



Ascension Lutheran Church  
*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*  
Sunday, March 31, 2024

## EASTER SUNDAY

**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 +

### “The Power of the Easter Promise”

**As We Gather:** Christ is risen! [He is risen, indeed!] Alleluia! Today we celebrate the power of a promise. Of course, promises are only as good as the one who makes them. Many times, we want to see power backing up the promise – miracles, signs, and wonders would be nice so we could be confident. Yet, our God chose another path. He chose weakness, humility, and suffering. But wait! Didn't Jesus rise from the dead in glory? Yes, but even in that powerful miracle, no one saw it firsthand. Women were the first to see an empty tomb, and they were dismissed as telling “idle tales”. You will find the same thing happening today, as people miss the power and glory of God in the small things, the humble people, and even an imperfect group of followers. We may not fully understand, but God backs up His promises without fail. How do we know this? Christ is risen!

### Pre-Service Music

#### Christ Is Risen

Words and music by Chris Rolinson

#### (Chorus)

**Christ is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**Christ is risen, Risen indeed, hallelujah!**

Love's work is done, the battle is won;  
Where now, O death is your sting?  
He rose again, to rule and to reign,  
Jesus our conquering King! **(chorus)**

Lord over sin, Lord over death,  
At His feet Satan must fall!  
Ev'ry knee bow, all will confess  
Jesus is Lord over all! **(chorus)**

Tell it abroad, "Jesus is Lord!"  
Shout it and let your praise ring!  
Gladly we raise our songs of praise,  
Worship is our offering. **(chorus x2)**

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## **Empty Now**

Words and music by J. Martin

**Karon Keup, soloist**

## **Two Easter Hymns**

The Strife Is O'er

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

**Handbell Choir**

## **Opening Sentences**

**P** The light of Christ!

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

**P** All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

**C** **Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.**

**P** Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

**C** **Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.**

**P** Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

**C** **Our Lord has kept all God's promises!**

**P** This is the day that the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Welcome

### Easter Acclamation

- P** Christ is risen, Alleluia!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

**P** We cannot enter God's presence as we are. Our sinful condition falls short of the glory of God. Let us therefore confess our sins to one another and to God Himself.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Rejoice and be glad! Your sins do not separate you from God and His love. As Jesus became one of us, He died to pay for every one of our sins. Jesus not only paid the penalty; on this day our heavenly Father proclaimed to all the world that He accepted the payment. Your sins are truly forgiven!

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.**

## Easter Acclamation

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Easter Medley

This Joyful Eastertide  
Thine Is The Glory

**Audrey Zeebuyth, violin**

### + THE WORD +

#### Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup>And He will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He  
might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Lambs' Lesson**

Pr. Jim Sprengle

**He Is Alive!**

words and music by Joel Raney

**Ascension Choir***Why are you crying? Why do you weep?**Who are you searching for? What do you seek?**The tomb is empty, the stone is rolled away.**Your Lord, one crucified, the One who bled and died,**With arms stretched open wide is standing by your side.**Open your eyes and see, open your heart and know**Jesus is risen, He is alive. And He is with you now,**And forever will keep you safely by His side, in endless love abide.**Why do you weep?*



*I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own,  
And the joy we share, as we tarry there, none other has ever known.*

*Our Lord, once crucified, the One who bled and died, has opened heaven's  
door,  
Christ Jesus lives! He lives forevermore!  
Open your eyes and see, open your heart and know Jesus is risen, He is  
alive!  
And He is with you now and forever will keep you safely by His side,  
In endless love abide. Why do you weep?*

## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 24:1-12 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" <sup>6</sup> He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

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

## **Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered**

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;  
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,  
And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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**Sermon**

“THE EASTER PROMISE”

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Luke 24:1-12

**Second Article Of The Apostles' Creed**

**P** Let us confess together the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.**

**P** Lord Jesus, as Peter declared, so we declare, “You are the Messiah, sent from God!”

**C** **He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**P** Jesus, You are Son of Man and Son of God, fully human and fully Divine.

**C** He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

**P** Precious Lord, even as You predicted Your terrible death, so it came to pass. You are the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

**C** He descended into hell.

**P** In our place, Jesus, You were made sin, and for a terrible, excruciating time You were forsaken by the Father.

**C** On the third day He rose again. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**P** You are the Resurrection and the Life!

**C** He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**P** You are King of kings and Lord of lords. We await the day of Your coming!

**C** Thank You Lord Jesus, that by Your death and resurrection we have eternal life. 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.)*

## **Christ Is Risen**

words and arr by J. Martin

### **Ascension Choir**

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen! See the stone is rolled away.  
Christ is living! Christ is living! This is Love's triumphant day.  
Let us raise our alleluias. Let us praise the glorious Son.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Tell the world what God has done.*

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Gone is death's dark mystery.  
Christ is living! Christ is living! Love has won the victory.  
Let us raise our alleluias. Let us praise the glorious Son.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Tell the world what God has done!*

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen! See the garden greets her Lord.  
Christ is living! Christ is living! Joy has come and hope restored.  
Ev'ry flower bursting open, ev'ry robin as she sings  
Tells the story, shares the glory of the vict'ry of our King!*

*Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Let the song unending start.  
Christ is living! Christ is living, resurrecting ev'ry heart.  
Let us raise our alleluias. Let us praise the glorious Son.  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Tell the world what God has done.  
Sing alleluia!*

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness...that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

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

**P** For those who are celebrating...Let us pray to the Lord.

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

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **The 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.**

### **Easter Proclamation**

**P** Easter is here, and the stone has been rolled away.

**C** **Jesus lives! And our sins are forgiven!**

**P** The light has dawned on an empty tomb.

**C** **Jesus lives! And His light shines through our darkness!**

**P** The resurrected Christ gives us true hope in a life that never ends.

**C** **Jesus lives! And all doubting is done!**

**P** The grave is open, and no death can hold us.

**C** **Jesus lives! And death is defeated!**

### **Benediction**

**P** Therefore, go in the power of our risen Christ to work, live, love and serve, for the resurrection has changed everything. You have nothing to fear. You are never alone. Sin and death do not have the final word. We are more than conquerors through Him who loves us, who gave His life for us and who now sits at God's right hand interceding on our behalf. Go in peace, ✠ for Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen.**

### **Announcements**

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

### **All You On Earth, Rejoice And Sing**

(tune: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

All you on earth, rejoice and sing:  
Give glory to our risen King!  
Raise your voices! Alleluia!  
Our Lord, who died, now truly lives;  
To us this promise He now gives.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

Your death, O Lord, was but the seed  
From which a new life would proceed!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Lord, once raised by heaven's power,  
will raise us all in that last hour.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

The Lord has made this Easter day;  
To joy let sorrow now give way!  
Celebrate it! Alleluia!  
All Christians, who one faith declare,  
Sing praise to Christ whose life we share.  
Alleluia, alleluia...

## Dismissal

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**P** Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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**† WATERCOLOR CLASSES**

Wednesdays through June 1 we are having watercolor painting classes that precede the regular craft day. The time is 11:30am to 2:30pm in the Conference room. Instructors are available and there is a minimum donation of \$2.

**† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

All women are invited to come to a Bible Study on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm in the Community room. A new study is beginning on April 9. Please contact the office (503-665-8821) for materials if you would like to come!

**† LWML DONATIONS NEEDED**

The Mt. Hood Zone gathering on April 13 is donating to NW Pilot Project. If you can't attend the meeting, you may place items in the LWML basket in the NE corner of the Narthex by 04-12-24. New items requested are: deodorant (men's and women's), shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, lotion, toilet paper, razor, and paper towels. Thank you!

**† 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, Navy — Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii (nephew of 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).

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

**† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

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



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 31, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefler	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Lily Hodges Alex Hodges	Jaden Mundo Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Randy Bryant	Paul Walter Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Carlyn Staudt
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	All Altar Guild
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Altar Guild
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	<b>NO</b> Sunday School

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., APRIL 7, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	NEEDED	NEEDED
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis NEEDED NEEDED	Paul Walter Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Johnnie Driessner
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Debbie Walter Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Klara Schmidt
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 31 – SAT., APRIL 6**

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<b>Sunday, March 31</b>	8:30am	Worship
<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	9:30am	Easter Breakfast
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship

<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 5</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, April 6</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., APRIL 7 – SAT., APRIL 13**

<b>Sunday, April 7</b>	8:30am	Worship with communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed. and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	3:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	11:30am	Watercolor Painting
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

**† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAR. 31– SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Robyn Wymore	April	Elly Brown	Apr. 1
Mike Hatley	Apr. 1	Gina Kreps	Apr. 1
Eileen Hatley	Apr. 3	Bob Rekdahl	Apr. 4
Emanuel Aguilar	Apr. 5	Josue Aguilar	Apr. 5
Lesly Aguilar	Apr. 5		

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Barbara Patch	Mar. 31	Rose Cassetty	Apr. 6
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**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

John and Wendy Hazen	Apr. 4, 1981
Mike and Laura Potter	Apr. 5, 1980
Ron and Carolyn Barendse	Apr. 6, 1957

# 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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