



*"Life shines
in
darkness"*

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025

LIFE 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 +

THEME: "LIFE SHINES IN DARKNESS"

AS WE GATHER: Our Life Sunday 2025 theme is based on John 1:4-5: "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel (2 Tim 1:10). Come out of the shadows and into the shine! Let us rejoice as God's people and embrace the sanctity of every human life!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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- 1 Immortal, invisible,
God only wise,
In light inaccessible
hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious,
the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious,
Thy great name we praise.

- 2 Unresting, unhasting,
and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting,
Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains
high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains
of goodness and love.

3 To all life Thou givest—
to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest,
the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish
as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish—
but naught changes Thee.

4 Great Father of glory,
pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee,
all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render:
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
of light that hides Thee.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of our Triune God, Father, ✠ Son and Holy Spirit,
C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

from Psalm 27

P The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

P When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

C **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

P For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

C **I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!**

P Wait for the Lord;

C **be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. *Romans 13:12*
- C** **God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5**
- P** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. *John 3:19*
- C** **You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your presence. Psalm 90:8**
- P** If your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! *Matthew 6:23*
- C** **I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon His vindication. Micah 7:9**
- P** Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. *Isaiah 50:10*
Our Savior Christ Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. *2 Timothy 1:10*
- As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)

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.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 5:6-14 (ESV)

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,
“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-14 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the Light, that all might believe through Him. ⁸He was not the Light, but came to bear witness about the Light. ⁹The true Light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him. ¹²But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

“Lord Of Life”

(Tune: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”)

Lord of life, Whose hand has made us,
Formed us each with tender care.
You had crowned man with Your image,
Not intending such despair.
Yet through sin the glory faded,
Death and doom came in its place,
But in spite of our condition,
We’ve been rescued by Your grace!

God so loved the world,
He gave us Jesus Christ to bear our sin.
On the cross His life He offered,
That we might be His again.
And the Holy Spirit calls us
By the gospel’s joyful ring.
Making us His own dear children,
Us eternal life to bring.

Lord of Life, Who rose in triumph,
Conq’ring death and giving hope,
You have called us and equipped us,
In a sinful world to cope;
Teaching us to love each other,
To befriend and help in strife;
To forgive and seek to comfort,
And preserve the gift of life.

Help us, Lord, to see as You do.
Life is precious in each stage.
From the unborn to the feeble,
Life is precious in each age.
Help us, Lord, to be Your witness
And to show the world we care.
So that people may not perish,
But, instead, Your life may share!

“Lord Of Life”, Tune: Hyfrydol/Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us. For *Life! Pro-Life Songs for Classrooms, Choirs & Congregations*, p.19. Text: Rev. Gerald Scheperle, 1985.

SERMON
“LIFE SHINES IN DARKNESS”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
John 1:1-14

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.)

“I Am A Child Of God”

Mark Shepperd

Ascension Choir

*I am a child of God. Loved by the Savior, Made by the Father,
Loved by the Savior, Born of the Spirit, Graced with His favor.
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

*I am the Shepherd's lamb, Into green pastures,
Gently He leads me, Guarding, protecting, richly He feeds me.
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

*I am a precious jewel. Jesus has found me; I am His treasure.
His mark is on me; I bring Him pleasure.
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

*I am a child of God, Safe in His fam'ly, Washed and forgiven,
Home with His people, Here and in heaven,
I am a child of God; That is who I am.*

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BLESSING OF THE GIFTS TO AVA HEALTH

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.

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, the fruit of Your Spirit is love. Grant us to know that You have made all humankind for relationship and community and grant us to receive both our neighbor's life and our own as gift and privilege. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P The fruit of Your Spirit is joy. Your Son has come among us in suffering and resurrection that we may find delight in You and in each other. By the blessings that come from sharing life together, including birthdays and anniversaries this week...stir us to bear burdens and meet needs for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is peace. Let the authorities of our people respect the sanctity of every human life and let the laws of our land reflect it. Drive away all complacency and cowardice from us that we may undertake civic action and public service to secure the welfare of the vulnerable. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is patience. Visit with the presence and power of Your Son any who experience surprise pregnancy, terminal diagnosis, infertility, or any other affliction...For His sake relieve quickly that they recover completely and strengthen them to wait upon Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is kindness. Work repentance, forgiveness, and healing in the hearts of those broken by the abortion of their own children or any other sin against the sanctity of human life. Keep us from ever viewing death as a solution to difficulty and put our trust in Your words and ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is goodness. Remove the evils of abortion, abuse, abandonment, euthanasia, suicide, embryo destruction, discrimination, and all other violences from among us. Make us instead to abound as You do in charity, goodwill, and fellowship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is faithfulness. Embolden us to give voice to the worth and purpose of every person, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, and to hold fast this Gospel confession even under opposition and ridicule. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is gentleness. Endow our witness with courage and compassion, that we speak the truth of God in humility and show the love of Christ in servanthood. Soften and reform the hearts that advocate or entertain immorality until they stand beside us as sisters and brothers. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P The fruit of Your Spirit is self-control. Move us to expose and expel all the works of darkness by beholding and belonging to Your Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same 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 to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

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

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

“You Called Me by Name”

When I consider the work of Your fingers,
The sun and the stars, the land and the sea;
I start to wonder, almighty Creator,
Just why You would ever take thought of me.

Chorus

**(Yet/For) You have called me by name,
You are acquainted with all of my ways;
Bought by Your blood, drawn by Your love,
I am Your dwelling place.**

**For You have called me Your friend,
Showing me favor, again and again;
I'm set apart, dear to Your heart,
You called me by name.**

All of creation was made for Your pleasure,
The sun and the stars, The land and the sea;
But, by Your grace, You have given me favor,
With You I will reign for eternity. **(chorus x2)**

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"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

"I was there to hear your boring cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
To find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord
To whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
And you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
From dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life
Not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
Complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
And you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
With just one more surprise."

“I was there to hear your borning cry,
I’ll be there when you are old,
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
To see your life unfold.”

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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 salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.)

“Life is a Gift from God” (tune: Crown Him With Many Crowns)

Life is a gift from God, Who order'd all my days,
And wrote them in His Book of Life So I could give Him praise.
He guards and still preserves That life He gave to me,
And loves me with a Father's love and will eternally!

Life is a Gift of God, So Jesus did partake,
And took upon our human form - His heirs He did us make!
When we were being knit He knew who we would be,
And mark'd us as His very own - His death has set us free!

“Life Is A Gift From God”, Tune: Diademata/Crown Him With Many Crowns. *For Life! Pro-Life Songs for Classrooms, Choirs & Congregations*, p.11. Text John G. Fleischmann, 1987

DISMISSAL

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

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† CALLIGRAPHY CLASS

There will be a new calligraphy class offered Wednesdays beginning February 5 through March 26 from 2:00 to 3:30pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome. All supplies are provided, and the cost is \$2. Call Carolyn Gordon with any questions: 503-674-6713.

† YOUTH GROUP FAMILY NIGHT

Join us on Friday, February 21, at 6:30pm for an evening fellowship. Enjoy a potluck dinner, games, and music with friends and family. Be sure to sign up in the Narthex to let us know what dish you'll bring. We can't wait to see you there!

† WORKDAY PLANNED, SAVE THE DATE!

Join us on Saturday, March 1 from 9:00am to 12:00pm to clean up the inside of our church. All are welcome, jobs are varied.

† THANK YOU FROM PASTOR HERB HOEFER

When I wrote thank-you notes for gifts to Ascension in Carol's honor, I wrote "...a place she loved and where she was loved." Thank you for loving her - and for encouraging me and my family in the Lord, with cards and condolences and prayers.

† MY FATHER'S HOUSE NEEDS

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

† SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have a few areas where your help would be greatly appreciated:
Pew Rack Organization – Help keep our pew materials neat and stocked.

Coffee Clean-Up – Assist with emptying and rinsing coffee pots after the late service each week.

A/V Booth Support – PowerPoint or helping with the camera and sound.

If you're willing to serve in any of these areas, please let Michele know: 503-665-8821 or office@alcportland.org. Thank you for being a blessing to our church.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

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

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., FEB. 16, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Mike Adams Randy Schroeder John Aden	Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Julie Williamson	Michele Sprengle
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
Flowers:	Both Services: Steve and Kysa Schaefer	
Counters:	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
Sunday School	9:45am: Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., FEB. 23, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart	Neil Zeller
	NEEDED	Marcus Young
		Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
Flowers:	Both Services: Steve and Kysa Schaefer	
Counters:	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
Sunday School	9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carie Graham	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., FEB. 16 – SAT., FEB. 22

Sunday, Feb. 16	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Feb. 17	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Feb. 18	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Feb. 19	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class
Thursday, Feb. 20		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
	6:00pm	NO Praise Team
	7:00pm	NO Choir Practice
Friday, Feb. 21	5:30pm	Confirmation
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night Event
Saturday, Feb. 22	All Day	Private Event

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., FEB. 23 – SAT., MAR. 1

Sunday, Feb. 23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion

	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
Monday, Feb. 24	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Wednesday, Feb. 26	2:00pm	Calligraphy Class
Thursday, Feb. 27	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Feb. 28	5:30pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Mar. 1	9:00am	Church Work Party

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Feb. 16– Saturday, Feb. 22

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Alma Bangs Feb. 22

BIRTHDAYS:

Jim Conway	Feb. 17	Alex Ritchie	Feb. 17
Jennifer Netsch	Feb. 18	Tracy Schaffer	Feb. 18
Marcia Bryant	Feb. 19		

WEDDINGS:

Herb and Carol Reiniger	Feb 17, 1990
Michael and Bobbie Adams	Feb. 22, 1975

† KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

You are invited to Trinity Lutheran Church and School's Kindergarten Round-Up on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 5:00-6:15pm. If you or your friends and family are looking for quality Lutheran education in the Portland area let them know! Additionally, we offer care and education for children 6 weeks through 8th grade! 5520 NE Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97218

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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