



*"Yes, Lord;  
I believe that You  
are the Christ,  
the Son of God"*

John 11:27(ESV)

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, March 22, 2026

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**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 on the cup return table.*)

**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. (Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.)*

## + PREPARATION +

### THEME: “YES, LORD, I BELIEVE”

**AS WE GATHER:** While Lent focuses on Christ’s suffering and upcoming death, these Readings turn to the resurrection and life. Ezekiel takes us to the valley of the dry bones, and we hear the promise “you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves” (Ezekiel 37:13). Romans 8 finishes with the promise “He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you” (v. 11). John 11 tells of Lazarus coming out of the tomb after four days, but the climax comes earlier when Jesus declares He is the resurrection and life. Psalm 130 starts with a cry from the depths to God that asks the Lord to be attentive to our pleas, but it ends with the hope we have in the Lord. Every Sunday, including those in Lent, is a celebration of Christ’s resurrection.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### “We Were Baptized In Christ Jesus”

We were baptized in Christ Jesus, We were baptized in His death;  
That as Christ was raised victorious, We might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united In a dreadful death like His,  
We will all be reunited, for He lives.

In the water and the witness, In the breaking of the bread,  
In the waiting arms of Jesus Who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning From the ashes of our past;  
In the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Ever three and ever one;  
As it was in the beginning, Glory now resounds again  
In a song that has no ending. Amen.

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## BAPTISM

Jae Allen Evans

## APOSTLES' CREED

11:00am

- C** 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.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come. *(Rev. 1:8)*
- C** **We come to worship the one who rules justly.** *(2 Sam 23:3)*
- P** Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of the kings of the earth! *(Rev. 1:5)*
- C** **Bread of Heaven, God with us!** *(John 6:51, Mt. 1:23)*
- P** Good Shepherd, True Vine! *(John 10:11, John 15:1)*
- C** **Eternal Word, Great I AM** *(John 1:1-2, John 8:58)*
- P** Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! *(Isaiah 9:6)*
- C** **We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords!** *(Rev. 19:16)* **To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.** *(Rev. 1:6)*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 130:1–4

- P** Out of the depths I cry to You, O LORD!
- C** **O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**
- P** If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

*Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we cry to You from the depths of our sin. We were born into those depths and need Your Word to call us out of them. We have sinned against You with our thoughts, our words, our actions, and our inactions. We have lived according to the flesh rather than the Spirit. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. You are precious in His sight because Christ is in you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### **“Grace, Grace”**

Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, who rules over and preserves us to life everlasting; 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 +

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." <sup>4</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

Romans 8:1-4; 10-11 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

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## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

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

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

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, He found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met Him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever You ask from God, God will give You." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw Him, she fell at His feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, He was deeply moved in His spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how He loved him!"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that You always hear Me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that You sent Me." <sup>43</sup>When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." <sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what He did, believed in Him.

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

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

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### “O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life”

(tune: *Kingsfold*)

- 1 O Christ, who shared our mortal life  
And ended death’s long reign,  
Who healed the sick and raised the dead  
And bore our grief and pain:  
We know our years on earth are few,  
That death is always near.  
Come now to us, O Lord of Life;  
Bring hope that conquers fear!
- 9 Two weeping sisters, worn by grief  
And mired in depths of gloom,  
Stood watching where their brother lay  
Within a rock-sealed tomb.  
When, Lord, You met them as they mourned,  
You wept compassion’s tear.  
But Martha, sore with sorrow, said,  
“He’d lived had You been here!”
- 10 “I am the Lord of life and death!”  
You answered Martha’s cry,  
“And all who hear and trust My Word  
Shall live, although they die!”  
You walked the path to Laz’rus’ tomb,  
You called him forth by name,  
And living, loving once again,  
From death to life he came!
- 4 Death’s power holds us still in thrall  
And bears us toward the tomb.  
Death’s dark’ning cloud hangs like a pall  
That threatens earth with doom.  
But You have broken death’s embrace  
And torn away its sting.  
Restore to life our mortal race!  
Raise us, O Risen King!

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**SERMON**  
**“LIFE IN CHRIST”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
John 11:17-27; 32-36; 38-45

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**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.)*

**“More Precious Than Silver”**

**(with “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross)**

(11:00)

Words and music by L. Deshazo, arr. S. Pethel

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Because the Lord has inclined His ear to us, let us call upon the One who delivers us in our time of need.

Lord of life, You look upon the ways in which sin has withered our existence, and You speak Your words of life over us. Bless all pastors, that they may speak that same word with the faithfulness of Ezekiel, for the benefit of Your church and her mission. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, setting us free from the law of sin and death by sending Your own Son in the likeness of human flesh. Help us to forsake the ways of sinful flesh and to walk according to the Spirit who lives in us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Fearless Lord, even in the threat of death You pursue those You love. Give us courage to follow You into those places where death taunts and persecution lingers. Help us to fix our eyes on the One who is the founder and perfecter of our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty God, precious in Your sight is the death of Your saints. Strengthen our leaders, our government, and all You have put in place to protect us, that they look upon every life entrusted to their protection with the same care. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, You deliver those who cry to You from the depths of distress and anguish. Visit the sick, the dying, and the grieving...Bring them Your peace, especially as they might question Your ways and Your timing. Comfort them with the hope of life everlasting, when Your Word will restore their bodies again. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord God, giver of all blessings, thank You for life, salvation, for parents and children, family, food, friendship, marriage and all other things celebrated today and every day... Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Receiving the fullness of Your Spirit and offering these prayers to You, O gracious Lord, we trust that You hear and answer us according to Your good and gracious will.

**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 Closing.)**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body and  
blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do  
not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available  
on the cup return table.)*

### **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

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

**C** Amen.

## + DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

### **“I Am The Bread Of Life”**

“I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to Me shall not hunger,  
and who believe in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father beckons.”

#### **Refrain**

**“And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.”**

“The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.” **(refrain)**

“Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.” **(refrain)**

“I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.  
If you believe in Me,  
Even though you die,  
You shall live forever.” **(refrain)**

Yes, Lord, I believe That You are the Christ,  
The Son of God, Who has come into the world. **(refrain twice)**

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### **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold Through life’s fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

### **Chorus**

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.  
He’ll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. **(chorus)**

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! **(chorus 2x’s)**

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, for showing us Your steadfast love and plentiful redemption in this saving gift. Set our mind on the things of the Spirit, that we may be strengthened to believe in the One who is the resurrection and the life, and show steadfast love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## CLOSING

LSB 490

**P** Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!

**G** Death no longer can appall me!

**P** Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

**G** From the grave will Christ recall me!

**P** Brighter scenes will then commence!

**G** This shall be my confidence! Jesus is my confidence!

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**G** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## “What Wondrous Love Is This”

LSB 543

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
 When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
     When I was sinking down  
     Beneath God's righteous frown,  
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
 Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
 To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
     To God and to the Lamb,  
     Who is the great I AM,  
 While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
 While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
     And when from death I'm free,  
     I'll sing His love for me,  
 And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
 And through eternity I'll sing on.

What Wondrous Love Is This, Text: A General Selection of Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt., Text: Public domain

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God!

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*Thank you to Karon Keup for the lovely Altar flowers,  
 given to glory of God in honor of Karon's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.*

**† LENTEN SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

Last Midweek Service: March 25, 3:30 and 7:00pm: Pastor Jim Sprengle, Ascension

Palm Sunday: March 29 at 8:30 and 11:00am

Maundy Thursday: April 2 at 7:00pm

Food Friday: Friday, April 3 at 7:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4 at 10:30am

Easter Sunday: Sunday, April 5 at 8:30 and 11:00am Worship.  
9:30am Breakfast

**† CHRISTIANITY 101**

Mondays, March 23, 30, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, from 10:30 to 11:30am. To sign up, let Pastor Jim know, call 503-665-8821 or email [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org).

**† IRON MEN FELLOWSHIP**

Real conversations. Real faith. Real brothers in Christ. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend! The next Iron Men will meet Saturday, March 28 at 8:00am in the Community Room. This group meets on the 4th Saturday of each month, mark your calendar!

**† ATTN: USHERS-WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND ELDERS**

**What:** Usher / Worship Assistant / Elder Meeting – Your attendance matters!

**Where:** Community Room at Ascension

**When:** Saturday, March 28, 10:00am to 11:00am

**Why:** Introduce Rich Bartell, new procedures, best practices

**† EASTER BREAKFAST**

Easter Breakfast will be on April 5 from 9:30 to 10:45am. Tickets are on sale after both services, they are \$5 per person; families of 4 or more \$20; children 10 and under are free. Save your ticket to be entered for door prizes. If you would like to bring food items for breakfast, see the whiteboard in the Narthex to sign up. If you have any items to donate toward our door prizes (new or GENTLY used) you may bring them and place them on the countertop on the far wall of the kitchen.

**† EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Outreach Board is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Vance Park on Sat. April 4 beginning at 10:30am. If you want to help, talk to Cindy Reinert.

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Debbie Rekdahl, Carolyn Shore, The Family of Cal Stabenow, The family of Barbara Schrader, The family of Jerry Bangs, The family of Mike Fogarty, Regan, Diane and Ed and Ingrid (friends and neighbors of Cynthia Jacobsen), Barbara Lewis, Chenery Whittier’s son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

**† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY**

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney)  
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)  
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs)  
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).  
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of the Zeller’s)  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller’s)

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**MILESTONES – Sunday, Mar. 22 through Sat., Mar. 28**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Karen Zahursky	Mar. 23	Tracy Schaffer	Mar. 25
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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Ruby Sylvia	Mar 22	Pam Eilers	Mar. 23
Madison Fogarty	Mar. 25	Carolyn Shore	Mar. 28

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

NONE

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**GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS**

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February General Fund Tithes	\$ 44,797.42
February Expenses	<u>\$ 35,169.14</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ \$ 9,628.28</b>

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**DEDICATED OFFERINGS**

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<i>February Dedicated Offerings</i>	<i>\$ 162.00</i>
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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, MARCH 22, 2026**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Wyatt Brown
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rich Bartell Jim Eckart	Matthias McLanaey John Aden
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Michele Sprengle
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Sue Rotramel
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Virginia Jacobs	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Carrie and Carolyn: Unit 3, Lesson 1	

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**ASSISTING LENT MIDWEEK 3, WED, MARCH 25, 2026**

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	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>A/V:</b>	Michele Sprengle	
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Virginia Jacobs	
<b>Counters:</b>	Bob and Elaina Ritchie	

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**ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Herb Hoefler
<b>Ushers:</b>	Duke Sheppard Bryant Sheppard	Marcus Young Paul Walter
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Alex Hodges
<b>Greeters:</b>	Millie Edwards	Heather Gulde
<b>Readers:</b>	Joann Schulz	Carlyn Staudt
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Debbie Rekdahl	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: <b>NEEDED</b>	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Hana and Gina: Unit 3, Lesson 2	

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 22–SAT., MAR. 28, 2026

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<b>Sunday, Mar. 22</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>Lent 5</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Mar. 23</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 24</b>	2:30pm	Confirmation
		Newsletter Items Due
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 25</b>	3:30pm	Lent 5 Worship Service
	7:00pm	Lent 5 Worship Service
<b>Thursday, Mar. 26</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, Mar. 28</b>	8:00am	Iron Men Devotion
	10:00am	Usher, Worship Assistant, Elder Mtg.

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 29–SAT., APR. 4, 2026

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<b>Sunday, Mar. 29</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>Palm Sunday</b>	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Mar. 30</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 31</b>	2:30pm	Confirmation
<b>Wednesday, Apr. 1</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Thursday, Apr. 2</b>	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
<b>Friday, Apr. 3</b>	7:00pm	Good Friday Worship
<b>Saturday, Apr. 4</b>	10:30pm	Easter Egg Hunt in Vance Park

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### Attendance

Wednesday, March 11	3:30pm	35
	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>24</u>
	<b>Total =</b>	<b>59</b>
Sunday, March 15	8:30am	69
	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>64</u>
	<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Adult Ed. Class</b>		
Sunday, March 15		30

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## 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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