

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, Jan. 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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: "THAT THERE BE NO DIVISION"

AS WE GATHER: The mystery of the body analogy is not that there are different parts but that all the different parts work together for one purpose. In other words, unity is what is most impressive about how the body works and how the Body of Christ, the church, works. Though it may seem an odd arrangement, the church as the Body of Christ is exactly what God intended it to be. Within the Body of Christ, there are no important parts or unimportant parts. Every part is essential, and when every part is working toward the same goal, it is a wonder of God's grace and design. It is given to us not to figure it out but to treasure the Body of Christ according to God's working and to learn how to work together toward a goal bigger than any part.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Bind Us Together

Chorus
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God, There is only one King There is only one Body, That is why we sing **(chorus)**

Made for the glory of God, Purchased by His precious Son; Given the grace to be clean, For Jesus the victory has won. **(chorus)**

You are the family of God, You are the promise divine; You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine. **(chorus)**

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INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION

- The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple;
- the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
- the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
- Moreover, by them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- P Who can discern his errors? Declare me innocent from hidden faults.
- Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
 - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
- P Let us confess our sin unto the Lord as we sing:

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned. I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within. I have failed to live for You In the things I say and do, And have fallen short of living in Your love.

Chorus

Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray,
And take my sin away
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above,
And have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only You can set me free. (chorus)

Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins. Welcome us, O Father, Back to Your home again. Bless Your sons and daughters, And let the feast begin, Let it begin! **(chorus)**

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ABSOLUTION

- P 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.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
- O almighty and eternal Father, You defend us from error and join us into the unity of the one Body of Christ, the Church, so that we might give witness to Your name. Help us to live out the unity of faith within the Body of peace through our life together under Your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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

Nehemiah 8:5-6, 8-10 (ESV)

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground...

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (ESV)

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require.

But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:16-21 (ESV)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

In Christ There Is No East or West

(tune: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds)

- In Christ there is no east or west,
 In Him no south or north,
 But one great fellowship of love
 Throughout the whole wide earth.
- With God there is no tribe or race;
 In Him we all are one.
 He loves us as His children through
 Our faith in His dear Son.
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name Who died to set us free From sin, division, hate, and shame, From spite and enmity!
- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be; Who serves my Father as His child Is surely kin to me.
- In Christ now meet both east and west;
 In Him meet south and north.
 All Christian souls are one in Him
 Throughout the whole wide earth.

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SERMON
"THE POWER OF UNITY"

Pr. Jim Sprengle 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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.)

(11:00) "Agnus Dei/How Great Thou Art" M.W. Smith, arr. J. Raney Ascension Choir

Alleluia. For the Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia. Holy are You, Lord God Almighty. Worthy is the Lamb.

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder; Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to the Lord for His church, for all Christians, and for everyone as they have need.

Silence for prayer and meditation.

- God of mercy, You have made known to us Your Word, and from that Word we have come to know Jesus. Guard our unity in Christ, and give us the Holy Spirit, that we may work together in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P Send down upon Your church, Your Body, the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may be united in faith and in the confession of Your name. Keep us from thinking too highly of ourselves than we ought. Give strength, wisdom, and understanding to those who confess Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Hear the prayers of those who cry out to You in any need or want and daily and richly supply Your people with all they need for this body and life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Give ear to Your people and to those who govern in every place, that we may enjoy the blessing of good government and good leaders and so reflect this gift by faithful stewardship of Your gifts and good citizenship wherever we live. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Lift up those who have been brought low by illness, affliction, a troubled heart or mind, or grief over the loss of those whom they love, that Your grace may support, defend, and heal them in the day of trouble. Hear us as we pray for . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- You have blessed us with the gift of life, relationships, and all that we need for this body, as well as for eternal life with You. Thank You for all Your gifts celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Though we have every treasure of this moment, without Your grace we live in poverty of life and spirit. Grant to us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a grateful heart to give thanks to You for all Your kindness to us, and inspire us to be faithful in tithes and offerings and generous to those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- As You are one, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, make us one people on earth, united in the confession of Your name, until that day when every barrier and division shall be overcome and Your church on earth and Your church in heaven shall be one forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.
- 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 13 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.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PEACE OF THE LORD

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

One Bread, One Body

Refrain
One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (refrain)

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. **(refrain)**

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They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, And we pray that all unity May one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand, We will walk with each other We will walk hand in hand, And together we'll spread the news That God is in our land. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, by Whom all things come, And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, And all praise to the Spirit, Who makes us one. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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- Psalm 118:1
- P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;
- for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P Let us pray.

Lord of heaven and earth, You are one Lord, and in unity You have delivered Your people from sin and its death to belong to You and to live under You in Your kingdom forevermore. What You have united as a people gathered around Your Word and Sacraments and what we confess before the world, we pray You to bless and prosper until all Your work in us is brought to completion; 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

- 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.)

We Are Called to Stand Together

(tune: Angels From The Realms Of Glory)

- We are called to stand together
 With the saints of ages past,
 With the patriarchs and prophets
 In the faith they once held fast;
 Promises and hopes they treasured
 Now we find fulfilled at last!
- 2 Those whom Jesus called apostles Journeyed with Him side by side, Heard His teaching, felt His power, Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of resurrection They delivered far and wide.

- 3 Through the intervening ages Round the world the Gospel spread: Faithful heralds took the message, Guided where the Spirit led; So the body grew in stature, Serving Christ, the living head.
- To each coming generation
 Tell the truth, persuade, explain,
 Till the time when time is ended,
 Till the Savior comes again—
 Till the saints are all united
 Under Christ's eternal reign!

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
- Thanks be to God.

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Thanks to Ed and Margaret Hubbard for the lovely Altar flowers, in honor of their 57th Wedding Anniversary to the glory of God.

JAN. 26, 2025

† VOTERS' ASSEMBLY TODAY

There will be a voter's assembly on January 26 after the late service.

† THANK YOU FROM CARRIE GRAHAM

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 2025. Know that it was so appreciated. Love, Carrie Graham

† QUILTING GROUP

Our quilting group would like to extend an invitation to have anyone who may be interested to join our quilting group. They meet on Tuesdays at 10:00am (could be changed if need be). No experience required. Just a fun and good time with others. Any questions, contact: Dawn Fanshier, Immanuel Lutheran Church, 503-668-6232, Mon.- Thurs. 9:00am - 1:00pm.

† THANK YOU FROM MIKE AND BOBBIE ADAMS

Mike and Bobbie extend their heartfelt thanks for the many calls, cards, and support they received during Bobbie's recent illness. They feel deeply blessed and are profoundly grateful for the love and care shown by their church family.

† CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

There will be a new calligraphy class offered Wednesdays beginning February 5 through March 26 from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome. All supplies are provided, and the cost is \$2. Call Carolyn Gordon with any questions: 503-674-6713.

† SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY NEWS

Sunday, February 16, is Life Sunday, and during the months of January through Life Sunday, there will be baby bottles available in the narthex for you to take and fill with your generous offerings for Ava Health (formerly known as First Image).

We will also be collecting "layette" items to help provide for newborns in need. These items include diapers, onesies, receiving blankets, and other essential items for newborn care. Please place your donations in the baby crib located in the narthex.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Did you know you can send the office your prayer request written exactly how you want, and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain? You may also just let the office know your request and Michele will word the request for you. Either one is fine. Please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz) Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

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

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Carol Hoefer, Bobbie Adams, Karla Deal, Riki Neagle, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Randy Bryant's friend (Robert), Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Jan. 26– Saturday, Feb. 1				
BAPTISM BIRTH	DAYS:			
Fredia Moore	Jan. 27	Sheryl Maier	Jan. 29	
George Maier	Jan. 31	Brandy Webber	Feb. 1	
BIRTHDAYS:				
Bruce Blubaum	Jan. 26	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	
WEDDINGS:				
Ed and Margaret Hubbard Jan 27, 1968				

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JAN. 26, 2025

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Randy Bryant Randy Schroeder

Acolytes: NEEDED NEEDED
Ushers: Jim Echart Neil Zeller

John Aden Matthias McInaney

Marcus Young

Audio/Visual: Stan Chapulis Laura Potter

PowerPoint: Wanda Cassetty Rebecca Williamson

Greeters: Nancy Thomas Carrie Graham Readers: Jim Eckart Sue Rotramel

Altar Guild: Both Services: Jan Oswald

Flowers: Both Services: Ed and Margaret Hubbard
Counters: Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School 9:45am: Michele and Carrie Vol. 9 - Ep. 1

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., FEB. 2, 2025

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Bruce Blubaum Bob Ritchie

Acolytes: NEEDED NEEDED

Ushers: Mike Adams Paul Walter

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John Aden Marcus Young

Stan Chapulis

Audio/Visual:Laura PotterNEEDEDPowerPoint:Jenny SchuldheiszJohn HazenGreeters:Margo BachhuberRiki Neagle

Elizabeth Alvarado

Readers: Peggy Hall J. E. Knox

Altar Guild: Both Services: Virginia Jacobs

Flowers: Both Services: NEEDED

Counters: Both Services: Bonnie Webber and

Rebecca Williamson

Sunday School 9:45am: Michele and Carrie Vol. 9 - Ep. 2

EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUN., JAN. 26 - SAT., FEB. 1			
Sunday, Jan. 26	8:30am	Worship	
-	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School	
	11:00am	Worship with Communion	
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice	
	12:15pm	Voter's Assembly	
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion	
Monday, Jan. 27	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	
Thursday Jan. 30	6:00pm	Praise Team	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	
Friday, Jan. 31	5:30pm	Confirmation	
Friday, Feb. 1	10:00am	Lutheran Latino Ministries Meeting	

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., FEB 2 - SAT., FEB. 8			
Sunday, Feb. 2	8:30am	Worship with Communion	
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School	
	11:00am	Worship	
	12:15pm	Bell Practice	
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship	
Monday, Feb. 3	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting	
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	
Wednesday, Feb. 5	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class	
Thursday, Feb. 6	6:00pm	Praise Team	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	
Friday, Feb. 7	5:30pm	Confirmation	



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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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