



1 CORINTHIANS 9:23, NLT

I do everything  
to spread the  
**GOOD NEWS**  
and share in  
its blessings.

Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, February 4, 2024

## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, February 4, 2024

**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: “The Jesus Club?”

**As We Gather:** Everyone is trying to figure out who they are, to identify themselves to everyone around them, and to promote that identity. Our Lord knows exactly who He is and what He has come to accomplish. He opens our eyes so that we may come to know and define ourselves not according to the whims of time or the dictates of emotion but in Him. Sin must give way to His forgiveness, unrighteousness to His righteousness, and death to His life. We are not competing with the world for a reward but serving others as Christ has served us. Our identity in Christ will not be taken from us and as long as we live in this identity, we are free. That liberty is primarily shown by our willingness to serve.

### Prelude

## Welcome

### There Is A Redeemer

- 1 There is a Redeemer—  
Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

### Refrain

**Thank You, O my Father,  
For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.**

- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer,  
Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Hope for sinners slain. **(refrain)**
- 3 When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place. **(refrain)**

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### Invocation

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

### Call To Worship

- P** This is the season of Epiphany, the season of Christ's self-revelation through word and works. In John 8:12, Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- C** **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**
- P** He will judge the people with righteousness and defend the cause of the poor.
- C** **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**P** The mystery of the ages is revealed; the eternal plane of God is known to all.

**C** **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**P** Let us kneel down before Him to give Him honor, glory, and praise.

**C** **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

**P** Let us offer Him all the treasures of our hearts and our lives.

**C** **Jesus Christ is the light of the world.**

### **Confession**

**P** As we come humbly before Him, we hear His Word: I have trusted in Your steadfast love;

**C** **my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.**

**P** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

**C** **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 2)

**Not the labor of my hands, Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**P** Let us consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

**C** **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge. (Psalm 51:3-4)**

**P** Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(sung – “Rock of Ages” – stanza 3)

**Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### **Absolution**

**P** The Lord hears your confession, and you may rejoice in His grace. The promises of God are sure; one day creation will be set free from corruption. Your sins were taken to Christ's cross, where you were redeemed as God's beloved children. So, give Him thanks and find His peace and comfort in this good news: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore proclaim His forgiveness for all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, You have granted us a new identity and life in Christ, our Lord. Keep us, we pray, in this faith and life in Christ that we may know with confidence we belong to You and live secure in this knowledge both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, 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

Isaiah 40:28-31 (ESV)

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
His understanding is unsearchable.  
<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might He increases strength.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
<sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!  
<sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

<sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

Mark 1:29-39 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told Him about her.

<sup>31</sup>And He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to Him all who were sick or oppressed by demons.

<sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door.

<sup>34</sup>And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew Him. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed.

<sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him, <sup>37</sup>and they found Him and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And He went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

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

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## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered



## **In Christ There Is No East or West**

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*(Tune: Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing)*

1 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.

2 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.

5 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**  
**“IDENTITY IN JESUS”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

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

**(8:30)**

### **Come, Follow Me**

Joseph M. Martin/Joel Raney

#### **Ascension Choir**

*Come, follow Me, the Savior cries, gather to My side, leave the world behind.  
Put your trust in God, and follow My footsteps.  
I will shepherd you and be your guide.*

*Come, follow Me, come and follow Me, pick up your cross and follow where I lead.  
Come, follow Me, come now and follow Me. I'll be your shepherd, you, My lamb.*

*Come, follow Me, come, follow Me.  
My guiding light will shine like the day. I will never leave you lost and alone.  
My peace will comfort you, as you travel on,  
And My grace will abide. My grace will abide and bring you home.*

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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.

Lord God of mercy, You showed Your great love for us by sending Your Son to save and redeem us. Give to Your Church courage to proclaim with boldness this Gospel to all people by all means. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Lord God of power, You hold all things in Your hand. Raise up good and honest leaders who will defend our liberty and inspire our service, following the wisdom of Your Word in the cause of justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of unity, by Your Spirit, You join us together in Holy Baptism, gather us as one for Holy Communion, and build up our faith by the power of the Spirit. Strengthen the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice. Raise up faithful pastors and church workers to build us up in this holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of peace, You give hope to the weary and comfort to those troubled in mind. Give hope to those who despair, comfort to those in pain, and courage to those who grow faint, that we may finish the race and receive the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of grace, You give us a place at the Table of Your Son and the gift of this communion in His body and blood. Help us to receive with faith this Holy Sacrament that we may also receive all the fruits of His life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of truth, You have given us life that we may treasure Your mercy and manifest in words and deeds Your goodness and love to the world. With our songs of praise, accept the tithes and offerings we bring with our gratitude and praise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of healing, You give strength to the weak and sustain the weary in the time of trouble. Deliver the sick by Your grace. We pray for... Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God of all goodness, we give You thanks and rejoice with those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious Lord, with confidence in Your mercy we come before You with the prayers and petitions of Your Church, praying You to provide for us all things as are good, wholesome, and beneficial and to keep from us all things as are harmful, that we may be preserved from evil and kept to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 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 us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do  
not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Pax Domini**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### **Just as I Am**

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- 1 Just as I am, without one plea  
But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many\_a conflict, many\_a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I Am, Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871, Text: Public domain

## There Is a Balm in Gilead

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**Refrain**    **There is a balm in Gilead**  
                  **To make the wounded whole;**  
                  **There is a balm in Gilead**  
                  **To heal the sin-sick soul.**

- 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again. **(refrain)**
- 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus  
And say He died for all. **(refrain)**
- 3 Don't ever feel discouraged,  
For Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge,  
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. **(refrain)**

There Is a Balm in Gilead, Text: African American spiritual, Text: Public domain

## Post Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, in Your great love You have brought us from death to life, forgiven all our sins, and made us Your children. Grant to us not only the healing of the ills of this life but the perfect healing of everlasting life, which we have tasted already in this blessed Communion. Deliver us from pride and arrogance and build within us a servant's heart, that we may love You above all things and our neighbor as You have loved us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Announcements

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

## Fight the Good Fight

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- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might;  
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.  
Lay hold on life, and it shall be  
Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;  
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.  
Life with its way before us lies;  
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide;  
His boundless mercy will provide.  
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove  
Christ is your life and Christ your love.

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;  
He changes not who holds you dear;  
Only believe, and you will see  
That Christ is all eternally.

Fight the Good Fight, Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, alt., Text: Public domain

## Dismissal

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

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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## † SPONSOR A HANDBELL

You can personalize your bell and add a personal inscription! Look for the “sponsor a bell” poster in the Narthex and ask Brad Hall for details about inscriptions.

## † LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS

We will have dinner only 3 times during the Lenten season. Feb. 21, Mar. 6, and Mar. 20 at 6:00pm. Look for themes and sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

## † SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY

The Human Care board is collecting soups, chili and canned goods for SnowCap. Bring your items to church by Super Bowl Sunday February 11.



## **CHECK THIS OUT!**

### **† A LOOK AT TODAY AND A PLAN FOR TOMORROW**

Everyone needs to check their gauges...Especially the Body of Christ! Our congregation is full of strengths as well as areas where we could grow. Many times, looking in the mirror is difficult because we aren't comfortable with what we see. However, Saint Peter tells us to prepare for action and be sober-minded as we look at ways to live for God in this present evil age, (1 Peter 1:13). As a congregation, let's get together and check our gauges!

**Who?** The Stewardship Board and Pastor Jim invite all members and friends of Ascension.

**Why?** To gauge our current state of affairs and identify areas we can grow as a congregation.

**When?** Next Saturday, February 10 from 10:30am to 2:00pm

**Where?** Ascension's Community Room

**BONUS!!** Yummy lunch provided.

### **† 2023 GIVING STATEMENTS**

They are in your church mailbox. If you need any assistance with this contact the office and Michele will forward you to the right individual!

### **† PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY**

Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);

Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);

Clayton Wright, Osan Air Base, South Korea – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

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

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

### **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

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

### **† PRAYER NEEDS?**

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

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, FEB. 4, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Paul Walter
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Carrie Graham Wendy Hazen
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Sheryl Maier

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, FEB. 11, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Matthia McInaney <b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Hana Laughton and Gina Kreps

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 4 – SAT., FEB. 10**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 4</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15am	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Feb. 5</b>	1:00pm	Human Care Board Mtg.
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b>	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 7</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Feb. 8</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Feb. 9</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Feb. 10</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., FEB. 11 – SAT., FEB. 17**

<b>Sunday, Feb. 11</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15am	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 13</b>	2:00pm	Ladies' Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 14</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
<b>Thursday, Feb. 15</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Feb. 16</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Feb. 17</b>	10:30am	A Look at Today Meeting
	1:00pm	<b>NO</b> Confirmation

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**† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, FEB. 4– SATURDAY, FEB. 10**

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**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

None

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Barbara Nelsen	Feb. 4	Frances Rippon	Feb. 4
Eli Deal	Feb. 9	Sharon Stanley	Feb. 9

**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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