



Well Done,
good and
faithful servant...
enter into
the joy of your master.

Matthew 25:21, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, November 19, 2023

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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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: “A Gospel-Centered Life”

As We Gather: This Sunday and next we will consider how we should live between now and the Last Day. Our preparation for it is not a matter of simply believing correctly, for that would make our faith to be a good work. Rather, we are living in the end times, and by grace the Lord has already consecrated His guests. A Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live in love today. Paul says we should “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, using the treasure our master has entrusted to us. We dare not keep our talents hidden, for they belong to God and should be invested! The Good News—that our Savior will return on that Day—is reason enough to take risks, investing our faith in loving the people around us.

Prelude

(8:30) “Glorious Day”

Words by J. W. Chapman and M. Hall

Music by M. Hall and M. Bleecker

Karon Keup and Carlyn Staudt, duo

Welcome

Come, Thou Almighty King

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise; Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend. Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness On us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart, And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.
- △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be
Hence evermore! Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

Come, Thou Almighty King, Text: English, before 1760, alt., Text: Public domain

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11;
Matthew 25:29a

P The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

C and consecrated His guests.

P Encourage one another

C and build one another up.

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C and he will have an abundance.

Confession and Absolution 1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17

P 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.

P Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins. The Lord has consecrated His guests,

C but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

P Build one another up,

C but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

P The favor of the Lord is on you! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your Son died for the sins of the whole world. Embolden us to share His love with everyone we meet until the day we hear His gracious blessing, "Well done, good and faithful servant"; through the same 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 +

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

P ¹⁴"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying,

C ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’

P ²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’²² And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying,

C ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’

P ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴ He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying,

C ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’

P ²⁶ But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

(Tune: Come Thou Fount Of Every Blessing)

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.

Refrain

**Lord, we pray that we, Your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.**

2 By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. **(refrain)**

3 In His earthly life, our Savior
Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
Offer love that never ends. **(refrain)**

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! **(refrain)**

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Sermon "INVESTING IN THE KINGDOM"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Matthew 25:14-30

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.)

(8:30) “My Lord, What A Morning”

*(African American Spiritual)
Choral Setting by David von Kampen
Ascension Choir*

*My Lord, what a morning;
My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall,
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the sinner cry,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the Christian shout,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.*

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Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves in this place, for people in positions of authority, for families, and for all in need.

Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share the Gospel in the challenges of a sinful world. Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord over all, guide and help us to use our gifts wisely. Help us to remember and share the blessings You give to each of us, including our time, talents, and treasure. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, grant peace and love in families, give wisdom to parents and willingness to learn to children, and provide faithful congregations, caring friends, and extended relatives to support them through all the changes in life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, including . . . As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all grace and blessing, we give You thanks for the gifts you have given to us and to those who celebrate this week...
Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

- P** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 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 ?? 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 SONGS +

Jesus Messiah

He became sin, who knew no sin;
That we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven;
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing, love so amazing. **(chorus)**

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. **(chorus)**

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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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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of sins forgiven, so that with joy we may share Your love each day until Your Son returns to usher us into Your eternal presence; 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.)

(8:30)

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son.
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

To God be the glory, great mercy He's shown:
He saved us and cleansed us and made us His own;
Renewed by the Spirit, reborn from above,
That we might be justified by His rich love! **Refrain**

To God be the glory, great things He has done,
Our lives have been touched by the light of His Son
Called out of the darkness of death and despair;
Made priests in His kingdom, His deeds to declare. **refrain**

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(11:00)

Because He Lives

Don Tigges, solo

Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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*Thank you to Karon Keup for the lovely altar flowers,
in memory of her mom to the glory of God.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 19, 2023

† WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING FEAST

Worship Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5:00pm in Spanish and special Thanksgiving potluck to follow at about 6:15pm. All are invited!

† COME CELEBRATE DON TIGGES 95TH BIRTHDAY

There is an open house on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 2:00-4:00pm in the Courtyard Fountains Activity Room: 1545 SE 223rd Avenue, Gresham OR 97030. All are welcome!

† THANK YOU FROM CAROL REINIGER

Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes as I was helping my dad during his illness.

† WOMEN'S RETREAT

Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat, 2937 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, OR, the driveway is in the back of the house. Join us Friday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan 14, 2024. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Space is limited to 14 participants. Talk to Jan Oswald for more details.

† HUMAN CARE BOARD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Fall is here and we thank God daily for His many blessings. Thanksgiving is only weeks away, and the Human Care Board will once again be collecting non-perishable food and grocery gift cards for SnowCap. We have all felt the sting of higher prices when we visit a grocery store. The food banks are feeling it, too, as they try to feed more and more people. Pick up your colorful reusable grocery bag on the table as you leave church through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Fill your bag and return with it on Wednesday, Nov. 22 for the Thanksgiving Eve worship. (If you cannot make it to the service, you may bring your bag early and leave it in the conference room.) If you pick up an extra item or two each week when you shop, your bag will be full by Thanksgiving Eve! This year let's fill the altar area with our offerings. Thank God for blessing us beyond measure!

SnowCap's list of most needed items includes hearty soups, chili, stew, canned fruits and vegetables, dessert mixes (cake, brownie, Jello), cooking oil, butter, sugar, coffee, pet food.

The Outreach Board will be the recipient of this year's Thanksgiving Eve offering unless you stipulate otherwise on your envelope.

† YOUTH GROUP

All youth are invited to gather for fellowship and Bible Study each Friday at 7:00pm

† 2024 FLOWER CHART

The 2024 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you to choose your special day. Check out the new chart across from the mailboxes and pick your date early!

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† 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).

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Judy Blubaum, The family of Miki Etzel, The family of Audrey Bauch, The family of Brayson Pardue, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Jordan Saunders, Diana Laxton, Gina Kreps, Cindy Linnemann, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Virginia Jacob's brother; Robert, Esperanza Gutierrez' mother; Antonia, *Barbara Schrader, *Kevin McInaney, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse, *Home Bound.

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, NOV. 19 – SATURDAY, NOV. 25

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Wyatt Brown Nov. 25

BIRTHDAYS:

Gordon Strutz	Nov. 20	KaiLeah Woods	Nov. 20
Jennifer Alvarado	Nov. 22	Don Tigges	Nov. 23
Rebecca Williamson	Nov. 25		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Ty and Nichole Fogarty	Nov. 19, 2011
Joe and Wanda Cassetty	Nov. 24, 1990

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Marcus Young NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

ASSISTING IN SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22, 2023

	7:00pm
Elder:	NEEDED
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl
Audio/Visual:	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Debbie Rekdahl
Altar Guild:	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
Acolytes:	Lily Hodges	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Randy Schroeder	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Eric Kreps Evan Kreps
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Celia Kreps

Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carrie Graham
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Peggy Hall
Flowers:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber
		Karon Keup and
		Sheryl Maier
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and
		Sheryl Maier

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., NOV. 19- SAT., NOV. 25

Sunday, Nov. 19	8:30am	Worship with communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:15pm	<i>Thanksgiving potluck to follow</i>
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Nov. 20	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 21	6:00pm	3:10 Group
		Newsletter Items Due
		NO Crafting Get-Together
Wednesday, Nov. 22	2:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	4:30pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving
Thursday, Nov. 23		Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 24	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., NOV. 26- SAT., DEC. 2

Sunday, Nov. 26	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Wednesday, Nov. 29	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Nov. 30	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Friday, Dec. 1	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

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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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