

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, October 13, 2024

LWML SUNDAY October 13, 2024

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 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.)

Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Vision Statement

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: "READY TO SERVE"

As We Gather: This year's Lutheran Women in Mission Sunday theme is "Ready to Serve" based on Luke 1:38, "*And Mary said, 'Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*" As redeemed children of God, Lutheran Women in Mission give thanks for the opportunity to serve others as we have been served, to proclaim that Jesus is our Lord and that He came for all nations, and to respond with our mite offerings to support God's mission. Our example has been the widow and her mites. The offering she made was observed by our Lord leading Him to share that her copper coins, her mites, were *"everything she had, all she had to live on"* (Mark 12:43). May our mite offerings be blessed for our Lord's kingdom.

PRELUDE

"People Need The Lord" Karon Keup, soloist

WELCOME

I Love To Tell The Story

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love. I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true, It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

Refrain I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, For some have never heard The message of salvation From God's own holy Word. **(refrain)** I love to tell the story, For those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, 'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. **(refrain)**

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INVOCATION

- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 112:1

P Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,

C who greatly delights in His commandments!

Blessed be the God who meets our sin with mercy and our humble confession with forgiveness and the pledge of eternal life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

- P Holy and merciful Lord,
- Your people come to You, humble of heart and repenting of their sins. We confess, Father, that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by the evil we have done and by the good we have not done. Some of our sin we know and some we do not know. Forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and renew us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be restored to Your service and live to the praise of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our 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.
- **G** Amen. Thanks be to God.

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You announce Your will for us in mysterious and troubling ways. We pray that, as Mary once heard and accepted the angel's message of Your will, we too may hear Your call and respond with full faith and willingness to serve; through 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 +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (ESV)

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (ESV)

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.

LAMBS' LESSON

Hana Brandt

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus.

³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, ³³ and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy the Son of God. ³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

(tune: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast)

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- 1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.
- 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow'r You laid aside. You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.
- 3 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.
- 4 You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.

5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other's need.

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SERMON "READY TO SERVE" Pastor Jim Sprengle 1 Samuel 3:1-10

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.)

"Lord, Here Am I" John Ness Beck Ascension Choir

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way. Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor and where it shall be. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss. Willing to follow, if Thou wilt but lead; Only support me with grace in my need. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Living or dying, I still would be Thine. Yet I am mortal while Thou are divine. Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity, and bring me again to the light. Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God wants all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, to abide in Him by faith in His Word, and to pray for yourself and every condition of people.

Lord God of hope, Your people cry to You because You have promised to have mercy upon us. Grant to us wisdom to hear the voice of Your commands and faith to grasp hold of the voice of Your promises in Christ, that abiding in Him we may be saved and be brought to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, keep us from trusting in our own works or merits and open our hearts to the voice of Your Word. Bless those who preach Your Word to us and those who serve us for the sake of Christ, that we may walk in Christ and not fall away because of unbelief. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, encourage us in time of trial, strengthen us before temptation, and humble us against pride and arrogance, that we may rejoice in Christ and fulfill our baptismal calling to die to sin and rise to holiness of life and speech, glorifying You in all we say, think, and do. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Lord God of hope, we pray for the mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League in this congregation and throughout the world, that every heart will beat with Your love and all hearts extend Your hand of service to others. Through the faithful gathering of mites, may Lutheran Women in Mission continue to encourage us to put all You have given us into the mission of reaching the lost and erring. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, we turn to You for healing, comfort, and peace in all the afflictions of the body and mind. Hear our prayers on behalf of...Restore them to health according to Your will and grant them faith and patience so that they may endure through the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Lord God of hope, we give You thanks and rejoice with those who celebrate this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 13 for the LWML Pledge.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** 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 l've given you, And as you do, remember Me, Remember Me, remember Me.

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Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.All who dwell in deepest sin -- My hand will save.I Who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, If You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send? (refrain)

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your grace and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

C Amen.

THE LWML PLEDGE

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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.)

Serve The Lord With Gladness

(tune - "Onward, Christian Soldiers")

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace, Will at last in glory Meet us face to face. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest. Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name! "Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ. As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

"Serve the Lord With Gladness", written by Prof. Ernest Lewerenz.

DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

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Thanks to Merci McInaney for the beautiful Altar flowers, in honor of Matthias and Linda Fogarty's baptism, given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

† I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church presents apologist, author and speaker Frank Turek on Sunday, Oct. 20 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. The event will be at Sonrise Church, 6701 NE Campus Way Drive, Hillsboro, OR 972124. See the poster on the bulletin board by the mailboxes for more information.

† **C-101**

Class continues: Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, and 13 from 6:00 to 7:00pm.

† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS

Human Care is collecting items for our adopt-a-room at My Father's House. Check out the list that is attached to the white board in the Narthex. If you will fill a need, write your name (or anonymous if you want) in the space. Then you can bring your donation and leave it in the conference room marked "My Father's House".

† ALL SAINTS' DAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join in a festival of hymns to celebrate the church's heritage of hymns, and spiritual songs. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at 7:00pm.

† YOUTH GROUP FAMILY NIGHT

Friday night October 18 you are invited to join us at 6:30pm. There will be a dinner and pumpkin carving event! Join us!

† THANK YOU FROM BONNIE WEBBER

I can't thank the Lord enough for having so many wonderful church members as part of my family who sent prayers to me. I have a way to go, but the surgery was successful. It's now a case of working through with perseverance as I heal. Praying I will return to church soon. Warmly, Bonnie Webber.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Did you know you can send the office your prayer request written exactly how you want, and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain? You may also just let the office know your request and Michele will word the request for you. Either one is fine. Please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carolyn Gordon, Barb Cochran and her family, Pastor Ruberto and their family, Mike Fogarty, The Family of Carolyn Barendse, Karla Deal, The family of Bob Rekdahl, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb and Carol Hoefer, Mae Smith, Gertrud Bublies, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Mel Haggard, The Family of Mike Hatley, Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *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)

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., OCT. 13, 2024

Elder: Acolytes: Ushers:	8:30am Randy Bryant NEEDED Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	11:00am Randy Schroeder NEEDED Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman	
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter	
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson	
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Christina Freeman	
Readers:	Joann Schulz	Johnnie Driessner	
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Wendy Hazen		
Flowers:	Both Services: Merci McInaney		
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie		
Sunday School	9:45am: Michele and Carrie – Episode 10		

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., OCT. 20, 2024

Elder: Acolytes: Ushers:	8:30am Randy Schroeder NEEDED John Aden	11:00am John Hazen NEEDED Paul Walter	
	Mike Adams	Marcus Young	
	NEEDED NEEDED		
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox	
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson		
		Rosemary Knox	
Greeters:	Norma Dillon	Margaret Hubbard	
	Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez	
Readers:	Julie Williamson	Carlyn Staudt	
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber		
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED		
Counters:	Both Services: Bonnie Webber and		
	Rebecca Williamson		
Sunday School	9:45am: Michele and Carrie - Episode 11		

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., OCT. 13 – SAT., OCT. 19

Sunday, Oct. 13	8:30am	Worship LWML Sunday		
LWML BAKE AND CRAFT SALE BETWEEN SERVICES				
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School		
	11:00am	Worship LWML with Communion		
	12:15pm	Bell Practice		
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion		
Tuesday, Oct. 15	6:00pm	NO 3:10 Group		
Wednesday, Oct. 16	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together		
	6:00pm	NO C-101 This Week		
Thursday, Oct. 17	6:00pm	Praise Team		
	7:00pm	Choir Practice		
Friday, Oct. 18	6:30pm	Youth Group and Family Night		

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN.. OCT. 20 - SAT.. OCT. 26

Sunday, Oct. 20	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 12:15pm	Worship with Communion Adult Ed and Sunday School Worship Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Wednesday, Oct. 23	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 / 5
Thursday, Oct. 24	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE		
Friday, Oct. 25	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, Oct. 26	10:30am	The Chosen Season 4 / Ep. 7

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Oct. 13 – Saturday, Oct. 19

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Bill Guthrie Matthias McInaney	Oct. 13 Oct. 15	Linda Fogarty	Oct. 15
BIRTHDAYS:			
Brad Hall	Oct. 14	Amy Haase	Oct. 15
WEDDINGS:			

Rob and Amy Haase Oct. 13, 1988

† DISCOVER GREECE INFORMATIONAL MEETING

We're excited to invite you to a special event including beverages and snacks, on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 in the Community Room. Andy Boone, a representative from Collette Travel, will be here to share exciting details about a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Greece, scheduled for October 28 through November 7, 2025. This trip promises to be a rich blend of history, culture, and breathtaking landscapes, following in the footsteps of Paul the Apostle across the enchanting lands of Greece and beyond.



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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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