



FOR WE ARE HIS  
**WORKMANSHIP,**  
CREATED IN  
**CHRIST JESUS**  
FOR GOOD  
WORKS,

WHICH GOD  
**PREPARED**  
BEFOREHAND,  
THAT WE SHOULD  
**WALK IN THEM.**

EPHESIANS 2:10, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, January 21, 2024

# LIFE SUNDAY

Sunday, January 21, 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 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: “God Values Life, So We Value Life!”**

**As We Gather:** The value of every human life flows from three simple but profound Scriptural truths: Every human life is created by God. Every human life is someone for whom Jesus died. Every human life is someone God desires to call into an eternal relationship with Him and give a purpose. That is what God has done that gives life value. That is why we value life!

### **Prelude**

*Special thanks to Chad, Audrey, and Claire Zeebuyth for their musical leadership in our worship this morning.*

## Welcome

### Psalm 150 (Praise The Lord)

You made the starry hosts,  
You traced the mountain peaks,  
You paint the evening skies with wonders.  
The earth, it is Your throne from desert to the sea.  
All nature testifies Your splendor.

#### Chorus

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Sing His greatness, All creation.  
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,  
You heights and all you depths, from furthest east to west,  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

You reached into the dust,  
In love Your Spirit breathed.  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works,  
To tell Your mighty deeds,  
To join the everlasting chorus. **(chorus)**

Let symphonies resound,  
Let drums and choirs ring out,  
All heaven hear the sound of worship.  
Let every nation bring its honors to the King,  
A roar of harmonies eternal. **(final chorus)**

#### Final Chorus

**Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,  
Sing His greatness, All creation.  
Praise the Lord, Raise your voice,  
You heights and all you depths,  
From furthest east to west,  
You distant burning stars,  
All creatures near and far,  
From sky to sea to shore,  
Sing out forevermore,  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

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## Invocation and Opening Responses

**P** In the name of God the Father,  
**C** **Who creates every life.**

**P** In the name of God the Son,  
**C** **Who redeemed every life.**

**P** In the name of God the Holy Spirit,  
**C** **Who desires to call every life.**

**P** In the name of our Triune God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit,  
**C** **Amen.**

## Scriptures For Life

**P** Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
**C** **before you were born I set you apart. (Jeremiah 1:5)**

**P** Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and  
breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;  
**C** **and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)**

**P** Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a  
reward.  
**C** **Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of  
one's youth. (Psalm 127:3-4)**

**P** "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life,  
as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body,  
as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the  
body more than clothing?  
**C** **Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap  
nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds  
them. Are you not worth much more than they? (Matthew  
6:25-26)**

**P** Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live." (John 14:19)  
**C** **In Him we live and move and have our being! (Acts 17:28)**

## Confession and Absolution

**P** God tells us to “lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely” (Hebrews 12:10). Sin can weigh so heavily upon us and cling so closely that it seems impossible to lay it aside. Sin can make us feel so faithless. But we depend upon God’s faithfulness, not ours! He is faithful and just and promises that when we confess our sins, He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Let us confess our sins to Him.

**C** **Father, we confess our sinful nature clings closely to us. It appears in so many ways. It causes us to doubt the value of other lives. It causes us to value life for the wrong reasons. It so often makes us indifferent when we see life being devalued all around us. We fail to protect and defend life. We fail to proclaim the great value You give to life, Father, have mercy on us and forgive us for Jesus’ sake.**

**P** God has had mercy upon us! Jesus, “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross” (Hebrews 12:2). The hands of God that created you stretched out in love upon the cross to pay the price for all your sins. Therefore, be assured that God’s hand of mercy is upon you, and it is my joy, in the stead and by the command of our risen Lord Jesus, to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen!**

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer Of The Day

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, who gives value to every life, give Your people the wisdom to see the value You give to life and the love to reflect that value in our living, 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 always.

**C** And also with you.

### + THE WORD +

#### Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)*

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in His own image,  
in the image of God He created him;  
male and female He created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

*Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)*

<sup>1</sup> And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved—<sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 14:12-20 (ESV)*

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

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

<sup>12</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.”

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

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

**Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered**

**Life Is A Gift From God**

(tune: Crown Him With Many Crowns)

Life is a gift from God, Who order'd all my days,  
And wrote them in His Book of Life  
So I could give Him praise.  
He guards and still preserves  
That life He gave to me,  
And loves me with a Father's love  
And will eternally!

Life is a Holy Gift which God alone can give.  
He sets before us death and life;  
Choose life that you might live!  
For God has sent His Son  
Who could have come a king,  
But chose a mother's womb instead  
Eternal life to bring.



Life is a Gift of God, so Jesus did partake,  
And took upon our human form –  
His heirs He did us make!  
When we were being knit  
He knew who we would be,  
And mark'd us as His very own –  
His death has set us free!

*Life Is A Gift From God, Tune: Diademata/Crown Him With Many Crowns. For Life! Pro-Life Songs for Classrooms, Choirs & Congregations, p.11. Text John G. Fleischmann, 1987*

## Sermon

### “CREATED FOR A PURPOSE”

*Pr. Jim Sprengle*

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

## 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.)*

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Heavenly Father, we come to You because we are the work of Your hands, and You have asked us to make our requests known to You. Therefore, we confidently say,

**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**P** Thank You for shaping and forming us and giving us life.

**C** **Thank You for creating us.**

**P** Thank You for calling us in Christ be Your children and assuring us of Your presence.

**C** **Thank You for calling us in Holy Baptism.**

**P** As we recall our baptisms and receive Your body and blood, renew our faith and assure us of Your faithfulness, Your goodness, and Your forgiveness.

**C** **Our value comes from You.**

**P** Creator God, You have created this world and everything in it, as well as each person who lives in it. In You we live and move and have our being, and You continue to provide for our daily needs of body and life. Lead us as we steward the resources and relationships You generously give us. Guide us to see all people as Your masterpieces.

**C** **Our value comes from You.**

**P** Given value by You, use us to value and help those not yet born, those facing difficult situations, those facing death, and those who have made mistakes.

**C** **Help us value and serve others.**

**P** Given value by you, use us as instruments to renew in Your Church the value You give to life, and then use the influence of Your people to bring an end to those things that attack Your gift of life in our society.

**C** **Help us value and serve others.**

**P** Gracious God, we thank You for making us male and female and for creating families with a loving father and a mother. We grieve for those who do not experience life according to Your design and for those who experience abandonment, abuse, and neglect. We celebrate with those who experience Your love in their families. We remember those in whose wombs you knit us together. We remember those You have worked through to provide us comfort, wise counsel, care, and discipline throughout the different stages of our lives. We ask Your blessing on all parents, that they experience Your love and are shaped by it in their parenting. Lord, we pray,

**C** **Thank You for the gift of family and for being our loving Father in Heaven.**

- P** We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We pray for those who are celebrating...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 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 14.)**

## + 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 SONGS +

### **Children Of The Heavenly Father**

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4    Though He giveth or He taketh,  
      God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
      His the loving purpose solely  
      To preserve them pure and holy.

Children of the Heavenly Father, Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
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## **In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save;  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We thank You, our Maker, for creating us and for re-creating us through the cleansing waters of Baptism. We specifically thank You this day for serving us the body and blood of Jesus, in bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Empower us to join You in the work You are doing in our world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules 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.)

## Go, My Children, with My Blessing

LSB 922

- 1 Go, My children, with My blessing,  
Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;  
You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river  
I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing—  
You are My own.
  
- 2 Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you,  
What I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story;  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven,  
At peace and pure.

3 Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving,  
Joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you;  
Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished,  
Joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you  
And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you  
And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you  
And give you peace.

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## Dismissal

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thank you to Ed and Margaret Hubbard for the lovely altar flowers,  
in honor of their anniversary to the glory of God.*

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS      JANUARY 28, 2023**

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## **† TODAY IS SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**

*Thank you to everyone who brought items to support AVA Health!*

## **† VOTERS' ASSEMBLY TODAY**

All are invited to attend the Voters' Assembly **TODAY** after the 11:00am worship.

## **† WOMEN'S RETREAT NEWS**

Due to the wintery weather, the Women's Retreat has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 1 through Saturday, Feb. 3 at the same house in Seaside. We are opening registration again to anyone else who might be able to attend on this new date.

## **† THANK YOU**

Ascension Family, I want to thank each one of you for the Christmas Gift. It warms my heart and soul to know that you wanted to share with me. Many Blessings and Good Health for each one of you in 2024. Thank you again and know it was so Appreciated.

Love, Carrie Graham

## **† 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, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

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

## **† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

## **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Karla Deal, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Gina Kreps, Brit and Brenna Meyer, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Kevin McInaney, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Hatley, \*Lorraine Haggard, \*Carolyn Barendse, \*Home Bound.



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, JAN. 28, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Bruce Blubaum
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Alex Hodges
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Eric Kreps Evan Kreps
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	John Hazen
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Karon Keup
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Ed and Margaret Hubbard
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, FEB. 4, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Sheryl Maier

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JAN. 28 – SAT., FEB. 3**

<b>Sunday, Jan. 28</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 31</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Feb. 1</b>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Feb. 2</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Feb. 3</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., FEB. 4 – SAT., FEB. 10**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 4</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Feb. 5</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Mtg.
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 7</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Feb. 8</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Feb. 9</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Feb. 10</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, JAN. 28– SATURDAY, FEB. 3****BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Sheryl Maier	Jan. 29	George Maier	Jan. 31
Brandy Webber	Feb. 1		

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Ron Barendse	Jan. 30	Celia Kreps	Jan. 30
Gabby Webber	Jan. 30	Brayson Pardue	Jan 31
Alma Bangs	Feb. 1	Danielle Brown	Feb. 1
Nekayla Maier	Feb. 1		

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

None

# **CHECK THIS OUT!**

## **† A LOOK AT TODAY AND A PLAN FOR TOMORROW**

Everyone needs to check their gauges...Especially the Body of Christ! Our congregation is full of strengths as well as areas where we could grow. Many times, looking in the mirror is difficult because we aren't comfortable with what we see. However, Saint Peter tells us to prepare for action and be sober-minded as we look at ways to live for God in this present evil age, (1 Peter 1:13). As a congregation, let's get together and check our gauges!

### **So....what's the deal?**

The Stewardship Board and Pastor Jim invite all members and friends of Ascension to gather with us on Saturday, February 10 from 10:30am to 2:00pm in the Community Room (lunch provided).

## **† 2023 GIVING STATEMENTS**

They are in your church mailbox. If you need any assistance with this contact the office and Michele will forward you to the right individual!

# 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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