

... having been made  
perfect, he became  
the source of

# ETERNAL SALVATION

for all  
who  
obey  
him.

HEBREWS 5:9, NRSV

Ascension Lutheran Church

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

Sunday, March 17, 2024

## FIFTH 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: “What a Priest We Have in Jesus!”

**As We Gather:** Today’s Epistle speaks of Jesus, our High Priest. High priests are called to offer sacrifices for the sins of the people as well as themselves. Jesus is a different sort of high priest who offers Himself as sacrifice, once for all, that we might be forgiven and granted eternal salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus proclaims that He came not to be served, but to serve. He came to offer His life as a ransom for us. As we follow Jesus, we are called to reflect His actions and attitude of service and sacrifice. May we likewise go to serve and sacrifice for others.

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

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(tune: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty)

- 1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Jesus,  
Bears the name above all names,  
Reigning Son of God, surpassing  
Other titles, pow’rs and claims—  
Since to heav’n our Lord has passed,  
Let us hold our witness fast!
- 2 Since we have a priest who suffered,  
Knowing weakness, tears, and pain,  
Who like us was tried and tempted,  
Unlike us, without a stain—  
Since He shared our lowly place,  
Let us boldly seek His grace.
- 3 Sacrifice and suff’ring over,  
Now He sits at God’s right hand,  
Crowned with praise, no more an outcast,  
His preeminence long-planned;  
Such a great High Priest we have,  
Strong to help, supreme to save.

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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

- P** What a priest we have in Jesus!
- C** He is our source of eternal salvation.
- P** He sympathizes with us in our weakness.
- C** He offers prayers and supplications for us.
- P** He serves us and sacrifices Himself for us.
- C** What a priest we have in Jesus!

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Though Jesus is our great High Priest, we have lived as if we did not need Him, as though our sin was not dire and deadly. Despite our self-centered failures, our heavenly Father is merciful, and because of Jesus, He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** we have sinned against our neighbors and against You. We have sought to be served rather than to serve. We often seek the sacrifice of others but are unwilling to sacrifice of ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and humble us, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus into our world to be our great High Priest, who came to serve and offer His life as a ransom for us. Christ died and is risen 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. We are forgiven. Christ has sacrificed His life for us.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are our great High Priest. Teach us to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for others, so that more people may know of the forgiveness that can only be found in You; 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (ESV)

<sup>31</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup>not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup>Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not exalt Himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by Him who said to Him,

“You are My Son,  
today I have begotten You”;

<sup>6</sup>as He says also in another place,

“You are a Priest forever,  
after the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of His flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to Him who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverence. <sup>8</sup>Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. <sup>9</sup>And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, <sup>10</sup>being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

Mark 10:32-45 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>32</sup>And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, He began to tell them what was to happen to Him, <sup>33</sup>saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup>And they will mock Him and spit on Him, and flog Him and kill Him. And after three days He will rise.”

<sup>35</sup>And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of You.”

<sup>36</sup>And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to Him, "Grant us to sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, in Your glory." <sup>38</sup>Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup>And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup>but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not Mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." <sup>41</sup>And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.

<sup>42</sup>And Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup>But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

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

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

### Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

#### Christ Sits At God's Right Hand

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1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,  
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,  
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half  
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—  
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:  
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,  
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,  
 "A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,  
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;  
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."  
 "A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."  
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.  
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

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**Sermon**

"THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE"

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Hebrews 5:1-10

**Christ Sits at God's Right Hand**



5 Then let us now draw near, Washed in that pre - cious flood  
 Δ 6 All praise to Christ we bring, Our Lord who in - ter - cedes,



And en - ter the Most Ho - ly Place By Je - sus' blood.  
 Our great High Priest en - throned a - bove Who knows our needs;



From hearts that are sin - cere, Let tongues our hope pro - fess,  
 And to the Fa - ther sing Our songs of thank - ful praise,



And trust a - new God's faith - ful grace That we con - fess.  
 Who with the Spir - it reigns in love For end - less days.

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**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) 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** We turn to our great priest Jesus in prayer, who has promised to hear us and intercede for us.

Mighty God, strengthen us as we endure the temptations and assaults of the devil. Forge our shields of faith to be stronger in resistance of Satan and his fiery arrows. Forgive us when we fail. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Lord, be present with all those who are vulnerable and in need of advocacy, especially those in abusive relationships, the homeless, the disabled, and all children. Give us courage to be advocates and intercessors for those in need just as You are an advocate and intercessor for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Suffering Servant, You learned obedience through suffering. Strengthen us when we face suffering to learn obedience to Your Word of truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, as a priest You serve and sacrifice. Teach all people in Your church to follow Your example of service and sacrifice for the sake of others. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord of compassion, 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** Good Lord, we give You thanks for all Your abundant gifts in this life and for that which is to come. This week we celebrate... Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord Jesus, we commend all of these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us, for You live and reign with the Father 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 14 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 +

### **Feed Us Now**

Feed us now, Bread of Life,  
In this holy meal;  
Let us know Your love anew,  
We hunger for You.  
Feed us now, Bread of Life,  
Come and live within;  
Let Your peace be ours today,  
Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine,  
Lord, this food is good!  
Love and mercy come to us,  
Your promise we trust.  
Piece of bread, glass of wine,  
Who can understand  
How His mercy works in these?  
Yet, Lord we believe.

God is here, O so near,  
Nearer than our thoughts.  
Stay with us where'er we go,  
Lord, help us to grow.  
God is here, O so near,  
In this heaven's meal.  
May we always feed on You  
On the Bread that is true.

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### **The Wonderful Cross**

- 1 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.
  
- 3 See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

## Chorus

**O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find  
That I may truly live.  
O the wonderful cross,  
O the wonderful cross;  
All who gather here by grace  
Draw near and bless Your name.**

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. **(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. We ask that You would strengthen us as we journey toward Holy Week, trusting in Jesus, the source of eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** 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.

**G** Amen.

## Announcements

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

## Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

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1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord,  
But pow'r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood;  
In lowliness You died.

3 No golden scepter but a towel  
You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You  
And live by Your commands.

4 You bid us bend our human pride  
Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task  
That waits the gift of love.

5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  
Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self,  
Each serve the other's need.

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## Dismissal

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

**G** Thanks be to God!

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**† LENTEN MIDWEEK DINNERS**

See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Our last dinner is 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. Save your ticket, it 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!

**† 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!

**† THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS**

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**† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

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

**† WATERCOLOR CLASSES THROUGH MAY 1**

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

## † SPONSOR A HANDBELL

Look for the “sponsor a bell” poster in the Narthex and ask Brad Hall for details about inscriptions. Remember you can make anonymous donations too. Please note “Bells” clearly on any donations.

## † 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.

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

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

## † MILESTONES - SUNDAY, MAR. 17– SATURDAY, MAR. 23

### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

|                   |         |                |         |
|-------------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Mike Potter       | Mar. 21 | Corey Ritchie  | Mar. 21 |
| Jenny Schuldheisz | Mar. 21 | Karen Zahursky | Mar. 23 |

### BIRTHDAYS:

|             |         |                  |         |
|-------------|---------|------------------|---------|
| Wilma Mukul | Mar. 17 | Margaret Hubbard | Mar. 19 |
| Karon Keup  | Mar. 20 | Corey Ritchie    | Mar. 21 |
| Sylvia      | Mar. 22 | Pam Eilers       | Mar. 23 |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None



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**EVENTS THIS 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  | 3:10 Group             |
| <b>Wednesday, Mar. 20</b> | 11:30am | Watercolor Painting    |
|                           | 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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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., MAR. 24 – SAT., MARCH 30**

|                           |         |                         |
|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, March 24</b>   | 8:30am  | Worship                 |
| PALM SUNDAY               | 9:45am  | Education Hour          |
|                           | 11:00am | Worship                 |
|                           | 12:15pm | Chime Practice          |
|                           | 5:00pm  | Spanish Worship         |
| <b>Tuesday, Mar. 26</b>   |         | Newsletter Items Due    |
| <b>Wednesday, Mar. 27</b> | 11:30am | Watercolor Painting     |
|                           | 2:00pm  | Crafting Get-Together   |
|                           | 6:00pm  | Praise Team             |
|                           | 7:00pm  | Choir Practice          |
| <b>Thursday, Mar. 28</b>  | 7:00pm  | Maundy Thursday Worship |
| <b>Friday, Mar. 29</b>    | 7:00pm  | Good Friday Worship     |
| <b>Saturday, Mar. 30</b>  | 10:30am | Easter Egg Hunt         |
|                           | 1:00pm  | Confirmation            |

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., MARCH 17, 2024**

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|                      | <b>8:30am</b>  | <b>11:00am</b>                          |
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| <b>Elder:</b>        | Dave Oswald  | John Hazen                              |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>     | <b>NEEDED</b>  | <b>NEEDED</b>                           |
| <b>Ushers:</b>       | Stan Chapulis<br>Randy Schroeder<br><b>NEEDED</b><br><b>NEEDED</b> | Marcus Young<br>Johnnie Driessner       |
| <b>Audio/Visual:</b> | Laura Potter   | J. E Knox                               |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b>   | Jenny Schuldheisz  | Rosemary Knox                           |
| <b>Greeters:</b>     | Norma Dillon<br>Jean Dillon  | Margaret Hubbard<br>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<br>Sheryl Maier          |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | 9:45am   | Carrie Graham and<br>Michele Sprengle   |

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., MARCH 24, 2024**

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|                      | <b>8:30am</b>               | <b>11:00am</b>                        |
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| <b>Elder:</b>        | Dave Oswald                 | Bruce Blubaum                         |
| <b>Acolytes:</b>     | <b>NEEDED</b>               | <b>NEEDED</b>                         |
| <b>Ushers:</b>       | Jim Eckart<br><b>NEEDED</b> | Matthias McInaney<br>Marcus Young     |
| <b>Audio/Visual:</b> | Stan Chapulis               | Laura Potter                          |
| <b>PowerPoint:</b>   | Debbie Rekdahl              | Rebecca Williamson                    |
| <b>Greeters:</b>     | Margo Bachhuber             | Celia Kreps                           |
| <b>Readers:</b>      | Jim Eckart                  | Karon Keup                            |
| <b>Altar Guild:</b>  | Both Services               | Karen Zahursky                        |
| <b>Flowers:</b>      | Both Services               | Gertrud Bublies                       |
| <b>Counters:</b>     | Both Services               | Dave and Jan Oswald                   |
| <b>Sunday School</b> | 9:45am                      | Michele Sprengle and<br>Carrie Graham |

# 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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