

A photograph of a barren, cracked landscape under a sunset sky. A single, dead, gnarled tree stands on the left side of the frame. The ground is parched and cracked into irregular polygons. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a pale blue at the top. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Then Jesus was led up by the
Spirit into the wilderness to
be tempted by the devil.

Matthew 4:1

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

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

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

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

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

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

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “The Whole Truth”

AS WE GATHER: Knowing the history of words can help make them meaningful for us. The word *truth* comes from the English word *true*, which comes from the Old English word *treowe*, which comes from the ancient Indo-European root word *drew*, which means “tree.” The concept behind the word is that, like a tree, the truth stands straight and firm. The image brings to mind the word of the psalmist in the very first psalm, “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, . . . but his delight is in the law of the LORD. . . . He is like a tree planted by streams of water” (Psalm 1:1a, 2a, 3a).

Underscoring the blessedness of being true like a tree, the psalmist states that “the LORD knows the way of the righteous” (Psalm 1:6a). In this Lenten season of repentance and reflection, we may well take to heart the advice of Paul to his co-worker Timothy, “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness” (1 Timothy 6:11). May we be trees of truth to the glory of God!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“The Glory Of These Forty Days”

(tune: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word)

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise,
for Christ, by Whom all things were made,
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law.
And to Elijah, fasting, came
the steed and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
delivered from the lion’s might.
And John, the Savior’s friend, became
the herald of Messiah’s name.

Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
return in fast and prayer to You.
Our spirits strengthen with Your grace,
and give us joy to see Your face.

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 43:3–4, 5b; 61:1–2a

P Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
C **from the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.**

P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
C **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

P Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
C and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.

P Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
C my salvation and my God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 32:5; Philipians 1:6*

P Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

Silence for meditation and reflection

C Merciful Father, our Lord and King, we are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. 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. As you believe, so may it be.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, Your kingdom is everlasting and Your house is forever. Grant us grace to live with unfailing confidence, knowing that You have delivered us from sin and the power of death and Satan and have promised us a future life to come when we shall rejoice in Your eternal presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, the almighty Conqueror and our gracious Savior.

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

Genesis 3:1–15 (ESV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate."
¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:12–19 (ESV)

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.
¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one Man Jesus Christ abounded for many.
¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one Man Jesus Christ.
¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one Man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴ But He answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵ Then the devil took Him to the holy city and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw Yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command His angels concerning You,' and "'On their hands they will bear You up, lest You strike Your foot against a stone.'" ⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to Him, "All these I will give You, if You will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"
(tune: Lord Jesus, Think On Me)

O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r
And fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone
Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word,
The food Your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask,
No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone
In Your unswerving love.

When lures of easy gain
With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first;
Our wills with Yours align.

O Christ, You walked the road
Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour
To fight our ancient foe.

SERMON “WALKING ON THE WILD SIDE” Matthew 4:1–11
Pastor Jim Sprenkle

APOSTLES' CREED *The Third Article and Luther's Explanation*

P The Gospel appointed for the First Sunday in Lent begins by telling us that “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Matthew 4:1). These words remind us of the close interworking of the three Persons of the Holy Trinity all through the earthly life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, we confess the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther's Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit.

C **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.**

P What does this mean?

C I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P As we begin our observance of Lent, Lord, we pray, "Lead us not into temptation." Assure us that You are with us in every place, and defend us from the assaults of the evil one. Help us to treasure the cross in our hearts as it reveals Your loving purpose, and enable us to show our thankfulness for our full salvation in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Support and ever defend Your Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word that is able to make us wise unto salvation. Grant us every blessing through the Holy Sacraments, making us perfect in love and in all good works, especially to those of the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into a world that is dark and often hostile, send the light of Your truth. Raise up faithful and courageous servants of Christ to advance the Gospel both at home in urban, suburban, and rural settings, and also in distant lands around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P By Your Word and Holy Spirit, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity...Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all with special needs a full measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Enable us to be instruments of care according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we remember that all good things come from You, we thank You for these blessings which we celebrate...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

(8:30 service, 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.

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

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Communion Song”

Take this bread I give to you,
And as you do, remember Me.

This bread is My body
broken just for you.

Take it (take it), eat it (eat it),
Each time you do;
Remember Me, remember Me.

Take this cup I fill for you,
And as you do, remember Me.
This cup is the new cov'nant
I'm makin' with you.
Take it (take it), drink it (drink it),
Each time you do;
Remember Me, remember Me.

Take this love I've given you,
And as you do, remember Me,
Remember Me, remember Me.

"On Eagles' Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(Refrain)

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. **(refrain)**

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come. **(refrain)**

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **(refrain)**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, ruler of all things, despite our unworthiness, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come through this blessed Meal. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having now received this Holy Sacrament, we may with repentant joy continue our earthly pilgrimage until that time when we, receiving our gracious inheritance, are gathered into Your heavenly kingdom to share in Your blessings for all eternity. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN “O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days”

O Lord throughout these forty days
You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin,
And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan, and You won;
Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, your skill and trust
In God's eternal word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed
And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves
Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord,
And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns,
We join in Heaven's praise.

DISMISSAL

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 26, 2023

† 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.

† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

Wednesday March 1 at 6:00pm-Pizza Party! Bring a pizza to share! Check out the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex for each week's line-up.

† BRACELET PROJECT FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

Make Bracelets, Wednesdays 2:00pm and 6:00pm, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Volunteers will help put bracelets together during the Wednesday Lenten get togethers, along with laminating Spanish language cards when available.

If you can help, come to the community room on Wednesdays at 2pm or 6pm during Lent. If you cannot come to Wednesdays, you can take home supplies and make them from home! ~or~

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

† EASTER BREAKFAST BENEVOLENCE FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 9 the Human Care Board is hosting an Easter Breakfast Fundraiser between services! Tickets will be sold in advance to estimate the number who will attend; however no advance purchase is necessary! The Cost is \$5 and under 12 years old is free! You are welcome to donate further the day of the event for this valuable ministry! Check out the white board in the Narthex for opportunities to provide food for the event!

† NEW! WOMEN'S HOME BIBLE STUDY

We will be studying Psalms starting with chapters 1 through 10. The first class on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 9:30am to 11:00am is 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.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, FEB. 26

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

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK SERVICE, MARCH 1

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	NEEDED
Ushers:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	NEEDED	None Needed
PowerPoint:	Michele Sprengle	NEEDED
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 5

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney
	Jim Eckart	Marcus Young
	Stan Chapulis	
	NEEDED	
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Riki Neagle
	Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	?
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 26 - SAT., MAR. 4

Sunday, Feb. 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday Mar. 1	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	2nd Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Pizza Party!
Thursday, Mar. 2	7:00pm	2nd Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 3	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 5 - SAT., MAR. 11

Sunday, Mar. 5	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
Tuesday Mar. 7	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
	7:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday Mar. 8	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	3rd Lenten Midweek Worship
	6:00pm	Dinner Potluck-Casseroles and Sides
	7:00pm	3rd Lenten Midweek Worship
Thursday, Mar. 9	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 10	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Mar. 11	10:30am	The Chosen Season 3

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Eric Kreps	Feb. 28	Jennifer Netsch	Feb. 28
Celia Kreps	Mar. 1		

BIRTHDAYS

Margo Bachhuber	Mar. 1	Eileen Hatley	Mar. 4
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Bruce and Judy Blubaum	Mar. 3, 1961
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† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Jessica Brown, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, 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:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Retired after 23 years of service

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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