

*I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart;  
I have overcome the world. John 16:33*



**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, May 25, 2025

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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 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: "COME, I WILL SHOW YOU"

**AS WE GATHER:** It is almost the end of the Easter Season, and we would like it to continue. The non-festival half of the Church Year doesn't seem as, well, festive. But listen to the Readings! There are people, like Paul in the Reading from Acts, who need support today. And Lydia is an example of a new Christian, ready to help. The vision in Revelation showed John's readers the perfect city, ready to welcome all whose names are in the Book of Life (that's us)! We can hardly wait to get there.

In the meantime, there's no time to lose. "Ask," Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "and you will receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). You see, even now He is with us. What would you like to ask Him?

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB 490

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.
- 4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, 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

**P** I cry to You, O Lord;

**C** in the morning my prayer comes before You.

**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

**C** and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,

**C** and with Your glory all the day.

**P** Every day I will bless You

**C** and praise Your name forever and ever.

**P** By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness,

**C** O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.

**P** Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**C** and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**P** He redeems your life from the pit

**C** and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**C** let my cry come to You.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

John 16:33

**P** Let us ask God for forgiveness and guidance.

**C** At times, O Lord, it feels like You have left us and gone into heaven, leaving us to fend for ourselves. We confess that we fail to remember Your word of promise about Your presence with us and Your love for us. We fear what might happen, and we regularly face our own desires and temptations. We forget that You “have overcome the world.” Forgive us and renew in us strong faith in Your presence and protection.

*Silence for reflection.*

**P** God has not left us alone. Christ is with us, and He has broken every barrier between us and the promised Jerusalem awaiting us. 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.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, our Lord Jesus has returned to You, but He promised us to live with Him in the new Jerusalem. Grant us, by Your Spirit, steadfastness of faith, so that we never doubt but will live each day in joyful expectation of seeing Him again; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## + THE WORD +

### FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . .

<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

<sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 16:23-33 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] "In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

LSB 556

- 1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!
- 2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;  
My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.
- 4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.  
He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.
- 5 God said to His beloved Son:  
“It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever.”

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”, Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt.  
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### SERMON “MORE THAN WHAT WE SEE”

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
John 16:23-33



## NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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) “Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace”**

Words and Music by S. Pethel

#### **Choir**

*Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place;  
Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth,  
Now we humbly come to You.  
With our songs and with our praise,  
In Your presence we stand amazed.  
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place.*

*Let the call go out to all who truly seek the Lord,  
To come and join this joyous song we sing;*

*Come rejoice and lend your voice  
And sing in one accord  
The glorious songs of praise to Him we bring.*

*Lord of glory, Lord of power,  
Be with us this very hour;  
We have gathered in Your name,  
And Your promises we claim.  
With our songs and with our praise,  
In Your presence we stand amazed.  
Lord of mercy, Lord of grace,  
Let Your Spirit fill this place.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Lord God, our heavenly Father, You never refuse the cries of Your children. In the name of our Lord Jesus, we ask for help and protection and for the good of our families, our neighbors and rulers, our brothers and sisters in Christ, our pastors, and our overseers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, as Paul preached the Word to the Macedonians, so You desire all people to hear the Gospel. We pray for the saving peace of Christ among the nations, both here and throughout the world. Call and equip pastors, missionaries and church workers to serve Your Church in Christ's name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, direct and enrich the efforts of the faithful women of Your Church. Make them eager and wise in good works, serving the ministry of the Church as faithful Lydia served the mission of St. Paul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, give wisdom to our leaders and government, that they may lead with integrity and according to Your perfect will. Protect police officers, emergency personnel, disaster-relief workers and the members of our armed forces as they serve in our defense and for the well-being of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, we cast our burdens upon You and pray for those who are struggling or suffering...Sustain them and grant healing according to Your will. Strengthen our faith in You that we may be anxious for nothing but find our rest in You alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious God, we pray in thanksgiving with those who are celebrating milestones this week...Lord, in Your mercy;

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy 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 14 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

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

#### AGNUS DEI ~ “Lamb Of God”

LSB 210

- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

“Lamb Of God: ~ Lamb Of God Text: Stephen P. Starke

#### “O Living Bread from Heaven” *(tune: The Church’s One Foundation)*

- 1 O living Bread from heaven, How well You feed your guest!  
The gifts that You have given Have filled my heart with rest.  
Oh, wondrous food of blessing, Oh, cup that heals our woes!  
My heart, this gift possessing, With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most holy place  
And with Yourself have fed me The treasures of Your grace;  
For You have freely given What earth could never buy,  
The bread of life from heaven, That now I shall not die.

- 3 You gave me all I wanted; This food can death destroy.  
And You have freely granted The cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit The favor You have shown,  
And all my soul and spirit Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened  
With heav'nly food, while here  
My course on earth is lengthened, To serve with holy fear.  
And when You call my spirit To leave this world below,  
I enter, through Your merit, Where joys unmingled flow.

"O Living Bread from Heaven", Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt., Text: Public domain

### **"Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise"**

LSB 680

- 1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.
- 3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee  
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray

We give thanks, Lord our God, for this foretaste of the feast, which the saints before us see and that for which we hope. Enable us to serve You in thanks and praise today and every day; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

**P** Almighty God, today we remember those who have fallen. Though we may not know every name and face, we know that You know every one of them and the ultimate sacrifice that they made on behalf of their country. They gave their own lives. On this day, we ask that You remind us of the great cost they paid and the privileges that they have afforded us. We think of the family members and friends of those who have lost their lives, and the grief that they continue to deal with. We ask that You surround them with Your comforting arms and bring them peace today. May they come to know the hope that is in Christ, of whom Scripture says that there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. And Christ has victory over death. Help us not to take the freedom that we have for granted, and to use it to further Your kingdom. Be with those who mourn the loss of their loved one. Strengthen those who continue to serve today. And grant us hearts that are filled with great gratitude for what they have given, knowing it was not in vain. In Jesus' name we pray,

**C** Amen.

## **“Battle Hymn Of The Republic”**

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

### **Refrain**

**Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **(refrain)**

In the beauty of the lilies, Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
While God is marching on. **(refrain)**

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to Bob and Elaina Ritchie for the lovely Altar flowers,  
in honor of Roberta's Birthday, given to the glory of God.*

**† SUPPORT SNOW CAP WITH PROTEINS**

During the month of May, the Human Care Board is requesting that members donate protein food items into the Snow Cap bin in the narthex. (Suggested items include: peanut butter, tuna, beans, etc.) These items will be delivered to Snow Cap to help with the nutritional needs of people in our community. Thank you for your support.

**† THRIVENT MEMBERS ... GET INSPIRED!**

Thrivent offers members two \$250 Action Team cards each year—free! These can support projects like food drives, donations to My Father's House, property upkeep, children's ministry supplies, and more.

If you're a Thrivent member and want to learn more, write your information on the sheet in the Narthex or email Stan Chapulis at [alcfinance1440@gmail.com](mailto:alcfinance1440@gmail.com) with your name, and phone number. He'll reach out when opportunities arise and guide you through the process. Need help with paper forms? Contact Neil Zeller at 503-490-5696. Don't miss this great opportunity of service.

**† INTRODUCING "IRON MEN" – MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST AND DEVOTION**

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." *Proverbs 27:17*

This group meets the fourth Saturday of each month from 8:00–9:00am. The next meeting is Saturday, June 28 in the Community Room.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Pastor Jim.

**† ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP**

Forty days after Easter is the festival of the Ascension of our Lord. Come worship and celebrate with us as we sing hymns of praise joined by our choir and handbells. Please join us for our annual Ascension Day Service on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 pm.

**† CHURCH WORKDAY**

Saturday, May 31 from 9am to 12pm. We will be working outside!

**† VOTER'S ASSEMBLY**

Join us for our upcoming Voter's Assembly on June 1 following the 11:00am worship.



## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Bonnie Webber, Ed Hubbard, Bill Guthrie, Joann Schulz's grandson (Brett), Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Randy Bryant's sister-in-law (Diana), Riki Neagle, Mike Fogarty, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Bryant Sheppard, Alma Bangs, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' sister (Mayra), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)  
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
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 Neil and Deb Zeller)  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MAY 25, 2025

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Mike Adams	Matthias McInaney Neil Zeller
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Caleb Zeeebuyth/Michele
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Mark Wheeler
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: <b>NEEDED</b>	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Michele and Carrie	

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUN., JUNE 1, 2025

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis John Aden	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Alex Hodges
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Peggy Hall	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Rick and Robin Wymore	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Hana and Gina	

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## LAST WEEK AT ASCENSION

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<b>Offerings for Sunday, May 18, 2025</b>	\$4439.49
<b>Weekly Budgeted Needs</b>	<u>\$8,240.72</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(- \$3,801.23)</b>

### Attendance Last Week

Sunday, May 18, 2025:	8:30am – 70
	<u>11:00am – 55</u>
<b>Total Attendance:</b>	<b>125</b>

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## MILESTONES – Sunday, May 25 – Saturday, May 31

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Christian Mukul	May 27	Mark Jacobsen	May 30
Jeannette Krogh	May 30	Rosemary Knox	May 31

### BIRTHDAYS:

Gabriel Woods	May 25	Emanuel Aguilar	May 26
Eric Krepes	May 29	Benjamin Schaefer	May 29
Jakob Schaefer	May 29	Eduar Lavadores	May 30
Debbie Rekdahl	May 30	Roberta Ritchie	May 31
Audrey Zeebuyth	May 31		

**WEDDINGS:** None

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAY 25 – SAT., MAY 31**

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<b>Sunday, May 25</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship with Comm.
<b>Monday, May 26</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, May 28</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	6:30pm	C-101
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, May 29</b>	7:00pm	Ascension Day Worship
<b>Friday, May 30</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, May 31</b>	9:00am	Church Workday – Outside (Weather Permitting)

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JUNE 1 – SAT., JUNE 7**

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<b>Sunday, June 1</b>	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Voter's Assembly
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, June 2</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, June 3</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, June 4</b>	6:30pm	C-101
<b>Thursday, June 5</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
<b>Friday, June 6</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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