

Ascension Lutheran Church

June 4, 2023

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 28, 2023

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: "Beyond Us, With Us, In Us"

As We Gather: "All good things come in three." That proverb has existed through many ages, languages, and cultures. On Holy Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church celebrates the doctrine (teaching) of the Trinity, which expresses the divine truth that God is Three in One and One in Three. How best do we celebrate that amazing doctrine? A hymn written by Scottish cleric Gilbert Rorison in the middle of the nineteenth century offers a guiding prayer:

Three in One and One in Three Ruler of the earth and sea, Hear us, while we lift to Thee Holy chant and psalm.

Our worship becomes celebration as we express our faith in and love for the Holy Trinity—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Prelude

Welcome

O Day of Rest and Gladness

- O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light, O balm of care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright; This day the high and lowly, Through ages joined to bless, Sing, "Holy, holy, holy," The triune God confess.
- This day, God's people meeting, His Holy Scripture hear; His living presence greeting, Through bread and wine made near.
 We journey on, believing, Renewed with heav'nly might, From grace more grace receiving, On this blest day of light.

 4 That light our hope sustaining, We walk the pilgrim way, At length our rest attaining, Our endless Sabbath day.
 We sing to Thee our praises, O Father, Spirit, Son;
 The Church her voice upraises To Thee, blest Three in One.

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Invocation

C Amen.

Opening Scriptures Isaiah 6:3b, 1 John 4:13–14, Psalm 41:13

- P Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
- **C** the whole earth is full of His glory!
- By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
- And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world.
- P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
- **C** from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Beloved of God, let us confess together that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that daily we have sinned against our gracious God and deserve His punishment now and eternally. We have not fully nurtured and cared for the handiwork of God, the Creator. We have not given Jesus, our Savior, the full lordship of our lives. We have not fully followed the promptings and leading of the Holy Spirit. We have not always honored the strong name of the Trinity in thought, word, and deed.

- Almighty God, we repent of our sins and seek Your mercy. Be gracious to us and for the sake of Jesus, our Redeemer, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find the joy of forgiveness and with hearts renewed by the Spirit, serve You in time and in eternity.
- 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.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and filling creation with Your Spirit, reveal Your glory through our Lord Jesus Christ, cleanse us from doubt and fear, and send us boldly into all the world to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

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

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-2; 26-27 (ESV)

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

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

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

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

Epistle Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV)

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For You will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let Your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life:

You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, ³⁵until I make Your enemies Your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

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

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

Thy Strong Word

1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness: At Thy speaking it was done. For created light we thank Thee. While Thine ordered seasons run. Alleluia. alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end! 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death, Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath. Alleluia. alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end! 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might: From the cross forever beameth All Thy bright redeeming light. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end! 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us. Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia. alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end! $\wedge 6$ God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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Sermon "PROCLAIM THE NAME!"

Athanasian Creed

(This creed, used by Christian churches since the sixth century, delves deeply into the mystery of the Trinity. It declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.)

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- P And the catholic faith is this,
- that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- **P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **G** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- **P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- I Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **G** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

- end one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Tithes and Offerings

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

Prayer of the Church

С

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

For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

- For the Holy Church throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- For this nation, that God's gracious Word have free course and that His righteousness prevails, let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy.
- For all who are struggling economically, those troubled by racial tensions, and all who experience discord and strife, that God would grant them peace and protection and help them to know His great love for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, for the sick and dying, and for those who care for them *especially*...let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those who are celebrating, *especially*...let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. 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.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 15)

+ 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.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** 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 +

"King Of Kings"

In the darkness we were waiting Without hope, without light, Till from Heaven You came running--There was mercy in Your eyes; To fulfill the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word; From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt. (Chorus) Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, three in one. God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming And to reconcile the lost, To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross; For even in Your suffering You saw to the other side, Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake, You died. **(chorus)**

And the morning that You rose All of heaven held its breath, Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death. And the dead rose from their tombs And the angels stood in awe For the souls of all who'd come To the Father are restored,

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame. Now this Gospel truth of old Shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom, I am free, For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me. (chorus 2x)

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"Be Unto Your Name"

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time, We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

(Chorus) Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save, You are the love song we'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name. **(chorus x2)**

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us a foretaste of the feast to come at the Table of the Lord. Strengthen us through the blessed gift we have received and grant that we faithfully respond to the workings of the Spirit in us. Grant that we graciously carry out the Great Commission given us by our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we await that time when we come at last to that heavenly banquet in Your kingdom where joy knows no ending. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.)

Holy, Holy, Holy

- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see, Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
 God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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Dismissal

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

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Thank you to the Brown family for the lovely Altar Flowers in honor of Wyatt's Birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOTERS ASSEMBLY TODAY AFTER LATE SERVICE

Those attending may grab lunch in the Community room prior to the meeting. Also, you may take it with you into the sanctuary.

† STILL TIME TO DONATE

The First Image Fun Run and Walk is a family-friendly annual event that supports life! You can still donate to our own runner Julie Williamson at this link: https://page.fundeasy.com/6180566.

† WHAT: WORSHIP WORKSHOP LED BY PR JIM

Who: All worship helpers

When: Saturday, June 24 at 12:30pm after The Chosen Where: Community Room, lunch will be provided Why: Coming together to better understand our roles and teamwork will bless members and visitors alike, which brings glory to God.

All participants (or potential participants) in worship activities are encouraged to attend, including Elders, worship assistants, greeters, ushers, audio/visual and PowerPointers, readers, and staff members. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan for food.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Rich Zahursky, The Family of Dale Porath, Carolyn Barendse, Gina Kreps, The Brown Family, Jerry and Alma Bangs, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacobs Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart. *Home Bound.

† PRAY 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 – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

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

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: office@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821 Monday through Friday 9am to 3pm.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 4				
-	8:30am	11:00am		
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen		
Acolytes:				
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl	Matthias McInaney		
	Jim Eckart	Marcus Young		
	NEEDED	-		
	Stan Chapulis			
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	NEEDED		
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson		
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham		
	Margo Bachhuber			
Readers:	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox		
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky		
Flowers:	Both Services	The Browns		
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and		
		Rebecca Williamson		

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JUNE 11

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder: Acolytes:	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Christina Freeman Virginia Jacobs
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	Karon Keup
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JUNE 4 - SAT., JUNE 10

Sunday, June 4	8:30am	Worship with Communion	
	9:45am	Education Hour	
	11:00am	Worship	
	12:15pm	Voters Assembly	
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish	
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted	
Tuesday, June 6	6:00pm	Elder Meeting	
Wednesday, June 7	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together	
	6:00pm	C-101 week 4	
Thursday, June 8	6:00pm	Praise Team	
Friday, June 9	6:30pm	Noche Familiar	
Saturday June 10	10:30am	The Chosen Week 7	

EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., JUNE 11 - SAT., JUNE 17

Sunday, June 11	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, June 13	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 14	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 week 5
Thursday, June 15	6:00pm	Praise Team
Friday, June 16	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

† MILESTONES - SUN., JUNE 4 - SAT., JUNE 10

BAPTISM BIRTHDA Gertrud Bublies Bea Kirchner	AYS: Jun. 5 Jun. 5	Rachel Kelley Van Sooter	Jun. 5 Jun. 8	
BIRTHDAYS Kaydence Altizer Hana Laughton Carolyn Haase	Jun 6 Jun 6 Jun 7	Justino Gamboa Wyatt Brown	Jun 6 Jun 7	
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: NONE				

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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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