



Palm Sunday

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

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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 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: “Poured out for you”

AS WE GATHER: Today’s epistle lesson gives a perfect summary of Christ’s work – He emptied Himself. We are the recipients of the power and grace that only God can give. This grace and forgiveness came at great cost as Jesus poured Himself out for all. Today begins Holy Week, during which Jesus travels from the Mount of Olives to the hill of Calvary as He goes to His death for us and for our salvation. We begin that blessed journey now!

PRELUDE
(11:00)

“The Holy City”
F. E. Weatherly/S. Adams
Karon Keup, soloist

GREETING

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.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C **Hosanna to the Son of David.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:12–19 (ESV)

(The Triumphal Entry)

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

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

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about Him and had been done to Him.

¹⁷ The crowd that had been with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after Him.”

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

PALM SUNDAY ACCLAMATION

P All hail to Jesus, the King of our lives! Lift up your hearts and rejoice in Him!
C **He came from the very throne of God, but He gave that up to suffer a criminal’s death on the cross.**

P But God raised Him up that the ends of the earth may bow before Him as their King!
C **Jesus Christ is Lord! Hosanna!**

P In Him is forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.
C **Have mercy on us, Lord! Bless us with Your peace! Hosanna! Hosanna!**

✠ PROCESSION OF PALMS ✠

The pastor, ushers, elders and others will place palm branches at the foot of the cross. The north side (piano side) of the congregation will then do the same, moving up the left side of the aisle, and returning to their seats by the opposite side of the aisle. The south side (pulpit side) will then do the same, moving up the center aisle, returning to their seats by the side aisle.

HYMN **“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**

**All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the king of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessed One. **(refrain)**

The company of angels
Are praising You on high;
Creation and all mortals
In chorus make reply. **(refrain)**

The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went,
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. **(refrain)**

To You, before Your Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise.
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. **(refrain)**

Their praises You accepted,
Accept the prayers we bring,
Great author of all goodness,
O good and gracious King. **(refrain)**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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

C **Eternal God, we confess that we were born sinful and have continued to sin in thought, word, and deed. O God, in Your mercy, forgive our sin and renew Your Spirit within us that we may joyfully follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments. For the sake of Jesus, our Lord, forgive our sins and direct us in ways of compassion and love.**

P 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.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in † peace.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Everlasting God and Father, You sent Your Son to take our flesh upon Himself and to suffer death upon the cross. Grant that, being inspired by His great humility and following His patient example as He was besieged by His enemies, we may at the last share in His victorious resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

† THE WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 32:36–39 (ESV)

(The Lord will vindicate His people.)

³⁶ For the Lord will vindicate His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. ³⁷ Then He will say, 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, ³⁸ who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help

you; let them be your protection! ³⁹“See now that I, even I, am He, and there is no God beside Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of My hand.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Jim Sprengle

CHILDREN HAND OUT PALMS

“Hosanna”

Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!

Chorus

**Lord, we lift up Your Name
With hearts full of praise!
Be exalted, oh Lord, my God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Glory, Glory,
Glory to the King of kings!
Glory, Glory,
Glory to the King of kings! **(chorus)**

Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest! **(chorus)**

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5–11 (ESV)

(Christ poured Himself out in death for His people.)

⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in

human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

“No Tramp of Soldiers’ Marching Feet”

(tune: Kingsfold)

No tramp of soldiers’ marching feet
with banners and with drums,
no sound of music’s martial beat:
The King of glory comes!
To greet what pomp of kingly pride
no bells in triumph ring,
no city gates swing open wide:
Behold, behold your King!

And yet He comes. The children cheer;
with palms His path is strown.
With every step the cross draws near:
the King of glory’s throne.
Astride a colt He passes by
as loud hosannas ring,
or else the very stones would cry
Behold, behold your King!

Now He who bore for mortals’ sake
the cross and all its pains
and chose a servant’s form to take,
the King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior’s Name
till heaven’s rafters ring,
and all the ransomed host proclaim
Behold, behold your King!

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)

(11:00)**“Without His Cross”**

Joseph M. Martin

Ascension Choir**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

We pray for the Church as it observes this Holy Week around the world that all people come to see in Christ alone the Redeemer of the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all nations, that conflicts cease, and that the kingdom of God come to bless our world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we anticipate the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we pray for our families and the people closest to us. Grant that we share with them our faith in Christ and live together as God's sanctified and thankful people. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those with special needs and concerns this day, especially the hospitalized, the grieving, the unemployed, and all those whose special situations are on our hearts at this time and for whom our petitions are desired. We especially pray for...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P As this holiest week of the Church Year begins, Lord, we remember before You those many faithful Christian people who have been part of our lives and our fellowship in times past, especially those who have departed this life and now are rejoicing in the glory of Your promised heavenly Kingdom. Direct our ways on earth that we may complete this life in faith and may at last sing eternal hosannas together with them and all the company of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us 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.**

✠ THE PASSION OF OUR LORD ✠

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 26 & 27 (ESV)

(The congregation reads the parts in bold)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the Passion of Our Lord.

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

JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS (Mt 26:14-16, 21-25)

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, "What will you give me if I deliver Him over to you?" And they paid him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray Him. ²¹And as they were eating, He said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another,

"Is it I, Lord?"

²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with Me will betray Me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Judas, who would betray Him, answered,

"Is it I, Rabbi?"

He said to him, "You have said so."

JESUS' PREDICTION OF PETER'S DENIAL (Mt 26:31-35)

³¹Then Jesus said to them, "You will all fall away because of Me this night. For it is written, 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³Peter answered Him,

"Though they all fall away because of You, I will never fall away."

³⁴Jesus said to Him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to Him,

“Even if I must die with You, I will not deny You!”

And all the disciples said the same.

JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE (Mt 26:36-46)

³⁶Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to His disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷And taking with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, He began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then He said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with Me.” ³⁹And going a little farther He fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.”

⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping.

And He said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” ⁴²Again, for the second time, He went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

⁴³And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

⁴⁴So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, My betrayer is at hand.”

JUDAS' BETRAYAL AND THE ARREST OF JESUS (Mt 26:47-56)

⁴⁷While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize Him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said,

"Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed Him.

⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do."

Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him.

⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."

Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

PETER'S DENIAL (Mt 26:69-75)

⁶⁹Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came up to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

⁷⁰But he denied it before them all, saying,

"I do not know what you mean."

⁷¹And when he went out to the entrance, another servant girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷²And again he denied it with an oath:

"I do not know the man."

⁷³After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter, “Certainly you too are one of them, for your accent betrays you.”
⁷⁴Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear,

“I do not know the man.”

And immediately the rooster crowed. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

JESUS BEFORE PILATE (Mt 27:11-17, 21-26)

¹¹Now Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You have said so.”

¹²But when He was accused by the chief priests and elders, He gave no answer. ¹³Then Pilate said to Him, “Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?” ¹⁴But He gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, – so that the governor was greatly amazed. ¹⁵Now at the feast the governor was accustomed to release for the crowd any one prisoner whom they wanted. ¹⁶And they had then a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. ¹⁷So when they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” ²¹The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said,

“Barabbas.”

²²Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said,

“Let Him be crucified!”

²³And he said, “Why, what evil has He done?” But they shouted all the more,

“Let Him be crucified!”

²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” ²⁵And all the people answered,

“His blood be on us and on our children!”

²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him to be crucified.

THE SOLDIERS MOCK JESUS (Mt 27:27-31)

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole battalion before Him.

²⁸And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, ²⁹and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head and put a reed in His right hand. And kneeling before Him, they mocked Him, saying,

“Hail, King of the Jews!”

³⁰And they spit on Him and took the reed and struck Him on the head. ³¹And when they had mocked Him, they stripped Him of the robe and put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

JESUS’ CRUCIFIXION (Mt 27:32-44)

³²As they went out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. They compelled this man to carry His cross. ³³And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴they offered Him wine to drink, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He would not drink it. ³⁵And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments among them by casting lots. ³⁶Then they sat down and kept watch over Him there. ³⁷And over His head they put the charge against Him, which read,

“This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

³⁸Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰and saying,

“You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

⁴¹So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked Him, saying,

⁴²“He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³He trusts in God; let God deliver Him now, if He desires Him. For He said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

⁴⁴And the robbers who were crucified with Him also reviled Him in the same way.

THE DEATH OF JESUS (Mt 27:45-54)

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ⁴⁷And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said,

“This man is calling Elijah.”

⁴⁸And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹But the others said,

“Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save Him.”

⁵⁰And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up His spirit. ⁵¹And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵²The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ⁵³and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴When the centurion and those who were with Him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said,

“Truly this was the Son of God!”

JESUS' BURIAL (Mt 27:57-61)

⁵⁷When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also was a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. ⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. ⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

PILATE POSTS A GUARD (Mt 27:62-66)

⁶²Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate ⁶³and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while He was still alive, 'After three days I will rise.' ⁶⁴Therefore order the tomb to be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples go and steal Him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first." ⁶⁵Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers. Go, make it as secure as you can." ⁶⁶So they went and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Gracious and righteous God, You sent us one who suffered and died for our sakes. Move us again with the power of that blessed sacrifice for sin, that experiencing again the passion and the compassion of the crucified Lord Jesus, we be directed by Your Spirit into ways of humble service in thanksgiving to our Savior, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** Go with the Suffering Servant who died to make us righteous and gives us new life to rise with Him to eternal life. The blessing of God the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and go with you forever.
- C** Amen.

(we depart in silence)

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Thank you to Klara Schmidt for the lovely Altar flowers.

† THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY SEASON I CONTINUES

Our Next Class is Saturday, April 23 from 10:30am to noon. 7 Sessions left: April 23; May 14, 28; June 11, 25; July 9

† SOLVE SPRING CLEAN-UP, HOW CAN I HELP?

The Mission Board has registered for ten volunteer positions with the SOLVE Spring community clean-up event in Gresham on April 23 from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers will develop an outdoor field study location at the Clear Creek Middle School, clearing the area of blackberry canes, holly, and ivy to then spread native seed. To sign up email Herb Hoefler: herbhoefler@gmail.com

† LWML ZONE RALLY APRIL 30 AT 9:30AM

Ascension, has volunteered our Community Room for the rally on Saturday, April 30. Another group is arranging the Bible Study and leader, a dessert, and our Ingathering. Plan to bring a sack lunch.

- We are still in the planning stages, so stay tuned for further details.
- We'll be helping to make Ascension's Mission Bracelets as our service project.
- There is a basket in the Narthex to collect Ingathering* items for AbleLight (formerly Bethesda) for their developmentally challenged clients.
- Please contact Mae, Karon, or Virginia if you have any questions.

† C-101 IS COMING!

What? Christianity101—Basics of the Christian Faith

When? Wednesday, June 1 from 6-7pm. with eight sessions each Wednesday, ending July 20.

Where? The Community Room.

Who? Those seeking membership, explorers in the faith, and anyone who wants a refresher!

† VANCE PROPERTIES PLANNING

The Vance Vision Plan is a conceptual plan for the future use of Multnomah County's 90-acre Vance properties in west Gresham's Rockwood/Centennial neighborhood. The plan was released in March 2022. The Board of County Commissioners was briefed on the plan on March 15, 2022. An executive summary of the plan is also available. For more information visit: <https://www.multco.us/vance-properties-planning>

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Kevin McInaney	4/13	Laura Potter	4/13
Barb Patch	4/15	Cody Brown	4/16
Rose Cassetty	4/16	Samantha Cassetty	4/16
Wanda Cassetty	4/16	Rich Zahursky	4/16

BIRTHDAYS

Victor Alvarado	4/11	Karin Richardson	4/11
Chuck Becker	4/13	Cecelia Zuriaga	4/14
Julie Williamson	4/14	Keilah Woods	4/14
Laura Potter	4/16		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests call: 503-665-8821 or e-mail: office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Samantha Cassetty, MaryLou May, Andrew May, Rich Zahursky, The family of Fred Greco, The family of Ray Brown, MaryLou May, Miki Etzel, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Joyce (friend of Randy Bryant), Judy Blubaum, Members and friends with Covid, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufu (sister of Sue Wentela), The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *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).

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, April 10 – Saturday, April 16

Sunday, Apr. 10	8:30am	Worship
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	9:45am	Education Hour
<i>NO Communion</i>	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, April 12	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 13	7:00pm	Special Choir Rehearsal
	7:00pm	NO Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, April 14	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, Apr. 15	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
	6:30pm	NO Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	NO Confirmación
Saturday, Apr. 16	8:30am	Pre-Easter Church Clean-Up

NEXT WEEK – EASTER Sunday, April 17 – Saturday, April 23

Sunday, Apr. 17	8:30am	Worship
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:45am	Education Hour
<i>NO Communion</i>	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, April 18	Church Offices	Closed
Tuesday, April 19	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, April 20	11:00am	CareConnect
	7:00pm	NO Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, April 21	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Apr. 22	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Apr. 23	10:30am	Chosen Bible Study

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 10

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Marcus Young Bob Rekdahl	Erik Kreps Evan Kreps Johnnie Driessner John Knoke
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Julie Williamson
Readers:	Travis Osgood	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Flowers:	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP, APRIL 14

	7:00pm
Elder:	Dan Parshall
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl / Stan Chapulis
Power Point:	Jessica Brown
Audio/Visual:	Wyatt Brown
Greeters:	Bonnie Webber
Altar Circle:	All
Counters:	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP, APRIL 15

	7:00pm
Ushers:	Dave Oswald
Power Point:	Jenny Schuldheisz
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter
Greeters:	Bonnie Webber Michele Sprengle
Altar Circle:	Jan Oswald
Counters:	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Marcus Young Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart Randy Schroeder	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutiérrez
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	All Altar Guild
Flowers:	Both Services	All Altar Guild
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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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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