



*God is  
faithful*

*1 Cor. 10:13b (ESV)*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, March 23, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**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: “What’s the Deal with Eating and Drinking?”

**AS WE GATHER:** A main emphasis of our Lenten discipline is our struggle against temptations to sin and toward true repentance that leads to living faithful Christian lives. As our physical well-being depends in part on healthy choices of diet, in today’s Readings God uses the metaphor of eating and drinking to warn and encourage His people to avoid the temptations of the world and our own sin that leads us away from God and to rely constantly on the forgiveness and faith that God provides to enable us to lead godly lives. In the Epistle, Paul has in mind how God provides for us in His Word and Sacraments. We are to remember not only that we *were* baptized but that we *are* baptized, meaning God still provides us with saving, bold faith that relies on His mercy and grace because we belong to Him now. The center of the Divine Service is the Sacrament of Christ’s body and blood, through which we are given forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation—all the benefits won for us by the cross and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf. Today we are encouraged to receive and rely on God’s gifts and provision constantly, that we may maintain a healthy and strong faith in the face of all adversities and challenges.

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

#### “There Is a Redeemer”

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.  
Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.  
Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever, In that holy place.  
Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 85:4, 7

- P** Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
- C** and put away Your indignation toward us!
- P** Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
- C** and grant us Your salvation.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Corinthians 10:13

- P** God has made us His people by our Baptism into Christ. He graciously provides us with all we need to live in true faith, confidence, and hope. Let us present ourselves before Him, confessing our sins and need for His mercy, and receive His promised help.
- C** Almighty God, our Father in heaven, we come to You seeking Your forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith that we may live and serve You faithfully. We confess all our sins against You and against those whom we have hurt or failed to help. Even our very thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. In true sorrow, we ask for Your grace, Your forgiveness, and that You strengthen our faith, all for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P** “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful.” Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### “Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer.  
There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.  
For my life is wholly bound to His.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,  
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.  
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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### SALUTATION

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You have made each of us Your own possession by our Baptism into Christ, and You daily feed us with Your mercy and grace by Your Word. Help us, we pray, in the face of all trials and temptations to go our own way, to grow stronger in our faith in You and our love for one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. <sup>10</sup>“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ <sup>11</sup>Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

<sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. <sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup>nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup>Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMB'S LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-5 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>And He answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

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

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

# PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

## “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

LSB 602

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts  
Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ  
And cling to His strong name.
  
- 2 The gifts flow from the font  
Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes  
Us His and His alone.  
Here He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself  
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
  
- 5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.
  
- 6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

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## **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) “His Mercy Is More”**

words and music by M. Papa and M. Boswell, arr. J. Rouse  
**Ascension Choir**

*What love could remember, no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

*Praise the Lord! His mercy is more;  
Stronger than darkness, new ev’ry morn.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

*What riches of kindness He lavished on us.  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who partake this day of Christ's holy body and blood, that in our eating and drinking we receive the benefits of forgiveness of sins and the renewal of life and a foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who are sick, injured or suffer in body or soul...that God grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and trust, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who are celebrating this week...that God would be glorified through their lives and that others would come to know Jesus through their witness, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

*(tune: "How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds")*

Our Father who in heaven art,  
All hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,  
Throughout this earthly frame,

As cheerfully as 'tis by those  
Who dwell with Thee on high;  
Lord, let Thy bounty day by day  
Our daily food supply;

As we forgive our enemies,  
Thy pardon, Lord, we crave;  
Into temptation lead us not,  
But us from evil save;

For kingdom, pow'r and glory, all  
Belong, O Lord, to Thee;  
Thine from eternity they were,  
And Thine shall ever be.

**(8:30am service, please turn to page 15 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**

#### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **“The Old Rugged Cross”**

On a hill far away Stood an old rugged cross;  
The emblem of suffering and shame.  
And I love that old cross Where the dearest and best,  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

#### **Chorus**

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

Oh, that old rugged cross, So despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God, Left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary. **(chorus)**

In the old rugged cross, Stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross, Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me. **(chorus)**

To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where His glory forever I'll share. **(chorus)**

### **“Jesus Died My Soul To Save”**

I stand amazed at Your love for me,  
That lonely night in Gethsemane.  
This sinner's heart can't help but thrill  
To hear You pray, "Father, not My will."

### **Chorus**

**What depth of love, what reach of grace!**  
**Oh, how my grateful heart now aches**  
**To sing it louder, the refrain,**  
**Jesus died my soul to save.**

Atonement full applied to me,  
The blood that spilled at Calvary,  
Has swallowed all my sin and shame.  
I'm reconciled in Jesus' name. **(chorus)**

### **(Bridge)**

Oh, such pleasure, oh, such pain,  
The Father's wrath and fury lay  
On Christ Who saves and angels praise.  
Jesus died my soul to save.

Come you broken, bound by sin  
And let your weary journey end.  
Come and lay your burdens down  
Where mercy rules and peace abounds. **(chorus)**

What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood.  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood.

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send us Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the Holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”

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1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,  
Blest Redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary,  
Savior from the world above:  
Often have Your eyes, offended,  
Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended,  
You have borne the pain of all.

2 Do we pass that cross unheeding,  
Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see You wounded, bleeding,  
See Your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet Your sinless death has brought us  
Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what Your grace has taught us  
Calms the sinner's deep distress.

3 Jesus, may our hearts be burning  
With more fervent love for You;  
May our eyes be ever turning  
To behold Your cross anew  
Till in glory, parted never  
From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever,  
Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

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## DISMISSAL

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

**G** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thank you to Merci McInaney for the lovely Altar flowers  
given in memory of Kevin, to the glory of God.*

**† LAST WEEK OF CALLIGRAPHY CLASS**

The last calligraphy class is Wednesday, March 26 from 2:00 to 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome. All supplies are provided, and the cost is \$2. Call Carolyn Gordon with any questions: 503-674-6713.

**† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS**

It is time for us to outfit a new family with essentials at My Father's House. Please check out the whiteboard in the Narthex to see what you can donate. Write your name by the item you are getting and then bring it to the Community room after you have bought it. All items must be new and unopened. Thank you for your generosity!

**† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT**

Join us on March 21 at 6:30 pm for a SOUPER SMARTIES EVENT! This is a soup potluck and trivia night! Come prepared to have a full stomach and lots of fun!

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

The Family of Carol Hoefler, The Family of Karla Deal, Riki Neagle, Bobbie Adams, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, The Family of Kay Bealieu's brother Dick, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

**† 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)



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 23, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Randy Schroeder
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Alex and Michele
<b>Greeters:</b>	Nancy Thomas	Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Peggy Hall
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Debbie Rekdahl (and March 26)	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Merci McInaney	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie (March 19 and 23)	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham	

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 30, 2025**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	Neil Zeller Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Wendy Hazen (and April 2)	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Wilma Aguilar	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Rebecca Williamson and <b>NEEDED</b> (March 26 and 30)	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham	

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 23 – SAT., MAR. 29**

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<b>Sunday, March 23</b>	8:30am	Worship
Lent 3	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
<b>Monday, March 24</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b>	<b>Newsletter Items Due</b>	
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b>	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class
	3:30pm	Lent 3 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 3 Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday, March 27</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, March 28</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 30 – SAT., APRIL 5**

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<b>Sunday, March 30</b>	8:30am	Worship
Lent 4	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, March 31</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Wednesday, April 2</b>	3:30pm	Lent 4 Midweek Worship
	7:00pm	Lent 4 Midweek Worship
<b>Thursday, April 3</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 4</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation

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**† MILESTONES – Sunday, Mar. 23– Saturday, March 29**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Karen Zahursky	Mar. 23	Tracy Schaffer	Mar. 25
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**BIRTHDAYS:**

Pam Eilers	Mar. 23	Madison Fogarty	Mar. 25
Carolyn Shore	Mar. 28	Janice Hart	Mar. 29
Steven Schaefer	Mar. 29	Hilary Sylvia	Mar. 29

**WEDDINGS:**

Paul and Debbie Walter	Mar. 29, 1975
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# 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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