

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" Sunday, April 6, 2025

### **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: "A NEW THING IN THIS OLD WORLD"

**AS WE GATHER:** The fact that God's plan of salvation began thousands of years ago, and that the Bible is the record of events in ancient history, does not mean that old equals irrelevant. Today, God says through His prophet Isaiah, "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old" (Isaiah 43:18). But before you throw away your old Bible, your old catechism, or your old hymnal, listen up! "Behold, I am doing a new thing; . . . do you not perceive it?" (v. 19). In the pattern of the exodus of old and the deliverance from the Babylonian captivity of old, and as "the old rugged cross" of Christ made His resurrection from the dead possible, the "new thing" of God's doing today is all about freeing you from the slavery of sin, death, boredom, worry, and fear; re-creating you "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness" (explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, Small Catechism); renewing your life today by the forgiveness of your sins and in the sure and certain hope of new bodies for old in the new creation that awaits!

### **PRELUDE**

### WELCOME

### "Knowing You"

(based on today's Epistle reading)

All I once held dear, built my life upon, All this world reveres and wars to own. All I once thought gain I have counted loss, Spent and worthless now compared to this.

### Chorus

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You, There is no greater thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness, And I love You. Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more, To be found in You, and known as Yours. To possess by faith what I could not earn, All surpassing gift of righteousness. **(chorus)** 

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life And to know You in Your sufferings. To become like You in Your death, my Lord, So with You to live and never die. **(chorus)** 

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### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### **OPENING SCRIPTURES**

- Isaiah 43:1; Psalm 126:3
- P But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, . . . "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
- I have called you by name, you are Mine."
- P The LORD has done great things for us;
- we are glad.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Isaiah 43:1, adapt.

As the Lord God delivered His chosen people from Egyptian slavery through the sea yet on dry ground, and as He delivered His chosen people from their captivity in Babylon of old, so has He now delivered His chosen people to this day from slavery to sin and death through the cross and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. Remembering that your Holy Baptism is still a present reality today, let us return to the Lord our God in true repentance and faith.

- Lord God, we confess that we have sinned against You and have fallen back into our old ways of neglecting You and our love for our neighbor. Create a new heart and spirit within us, making us Your new creation by faith Jesus, Your Son. Help us to live under Him and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.
- P But now thus says the Lord, He who created you and formed you, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine." Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

C Amen.

### "Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

"Create In Me A Clean Heart". Text: Psalm 51:10–12. Text: Public domain

### **SALUTATION**

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have delivered Your chosen people of old from all manner of captivity of body and soul. According to Your promise, make us to be Your chosen people today, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for Your own possession, that we may proclaim Your praises to one another and to the world; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.
- And also with you.

### + THE WORD +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:16-21 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD, Who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>Who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior: they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild beasts will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert. to give drink to My chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for Myself that they might declare My praise."

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

### **EPISTLE READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14 (ESV)

<sup>4b</sup> If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

### LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 20:9-20 (ESV)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. <sup>10</sup>When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. 12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. <sup>13</sup>Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' 14But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' 15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? <sup>16</sup>He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" 17But He looked directly at them and said. "What then is this that is written:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?

<sup>18</sup>Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>19</sup>The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on Him at that very hour, for they perceived that He had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. <sup>20</sup>So they watched Him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch Him in something He said, so as to deliver Him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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

### PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

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My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness; No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

# Refrain On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

- When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. (refrain)
- 3 His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood; When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **(refrain)**
- When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! (refrain)

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less", Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt., Text: Public domain

SERMON "THE HEART STONE" Pr. Jim Spengle Luke 20:9-20

### **CREED** ~ Second Article and Explanation

- We began our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.
- I believe 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.
- **P** What does this mean?
- I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

### 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) "His Mercy Is More"

words and music by M. Papa and M. Boswell, arr. J. Rouse **Ascension Choir** 

What love could remember, no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord! His mercy is more; Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
  - O God, our Creator and Redeemer, we give thanks to You for Your whole world of nature and that You continue to sustain it in summer and winter, in seedtime and harvest, through times of trouble and in times of peace. We pray for peace continually that we may attend to Your Word and worship and proclaim Your majesty. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We give You thanks especially for our redemption from sin and everlasting death. Though even as You count us as Your redeemed people, still we struggle to be faithful. In Your mercy, You remain true to Your promises and continue to provide the everlasting invitation, salvation, and healing through the forgiveness of sins for the sake of Christ. Bless and empower Your whole church on earth with steadfast faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- We pray for all those in the authority of government, that they may be guided in the way of truth and justice, providing for the peace and safety of all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We pray for the ill, the suffering, and all who mourn...Grant that the prayers of all who turn to You in their need graciously come before You, so that they may receive Your help, provision, and comfort. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We give You thanks for all Your good gifts and for these upcoming celebrations...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty and eternal God, we adore You as the God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus, and with the whole church on earth and all the hosts of heaven we ascribe to You honor and blessing, thanksgiving and praise. For all Your works of mercy of old, we praise You. For Your gifts of deliverance, renewal of life and hope, and the promise of eternal life through the cross and resurrection of Your Son, we praise You. Hear us for His sake, living and reigning with You 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.

(11:00am service, please turn to page 14 for the benediction.)

### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### **PREFACE**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- 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, without One Plea"

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

### "He Will Hold Me Fast"

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast. I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path; For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

# Chorus He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast; For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast; Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (chorus)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Just as I Am, without One Plea", Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871, Text: Public domain

For my life He bled and died,
Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied;
He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life,
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight,
When He comes at last! (chorus twice)

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### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
- and His mercy endureth forever.
- We give You thanks, almighty God, that You have made us Your own people, a new creation in Jesus Christ, our Lord. By His body and blood You have strengthened our faith, thus enabling us to tell forth Your praises. Enlighten our paths and guide our steps that we may live according to Your gracious will in faithfulness to You and love for 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

- 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.)

- 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.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 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?
- Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a tribute far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, Text: Public domain

### DISMISSAL

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

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Thank you to Wanda Cassetty for the lovely Altar flowers in honor of Rose's birthday given to the glory of God.

### **† NEW TOPIC FOR WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Our next bible study will begin on Tuesday, April 8 at 2:00pm. We will be studying the book of Esther. Bring your bible along!

### † YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT: ALL AGES WELCOME!

Join us on April 11 at 6:30pm to fill Easter eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Join in fellowship and share some yummy snacks!

### **† COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT**

- Saturday, April 19 at 10:30am
- Children under 5 only from 10:30 to 10:45am
- Children 5 to 10 may join in at 10:45am
- Children over 10 may join in at 11:00am
- Join us in Vance Park next to Ascension

If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this event, email Cindy Reinert at cinrein@live.com

### **† EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**

The Human Care Board invites you to our Annual Easter Breakfast Fundraiser on Sunday April 20 from 9:30 to 10:45am. This special event will support the Benevolence Fund, which provides assistance to those in need.

Tickets will be available between services starting Sunday, March 23, to help us estimate attendance, but no advance purchase is required. Be sure to hold onto your ticket, as it will also enter you into a drawing for door prizes! The cost is \$5 per adult, and children under 10 eat free. Freewill offerings are also welcome and appreciated. If you'd like to contribute food items, check out the whiteboard in the Narthex after March 23 for the sign-up list.

# † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

There is a new calligraphy class starting April 9! It will continue through may 28th From 2:00 to 2:30pm in the community room. Class is \$2 and all supplies are provided! Everyone is welcome.

### † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Bonnie Webber, The Family of Carol Hoefer, The Family of Karla Deal, The Family of Dick Clausen (brother of Kaye Beaulieu), Randy Bryant's sister-in-law (Diana), Riki Neagle, Bobbie Adams, Mike Fogarty, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, 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., APRIL 6, 2025

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Randy Bryant Bob Ritchie
Acolytes: NEEDED NEEDED
Ushers: Mike Adams Paul Walter

John Aden Marcus Young

Stan Chapulis

Audio/Visual: Laura Potter NEEDED

PowerPoint: Jenny Schuldheisz Michele Sprengle

**Greeters:** Elizabeth Alvarado Riki Neagle **Readers:** Shery Maier J. E. Knox

Altar Guild: Both Services: Virginia Jacobs Flowers: Both Services: Wanda Cassetty

Counters: Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

(April 2 and 6)

**Sunday School** 9:45am: Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

# **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., APRIL 13, 2025**

8:30am 11:00am

**Elder:** Dave Oswald Randy Schroeder

Acolytes: NEEDED NEEDED
Ushers: Jim Eckart John Aden

Stan Chapulis Matthias McInaney

NEEDED

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Altar Guild: Both Services: Barb Cochran

Flowers: Both Services: John and Wendy Hazen
Counters: Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald

(April 9 and 13)

**Sunday School** 9:45am: Michele Sprengle and Carrie Graham

# EVENTS THIS WEEK - SUN., APRIL 6 - SAT., APRIL 12

Sunday, April 6 Lent 5	8:30am 9:45am	Worship with Communion Adult Ed and Sunday School	
	11:00am	Worship	
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice	
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship	
Monday, April 7	1:00pm	Human Care Board Mtg.	
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study	
Tuesday, April 8	2:00pm	Women's Bible Study	
	6:00pm	Council Meeting	
Wednesday, April 9	3:30pm	Lent 6 Midweek Worship	
	7:00pm	Lent 6 Midweek Worship	
Thursday, April 10	6:00pm	Praise Team	
	7:00pm	Choir Practice	
Friday, April 11	5:30pm	Confirmation	
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Event	

# **EVENTS NEXT WEEK - SUN., APRIL 13 - SAT., APRIL 19**

Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday  Monday, April 14  Wednesday, April 16  Thursday, April 17	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 12:15pm 5:00pm 1:00pm 6:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm	Worship Adult Ed and Sunday School Worship with Communion Bell Practice Spanish Worship w/ Communion Stewardship Board Mtg. Young Adult Bible Study Praise Team Choir Practice Maundy Thursday Worship
Thursday, April 17	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Worship
Friday, April 18	7:00pm 8:00pm	Good Friday Worship Bell Practice

# † MILESTONES – Sunday, April 6 – Saturday, April 12

# **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Carolyn Gordon	Apr. 9	Sylvia Guthrie	Apr. 9
Giselle Lavadores	Apr. 9	Heidi Lavadores	Apr. 9

# **BIRTHDAYS:**

Rose Cassetty	Apr. 6	Klara Schmidt	Apr. 8
Jeannette Krogh	Apr. 9	Victor R. Alvarado	Apr. 11
Karin Richardson	Apr. 11		

**WEDDINGS:** 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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