



*Thomas  
answered  
Him,  
"My Lord  
and my  
God!"*

Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

April 16, 2023

## Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

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

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

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

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

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

## **+ PREPARATION +**

### **Theme: “The Sure and Living Hope”**

**As We Gather:** We gather today still in the glow of the most joyous and amazing celebration of Easter, the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. The sights and sounds of that celebration linger in our memory, not as just a past event finished and forgotten, but as Peter calls it today, “a living hope,” as enduring and strong as the certainty of our living Lord and the promised future of our own resurrection. We return to continue the Easter celebration because in the afterglow of the days since Easter Sunday, many still do not know that hope. Like the absent apostle Thomas, we still face what seems to be a hopeless world. Today we remember that our only hope is built on a divine Savior whose crucifixion wounds were endured for us and for all. Indeed, we are to learn that every Sunday throughout the entire year is an Easter celebration as our living Lord draws us into His holy, life-giving wounds through His very same body and blood given us in Holy Communion. Thomas saw and believed. Peter rejoiced. Though we do not now see Him, “you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory” (1 Peter 1:8), the only sure and living hope.

### **Prelude**

## Welcome

### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

**ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

- 4 Weeping, be gone; Sorrow, be silent:  
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

- 5 City of God, Easter forever,  
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life, Saints and archangels,  
Sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

*1 Corinthians 15:54b–57*

- P** "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?"  
**C** "O death, where is your sting?"

- P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
**C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Easter Acclamation

- P** Christ is risen. Alleluia!  
**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9

- P** That victory remains ours by a God-given faith and hope. That hope is kept alive as we daily repent of our sins and remain in the promises of God. For, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*A moment of silence to reflect on God's Word and to examine our hearts before Him.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead for the life of the world, have mercy on us. 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** Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and 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.**

## Salutation

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 always.

**C** And also with you.

## + THE WORD +

### First Reading

*Acts 5:29-42 (ESV)*

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice,

<sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lamb's Lesson

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*

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

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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

**Prayer /Love in Action Requests Gathered**

## HYMN

### O Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## Sermon

"HOPE RENEWED"

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
*John 20:19-31*

## **Creed - “In God We Believe”**

(tune: Immortal, Invisible)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r  
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.  
He graciously grants us our years and our days  
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.  
True God and true man once the cross He endured  
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.  
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;  
With power and truth the church now He does bless.  
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then  
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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## **Tithes and Offerings**

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious joy of our continuing celebration of the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from the dead, we give You thanks and sing Your praise. By His death, He destroyed death and by His rising now gives to all who believe the gift of eternal life in the forgiveness of our sins. Help us to walk with the certainty of a living hope of the eternal life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Give boldness to Your whole Church throughout the world that Your servants, especially Your pastors and teachers, proclaim the resurrection of Christ to all people as the objects of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord God, save and defend our country. Give wisdom and compassion to all in authority that they may serve all people with justice and provide for the maintenance of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We commend to Your mercy, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. Grant to them Your mercy and everlasting peace; and on the day of the resurrection of all flesh, grant that we and all Your servants of the mystical Body of Your Son, may altogether be set on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice saying, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for those whose lives are in need of a special measure of peace and comfort: the sick and the hospitalized, *including...*and those who are experiencing changes and challenges, including the unemployed, those who are relocating to new situations, and the elderly, as they face each new day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for those who are celebrating, *especially...*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 Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## The 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.

*(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the Closing Scripture.)*

## + 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 +**

### **Come, Share The Lord**

We gather here in Jesus' name,  
His love is burning in our hearts Like living flame.  
For through the loving Son, The Father makes us one.  
Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread.  
The Lord Who pours the cup Is risen from the dead.  
The One we love the most Is now our gracious host.  
Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,  
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.  
Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

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### **Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks**

**(Chorus) Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Give thanks to the Risen Lord;**  
**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Give praise to His Name.**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is the King of creation. **(chorus)**

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen. **(chorus)**

We have been crucified with Christ;  
Now we shall live forever. **(chorus)**

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
Life for all men, alleluia! **(chorus)**

Come, let us praise the Living God;  
Joyfully sing to our Savior. **(chorus)**

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## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty, everlasting God, Your Son has assured forgiveness of sins and deliverance from eternal death. Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ may increase daily and that we may hold fast to the hope that on the Last Day we shall be raised in glory to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **Closing Scripture**     *Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

**P** Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

**C** **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia!**

## **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.

**C** Amen.

## **Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Announcements

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

## Hymn

### All You On Earth, Rejoice And Sing!

(tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

All you on earth, rejoice and sing:  
Give glory to our risen King!  
Raise your voices! Alleluia!  
Our Lord, who died, now truly lives;  
To us this promise He now gives.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

Your death, O Lord, was but the seed  
From which a new life would proceed!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Lord, once raised by heaven's power,  
will raise us all in that last hour.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

The Lord has made this Easter day;  
To joy let sorrow now give way!  
Celebrate it! Alleluia!  
All Christians, who one faith declare,  
Sing praise to Christ whose life we share.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

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## Dismissal

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## † LIFE SUNDAY UPDATES!

- Baby bottles to collect donations for *First Image* are here! Do not forget to pick yours up in the Narthex and fill it with any and all donations! Then return it to the church by May 14.
- Life Sunday planned for May 14 (Mother's Day)
- The First Image Fun Run and Walk is a family-friendly annual event. Come together to support women, men, and babies so they can have every opportunity to experience abundant life! Register online at: <https://first-image.org/5k/> The run is on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Blue Lake Regional Park, 21224 NE Blue Lake Rd, Fairview, OR 97024

## † BRACELET PROJECT FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

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

## † CANTATA IS COMING! 1 SERVICE MAY 21

You are invited to a special service of music and praise on Sunday May 21 at 10:30. There will be only one service that Sunday. Look for more information for a possible gathering afterward.

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefer	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Needed
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Ryan Deatherage/Michele
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Karon Keup	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	All
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	NEEDED NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	John Hazen
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Bonnie Webber
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Bonnie Webber
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., APRIL 16 - SAT., APRIL 22

<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	8:30am	Worship with comm.
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, April 18</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday April 19</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, April 20</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Friday, April 21</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, April 22</b>	10:30am	The Chosen 3

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EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 23 - SAT., APRIL 29

<b>Sunday, April 23</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with comm.
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday, April 25</b>		Newsletter Items Due
<b>Wednesday April 26</b>	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, April 27</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Friday, April 28</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY †:

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).

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carolyn Barendse, Gina Kreps, Nephews of Gil Cdebaca, The Brown Family, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob’s Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Rich Zahursky, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela’s granddaughter), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

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† MILESTONES

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Rose Cassetty	Apr. 16	Samantha Cassetty	Apr. 16
Wanda Cassetty	Apr. 16	Rich Zahursky	Apr. 16
Cody Brown	April 16	Merci McInaney	Apr. 17
Arielle Reinert	Apr. 19	Nichole Fogarty	Apr. 21
Margaret Hubbard	Apr. 21	Carolyn Shore	Apr. 21
MaryLou May	Apr. 22		

**BIRTHDAYS**

Laura Potter	Apr. 16	Ty Fogarty	Apr. 17
Sylvia Guthrie	Apr. 17	Bea Kirchner	Apr. 21

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

None

# 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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