND

- P** Heavenly Father, we pray for our sister Lily this day. We rejoice in her faith journey and ask You to be her guardian, guide and help. May she know the love of her church family as she begins a new chapter in her life. Reveal to her Your plan – Your good, perfect, and pleasing will for her. Surround Lily with Your Holy Spirit, and may Your Word be the rock on which she stands, that You would be glorified and that she would always know the joy of Your salvation. In Jesus' name, we pray,
- C** **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Gathered from many tribes and nations, but made to drink of one Spirit, we pray for the whole Christian Church on earth, and for all people according to their needs:
- Spirit of power and life,
- C** **ignite our hearts with holy fire. Compel us to speak of Your mighty deeds and display Your heart for the nations.**
- P** Spirit of power and truth,
- C** **drive Your church to where unchanging truth can be found, that we might drink deeply of Scripture's message.**
- P** Spirit of power and peace,
- C** **extinguish the hidden hatreds that turn us against one another, and kindle brotherly concern within all people.**

- P** Spirit of power and justice,
- C** **shape our legal system with fairness and look with compassion on everyone impacted by crime.**
- P** Spirit of power and consolation,
- C** **comfort those who feel lost or alone and bring tender mercies to the grieving.**
- P** Spirit of power and wisdom,
- C** **guide parents, teachers, and those in earthly authority to speak kindly and act responsibly.**
- P** Spirit of power and gentleness,
- C** **pursue the hearts that are far from You, and bring home Your lost lambs.**
- P** Spirit of power and holiness,
- C** **set Your church apart for service, and raise up new servants who teach, preach, and lead Your people.**
- P** Spirit of power and encouragement,
- C** **grant patience and faith to all who wait for direction, reconciliation, or healing.**
- P** We pray for...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Spirit of power and blessing,
- C** **we praise You for the gifts and joys You bestow. Be with those who celebrate this week.**
- P** We remember...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful God, as Your people awaited the day of the Spirit's outpouring, by the same Spirit, hold us in faith as we await the day of Christ's return, for He lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **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 17 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
on the cup return table.)*

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

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

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

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“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

- 1 Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.
- 2 Let me see my Savior’s face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.
- 3 Holy Spirit, pow’r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin’s bondage set me free.
- 4 Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.
- 5 Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev’ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Holy Spirit, Light Divine, Text: Andrew Reed, 1787–1862, alt., Text: Public domain

“Spirit Song”

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart And satisfy your soul.
Oh, let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life
And make you whole.

(Chorus)

**Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.**

Oh, come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender
To His name.

Oh, give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name. **(chorus)**

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“O Sing to the Lord”

LSB 808

- 1 O sing to the Lord,
 O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord,
 O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord,
 O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God,
 O sing to our God.
- 2 For God is the Lord!
 And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord!
 And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord!
 And God has done wonders.
O sing to our God,
 O sing to our God.
- 3 So dance for our God
 And blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God
 And blow all the trumpets.
So dance for our God
 And blow all the trumpets.
And sing to our God,
 And sing to our God.
- 4 O shout to our God,
 Who gave us the Spirit.
O shout to our God,
 Who gave us the Spirit.

O shout to our God,
Who gave us the Spirit.
O sing to our God,
O sing to our God.

5 For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
For Jesus is Lord!
Amen! Alleluia!
O sing to our God,
O sing to our God.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Spirit of wisdom and truth, we praise You for the gift of faith that receives the blessings that come to us through the Supper of our Savior, Jesus. Keep us steadfast in the way of everlasting life, granting us wisdom to go and grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, 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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,
Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
You are My own.
In My love's baptismal river
I have made you Mine forever.
Go, My children, with My blessing—
You are My own.

- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
What I can cure.
Here you heard My dear Son's story;
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.
Go, My children, sins forgiven,
At peace and pure.

- 3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Closer to Me;
Grow in love and love by serving,
Joyful and free.
Here My Spirit's power filled you;
Here His tender comfort stilled you.
Go, My children, fed and nourished,
Joyful and free.

- 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you
And give you peace.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to Katherine and Wyatt Brown
for the lovely Altar flowers, given in honor
of their Marriage, to the glory of God.*

† WIDOWER'S ESSAY AVAILABLE

Rev. Herb Hofer has written an article on his experience as a new widower. Copies are available by the table at the door leaving the Narthex.

† MEMORIAL DAY MAY 25

Office will be closed.

† VOTERS' ASSEMBLY – **DATE CORRECTION**

Please join your fellow congregants at the Voters' Assembly on **May 31** after the late worship in the community room

† LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL

If you are currently receiving the Lutheran Witness and wish to continue, please place your payment of \$23.50 into an envelope marked Lutheran Witness and write Lutheran Witness into the "For" line on your check, and place your payment into the offering plate.

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† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Debbie Rekdahl, Carolyn Shore, The Family of Lorraine Haggard, Alma Bangs, Mark (a friend of the Bryant's), Barbara Lewis, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Diana (sister-in-law of Randy Bryant), Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)

Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)

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

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller's)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller's)

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

April General Fund Tithes	\$ 36,343
April Expenses	<u>\$ 20,915</u>
Difference	+ \$ 15,428

(The employee pension funds have been brought up to date. The total needed was \$17,300. Benefits are now intact.)

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

<i>April Dedicated Offerings</i>	<i>\$ 371</i>
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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN MAY 24 – SAT., MAY 30

Sunday, May 24	8:30am	Worship Pentecost
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Comm. Confirmation
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, May 25	All Day	Memorial Day – Office Closed
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, May 26	All Day	Newsletter Items Due
	2:30pm	Confirmation
Thursday, May 28	6:00pm	Praise Team

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAY 31 – SAT., JUNE 6

Sunday, May 31	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, June 1	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
	2:30pm	Confirmation
Thursday, June 4	6:00pm	Praise Team

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Duke Sheppard -1 Bryant Sheppard-2	Matthias McInaney-1 John Aden-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Michele Sprengle
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Heather Gulde
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Debbie Rekdahl	
Flowers:	Both Services: Katherine and Wyatt Brown	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
Sunday School:	Sunday School: Hana and Gina	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
Ushers:	Mike Adams -1 Jim Eckart-2	Paul Walter-1 Marcus Young-2
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Caleb Zeebuyth
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Alex Hodges
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Sue Lewis
Readers:	Sheryl Maier	Peggy Hall
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
Flowers:	Both Services: Bob Ritchie	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
Sunday School:	Sunday School: Michele and Carrie	

MILESTONES – Sunday, May 24 through Sat., May 30

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Christian Mukul	May 27	Mark Jacobsen	May 30
Jeannette Krogh	May 30		

BIRTHDAYS:

Maxine Markwart	May 24	Mike Potter	May 24
Gabriel Woods	May 25	Emanuel Aguilar	May 26
Eric Kreps	May 29	Benjamin Schaefer	May 29
Jakob Schaefer	May 29	Eduar Lavadores	May 30
Debbie Rekdahl	May 30		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

Attendance

Sunday, May 17	8:30am	58
	11:00am	60
	TOTAL =	118
Adult Ed, May 17		31

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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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