

**LOVE + LOVE**

**"For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in  
Him should not perish  
but have eternal life."**

**John 3:16**

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

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

Sunday, March 10, 2024



## FOURTH 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: “Genuine Love”

**As We Gather:** We hear today of eternal life that is given to us because of God’s great love for us, shown to us in perhaps the most famous Bible verse, John 3:16. This verse speaks of God’s genuine love for us and the world shown in Jesus’ death on the cross for us. The love of God never ends. God’s love is present here and now and extends into eternal life as eternal love. May we be so encouraged by God’s love to share it with others. Thanks be to God for such love!

### Prelude

### Welcome

#### When I Behold Jesus Christ

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- 1 When I behold Jesus Christ,  
True God who died for me,  
I wonder much at His love  
As He hung on the tree.

**Refrain** What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there to me on Calvary.  
What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?  
You showed Your love, Jesus, there to me on Calvary.

- 2 For me You gave all Your love,  
For me You suffered pain;  
I find no words, nothing can  
Your selflessness explain. **(refrain)**
- 3 You had no sin, holy Lord,  
But You were tortured, tried;  
On Golgotha there for all  
My sins You bled and died. **(refrain)**

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

John 3:16

- P** God so loved the world,
- C** that He gave His only Son,
- P** that whoever believes in Him should not perish
- C** but have eternal life.
- P** Our Lenten journey leads us to the cross where Jesus gave His life,
- C** and then to the resurrection and eternal life.

## Confession

- P** Though Christ has loved us with this genuine love that gives us eternal life, we sometimes ignore His love and refuse to share Christ's love with others. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to Him in hope and confidence to ask for His grace. Let us confess our sin together as we sing:

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

## Chorus

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

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

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

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## Absolution

**P** Jesus Christ was lifted up on the tree of the cross so that we might be forgiven. His genuine love is for the world and is for you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have loved us with an everlasting love that grants us eternal life. Burn Your love ever stronger within our hearts, Lord, so that we may love others as You have loved us; for You live and reign with the Father 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

Numbers 21:4-9 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Holy Gospel**

John 3:14-21 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

<sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

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

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

**Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered**

**God Loved the World So That He Gave**

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- 1 God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.



- 3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

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**Sermon**  
"GENUINE LOVE"

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
John 3:14-21

**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) Before The Throne of God Above**

Words by C. L. Bancroft, Music by V. Cook  
arr. L. Larson

### **Ascension Choir**

*Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.*

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an off'ring far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all!*

*Behold Him there! The Risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.*

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## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, as we come before You with our prayers and petitions, we thank You for Your genuine love, and we pray, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, show Your love to all those who have experienced broken families, homes, and churches. Surround them with Your love and with people who will love them as You love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, extend Your love to all those who have abandoned the faith. Strengthen us to lovingly invite them toward Your genuine love for the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, in Your earthly life You experienced the death of those You loved. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in such grief. Point them to the hope of eternal life with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, be present with all those who are single. Encourage them with the love of friends and family. Provide caring people to remind them that they are not alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, You have prepared many good works for us to do in our earthly lives. Give us courage to do those good works with joy, expecting nothing in return, knowing we are saved by grace alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering...Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord, we give You thanks and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful Lord, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised in love to hear our prayers; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

(8:30am service, please turn to page 13 for the benediction.)

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

**We believe in the real presence of the body and  
blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

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

#### **Preface**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**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 SONGS +

### **For God So Loved The World**

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whosoever believes in Him should not perish, But...(chorus)

#### **Chorus**

have life everlasting, have life everlasting,  
have life everlasting, have life everlasting.  
For God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten Son.

For God did not send His Son into the world to bring condemnation;  
But rather that through the receiving of Him, men might find salvation  
And... **(chorus)**

He came into the world and He dwelt among His own;  
But His own they would not receive Him.  
But pow'r to become the sons of God He gave to all who believed.

#### **Final Chorus**

**He gave life everlasting, His life everlasting,  
His life everlasting, His life everlasting.  
For God so loved the world that  
He gave His only begotten Son.**

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### **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong,  
They are weak, but He is strong.

#### **Chorus**

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! See His grace!  
On the cross He took my place.  
There He suffered and He died,  
That I might be glorified. **(chorus)**

Jesus loves me! God's own Son  
Over sin the vict'ry won.  
When I die, saved by His grace,  
I shall see Him face to face. **(chorus)**

Jesus loves me! He is near.  
He is with His Church so dear.  
And the Spirit He has sent  
By His Word and Sacrament. **(chorus)**

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## **Post Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal where we receive Your genuine love. Keep us firm in faith and increase our love of You and our neighbors; 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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

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

- 1 What wondrous love is this,  
O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
  
- 2 When I was sinking down,  
sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down  
Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
  
- 3 To God and to the Lamb  
I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb,  
Who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

What Wondrous Love Is This, Text: A General Selection of, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt., Text: Public domain

## Dismissal

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

**C** Thanks be to God!

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Remember you can make anonymous donations in the offering plate. Please note “Bells” clearly on any donations.

**† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS**

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Wednesday, Mar. 20 at 6:00pm – Italian Potluck

**† EASTER BREAKFAST**

Easter Sunday, March 31, the Human Care Board is hosting an Easter Breakfast Fundraiser from 9:30am to 10:45am. The fundraiser will support the Benevolence Fund. Tickets will be sold in advance to estimate the number who will attend; however no advance purchase is necessary. The Cost is \$5 and under 12 years old is free! Free will offerings are appreciated. Your ticket will be used to enter you in the drawing for door prizes too. Check out the white board in the Narthex for opportunities to provide food for the event! You may purchase your tickets between services!

**† THANK YOU FROM THE MCINANEY FAMILY**

We are grateful for all that everyone did to help with the memorial service for Kevin. We have been so blessed with your gifts and care, many thanks, God bless you.

**† COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Outreach Board is planning an Easter Egg Hunt open to the community in the park. Admission is free of charge. So, gather your friends and family, and join us on Saturday March 30 at 10:30 am in the park! Look for signs to point the way.

For any questions or to volunteer for the event, please feel free to contact Cindy Reinert: cinrein@live.com. We can't wait to celebrate Easter with you!



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 10, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bruce Blubaum
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Jenny Schuldheisz
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Laura Potter	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<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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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 17, 2024**

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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>	Stan Chapulis Randy Schroeder <b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Johnnie Driessner
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	Jenny Schuldheisz
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	J. E Knox	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
<b>Readers:</b>	Peggy Hall	Johnnie Driessner
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., MAR. 10 – SAT., MARCH 16**

<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	8:30am	Worship
LENT 4	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Comm.
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 12</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 13</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Lent Midweek 4 Worship
		<b>NO POTLUCK</b> this week
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek 4 Worship
<b>Thursday, Mar. 14</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Mar. 15</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Mar. 16</b>	10:00am	LWML Meeting
	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 17 – SAT., MARCH 23**

<b>Sunday, March 17</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
LENT 5	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Tuesday, Mar. 19</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Mar. 20</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Lent Midweek 5 Worship
	6:00pm	Italian Potluck Dinner
	7:00pm	Lent Midweek 5 Worship
<b>Thursday, Mar. 21</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team Practice
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Mar. 22</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Mar. 23</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: [office@alcpportland.org](mailto:office@alcpportland.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, The family of Kevin McInaney, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Carol Hofer, 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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## † MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAR. 10– SATURDAY, MAR. 16

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Caleb Zeebuyth            Mar. 13

### BIRTHDAYS:

Ellie Graham	Mar. 10	John Hazen	Mar. 11
Linda Tatum	Mar. 11	Jenny Schuldheisz	Mar. 12
J.E. Knox	Mar. 13	Debbie Zeller	Mar 14

### 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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