

LUKE 1:38

the presence of God, and I sent to speak to you and to tell you good news. 20 And now you will find that I am not able to speak^a until the Spirit comes upon me, because you did not believe my words, which will come true for you at that time."

19 While the people were waiting for him and wondering why he did not speak to them, he had seen a vision in which the Spirit told him that he should not speak. 21 He kept making signs^b to them, but they remained unable to speak.

22 At the time of service he was commanded to go home. 23 After this his wife became pregnant and for nine months remained in seclusion. 24 When she gave birth to a son, she named him Jesus, because she had done this for me," she said. 25 "In the days he has shown his love to me, he has shown his grace to me in any way my disgrace would have been."

Foretold

19 In the ninth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth,^a a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to Joseph,^b a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, "Greetings to you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

20 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 21 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 22 He will be called the Son of God. 23 The Lord God will be with you and will give you the child. 24 You will give birth to a son and will call his name Jesus. 25 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's house forever. His kingdom will never end."

Mary asked the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?"

26 The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Lord will be with you. So the child to be born will be holy. 27 Even Elizabeth will have a child to her in old age, for she was said to be barren. 28 For this is how it will be for you. 29 For you will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 30 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's house forever. His kingdom will never end."

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Or from his birth he will be called the Son of God.

WHEN YOUR WORDS CAME, I ATE THEM; THEY WERE MY JOY AND

MY HEART'S DELIGHT,

FOR I BEAR YOUR NAME, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY.

JEREMIAH 15:16, NIV

Ascension Lutheran Church
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 3, 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 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 comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

+ PREPARATION +

Theme: “Bitter or Sweet?”

As We Gather: The Bible describes the Word of God as something we ingest – like good food. Sometimes it is described as honey (Psalms 19:10; 119:103; Ezekiel 3:3). Other times, it is described as sweet to the taste, but bitter in the stomach (Revelation 10:9-10). In today’s Old Testament reading, the Prophet Jeremiah reflects on God’s Word and how consuming it became a joy and delight. However, we also hear difficult words from God that challenge us. The Gospel lesson tells of Peter’s offense when Jesus shows the disciples He will be executed. The Word of God is both an offense and blessing, or both Law and Gospel, for the hearer. We, along with Peter, may not like what we hear, but God’s will and plans are always best.

Prelude

Special thanks to Peggy Hall for her musical leadership in our worship this morning.

Welcome

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav’n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty, Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt., Text: Public domain

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Scripture

Psalm 37:5-7

P Delight yourself in the Lord,

C and He will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the Lord;

C trust in Him, and He will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C and your justice as the noonday.

P Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

P Delight yourself in the Lord,

C and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Confession and Absolution

Jeremiah 15:20b

P Since we are gathered to delight ourselves in the Word of God and to assemble as one family around His Table, let us with repentant hearts confess our sins before our heavenly Father, seeking His forgiveness in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(We pause for a moment of silent prayer and confession.)

P O Lord our God, hear us as we pray:

C **We confess that we have not walked in Your faithfulness, turning away from You when we should be turning toward You.**

P Father, forgive us.

C **Our love has not been genuine. We have not overcome evil with good.**

P Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

C **The Word You give us is sometimes bitter, and we reject Your teachings for our own understanding.**

P Renew us, Spirit of truth.

C **Remove our transgressions from us so that we may live as those who have been called by Your name, delighting in Your goodness to us in Christ. Amen.**

P “I am with you to save you and deliver you,” declares the Lord. Through Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—you have been delivered from your enemies of sin, death, and the devil. Keep His saving, steadfast love before your eyes and walk by faith in His promises. As one called to be your pastor and commissioned by Jesus to deliver the delight of His Word, 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, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross to redeem His enemies and make them His friends. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵O LORD, You know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In Your forbearance take me not away;
know that for Your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and Your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by Your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me,
for You had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will You be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before Me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as My mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 12:9-21 (ESV)

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-25 (ESV)

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

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

²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You." ²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man." ²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

Apostles’ Creed

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.

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 Rejoicing in God’s promise to hear our prayers, we delight ourselves in Him, even in the difficulties of life. Together let us give voice to our constant prayers.

O Lord, You have made us feast on Your Word to the delight of our hearts. Keep us from the temptation to reject and despise Your Word, and inspire the pastors of Your Church to boldly proclaim what is precious: the Gospel of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, our hearts delight in Your goodness despite the evil of this fallen world. You entered into our midst because of Your mission to seek and save the lost. We join with You in this mission, Lord, commissioned by Your Gospel to make known among the nations what You have done. Restore us, renew us, and lead us! Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, open wide the hearts of Christians to one another, especially within the home and between neighbors. Let love be genuine, speech truthful and patience constant. Let us commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Great Physician, heal and restore. [*We especially remember _____.*] Give them Your holy care and strength to bear their crosses, that they may endure to see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, You bestow blessings on us every day, and we give You thanks with those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P To You, gracious Father, be all the glory, honor, and praise, in Christ Jesus and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

(11:00am 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 +

Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

- 1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **(refrain)**
- 3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **(refrain)**

- 4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **(refrain)**
- 5 What higher gift can we inherit?
 It is faith's bond and solid base;
 It is the strength of heart and spirit,
 The covenant of hope and grace. **(refrain)**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the source of all goodness, who in perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into this world to save and deliver us, we delight in the mercy we have unworthily received. Please strengthen us in Your Word and promise that we are Your children forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Announcements

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

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.

- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

- 4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you to Debbie and Wayne Noonan for the lovely
Altar flowers, in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

† CHOIR BEGINS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

All singers are invited to join our choir! Just show up and you are a member. Choir practice is each Thursday at 7:00pm.

† WOMEN'S RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE

Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat for women of Ascension! January 12, 13 and 14, 2024. Talk to Michele Sprengle or Jan Oswald if you are interested in attending! Many more details to come.

† THANKS

My thanks to all of you for the messages and cards. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you, Carol Hoefer

† ROMANS BIBLE STUDY COMING!

Pastor Jim will begin this Bible study on September 17, and we'll be meeting every Sunday at the Adult Bible Class from 9:45-10:45am in the Community Room. Please come prepared to discuss the readings and to ask any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

† CONFIRMATION TO BEGIN SOON!

A parent / student informational meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 1:00-2:30pm in the Community Room. If you have questions about whether Confirmation is right for you, please contact Pastor Jim: pastor@sprengle.com or 503-665-8821

† LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 1

We will have the opportunity to learn more about God's LWML ministry around the world through mite offerings, service, and prayer. We will also have our annual fundraiser between church services*.

† CHRISTIANITY 101

Join Pastor Jim for an 8-week journey examining God's Word from a Lutheran perspective. Whether you have no experience with Christianity or want to review what you learned long ago; this class is for you! Wednesday, Sept. 20 to Nov. 8, 8 Sessions from 6:00-7:00pm.

† MAYAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL

On Sunday Aug 27 the 2nd Annual Mayan Cultural Festival was held on the grounds of Trinity Lutheran Church, Killingsworth. Our Mission Board had allocated \$100 to have the Lutheran Heritage Foundation pamphlet, "Jesus Never Fails", translated into Mayan. The evangelistic project initiated by our Mayan Latino pastor, Rev. Ruberto Ek Yah, was distributed at the festival. Since many of our Latino members are part of the Mayan culture, we have been learning about that history and culture in our monthly newsletters. Look for the final installment in the current Sept. issue. God bless. P. Herb Hoefler

† MILESTONES - SUN., SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 9

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Taylor Osgood Sept. 3
Barbara Greco Sept. 9

BIRTHDAYS

Dustin Schaffer Sept. 9

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Larry and Janice Hart Sept. 3, 1961
Wayne and Debbie Noonan Sept. 7, 1979

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	NEEDED
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado Margo Bachhuber	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Flowers:	Both Services	Debbie Noonan
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	NEEDED	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman Virginia Jacobs
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Flowers:	Both Services	NEEDED
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 3 - SAT., SEPT. 9

Sunday, Sept. 3	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Sept. 5	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 6	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Sept. 7	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 8	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., SEPT. 10 - SAT., SEPT. 9

Sunday, Sept. 10	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Sept. 12	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 13	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Sept. 14	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Sept. 15	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821 Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Carol Hoefer, The family of Brayson Pardue, Diana Laxton, Carolyn Barendse, Herb Reiniger's brother, Gina Kreps, Kevin McInaney, Randy Bryant's Brother, Alma Bangs, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacobs' Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

† PRAYER 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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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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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