



*Are You the One who is to come,
or shall we look for another?*

Luke 7:20

Ascension Lutheran Church
"A Church for Families and a Family for Everyone"
December 12, 2021 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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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!

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 Lord's 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 Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's 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.)*

(P) = Pastor, (C) = Congregation, (A) = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “Are You the One?”

AS WE GATHER: The American folk song “I Wonder as I Wander” captures the Advent question asked by John the Baptist’s messengers in today’s Holy Gospel. “Are You the one,” they wondered, “or shall we look for another?” We live in a wandering world, constantly looking, seeking, and yearning for that one thing, that one idea, that one person, that one amount of money that unlocks the way to a life of flourishing. We ourselves, wandering as we sometimes do, at times have put our trust in people or things that cannot deliver what only Jesus can. Today we rejoice that amidst our wonderings and wanderings, Jesus is the one. He is the one by whom the blind saw, the lame walked, lepers were cleansed, demon-possessed people were freed, and the dead were raised. Jesus is the one who will restore all creation to its original perfection and who, when He comes again in glory, will restore all things forever.

PRELUDE
(11:00)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
Arr. S. Nelson/J. Schmidt/A. Van Der Beek
Barbara Greco, cellist

WELCOME

HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.

The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.

The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff’rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Zephaniah 3:14a, 15b; 16b–17, 20*

- P** Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart.
C **The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.**
- P** “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.
C **The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;**
- P** He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love;
C **He will exult over you with loud singing.**
- P** I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.
C **We worship You, O Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - *The candle of JOY*

This is the third Sunday in Advent. Today, we light three candles. The first Sunday, we lit the candle of hope. On the second Sunday, we lit the candle of peace. Today, we light the candle of joy. One thing that sometimes happens as we get ready to celebrate Jesus' birth is that we expect to be happy all the time. Joy is not the same as happiness.

True joy is found only in God, a gift from Him that helps us know that He loves and cares for us. Joy is remembering that God sent Jesus to redeem us and draw us to Him because of His great love for us. During Advent, we pray that we may remember again God's gift of Jesus to the world and know the joy that gift brings to all people. When we look at the third candle, we remember God's promise of joy. God promised to send a Savior to the people. Today, we will read from the Gospel of Luke. In the Scripture, we read that John was sent by God not to be the light, but to testify to the light. This reminds us that Jesus brings light to the world. And where there is light, there is joy and peace and assurance. When the world seems dark, scary, and frightening, we are reminded that Jesus brings light, and that brings joy.

(sung) "Light One Candle"

Light one candle for **hope**, One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!

Light one candle for **peace**, One bright candle for peace,
He brings peace to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!"

Light one candle for **joy**, One bright candle for joy,
He brings joy to ev'ry heart, He comes! He comes!"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 25:6-7

P Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God's new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

P We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have wandered from You. Our wonderings have at times turned into doubts that drew us away from You.

C **Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
C **according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!**

(sung)

(tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel)

Forgive us, Lord, for times when joy was lost,
And moments when we never thought to laugh,
For times when we obsess and despair
And all forget Your steadfast love and care.
Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins
And help us live in joy that never ends.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

You, Lord Jesus, caused the blind to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, the possessed to be free, the dead to be raised.

C **By Your death and resurrection, You promise to raise us to new life.**

P You are the One who alone can answer all our wonderings.

C **You alone are the Way to abundant life.**

P Fill us with the joy that comes from You alone

C **that our lives may radiate Your joy in this broken world;**

P 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 READING

Zephaniah 3:14–19 (ESV)

(God will gather His scattered people and restore them to Him.)

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; He has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God is in your midst, a Mighty One who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing. ¹⁸ I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

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

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4–7 (ESV)

(The Lord invites us to bring our worries to Him in prayer.)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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

(The lame walk, the blind see, and the poor hear good news.)

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

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John,
¹⁹ calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying,
 “Are You the One who is to come, or shall we look for another?”
²⁰ And when the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist
 has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the One who is to come, or shall
 we look for another?’” ²¹ In that hour He healed many people of
 diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind
 He bestowed sight. ²² And He answered them, “Go and tell John what
 you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk,
 lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the
 poor have good news preached to them. ²³ And blessed is the one
 who is not offended by Me.” ²⁴ When John’s messengers had gone,
 Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you
 go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?
²⁵ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing?
 Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury
 are in kings’ courts. ²⁶ What then did you go out to see? A prophet?
 Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is he of whom it is
 written, “Behold, I send My messenger before your face, who will
 prepare your way before you.” ²⁸ I tell you, among those born of
 women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the
 kingdom of God is greater than he.”

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

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness”

Praise the One Who breaks the darkness
 With a liberating light;
 Praise the One Who frees the prisoners
 Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One Who preached the gospel,
Healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One Who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle word;
Praise the One Who drove out demons
With a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the One Who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate,
Christ, Who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Praise the One redeeming glory,
Praise the One Who makes us one!

SERMON

"I WONDER"

Luke 7:18-35
Pastor Jim Sprenkle

WE SING OUR FAITH ~ THE CREED IN SONG

"In God The Father I Believe"

(tune: Kingsfold)

In God the Father I believe, Almighty Lord of all
Who made the heavens and the earth: His name be praised in awe.
And I believe in Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son;
Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Of virgin Mary born.

Who suffered when He stood condemned By Pontius Pilate's code;
Was crucified, was dead, As He Himself had long foretold.
Our Lord was buried in a tomb, Descended into hell,
But on the third day He arose Again on earth to dwell.

Ascending into heaven above He sits at God's right hand;
From there He shall return to judge The living and the dead.
In God the Spirit I believe, Who guides a holy church;
The universal body that Victorious shall emerge.

I do believe that all the saints Must now commune in love,
And that, redeemed by Jesus' blood, Our sins are pardoned us.
And at life's end, my body frail, Upraised from earthly strife,
Is resurrected and renewed In everlasting life!

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we ask that You look with compassion upon Your people wherever they suffer for the name of Jesus. Give them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, provide when they suffer loss, give courage when they are afraid, and strengthen them during persecution until You deliver them. Preserve them in the joyful hope that You will restore all that is lost with eternal rewards. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage all pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent, and firmly believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone, strengthen the bonds of marriage and equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace, and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your Son became flesh and healed the sick of all kinds of diseases and afflictions, demonstrating His power and giving us a foretaste of the resurrection on the Last Day. Have mercy upon all those in need of deliverance *especially*...heal them in Your time and according to Your will and preserve them in the confidence that You will deliver Your people from all afflictions at the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Love incarnate, You bless us richly in many ways, though we are undeserving. We give You thanks and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week... Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.**

(8:30 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 HYMNS

“O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us!

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace!
Amen.

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Lord God, for Christ's body and blood we give You thanks. Let the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive take deep root in our hearts and lives, that we rejoice in the Lord always; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:5–7; Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

HYMN

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a Child and yet a King;
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

DISMISSAL

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER 12, 2021

† CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

Everyone is invited to join us TODAY at 2:00pm in the narthex as we gather to share Christmas carols with our shut-ins. We hope that you can join us in this wonderful time of sharing the love of Jesus with those who cannot get out to enjoy the season. Our time ends with singing at Fairlawn at 4:00pm.

† NEW FLOWER CHART FOR 2022 IS POSTED!

SIGN-UP TO BEAUTIFY OUR WORSHIP! The new flower chart is posted in the hallway across from the mailboxes on the bulletin board.

† MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BILL RITCHIE

Bill's memorial will be at 1:00pm on December 18. All are welcome.

† MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CAROLYN ERDMANN

The Service for Carolyn is tentatively set for Friday, Dec. 17. Look for more details to come.

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Larry Hart	12/16	Sean Ritchie	12/17
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BIRTHDAYS

Israel Zuriaga	12/12	Jeff Latter	12/13
Colleen Cordes	12/16		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

John and Darlene Knoke Dec. 14, 1969

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Carolyn Erdmann, The Family of Bill Ritchie, The Family of Lyle Guericke, Bob Rekdahl, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Marty Blankenburg, Elaina Ritchie, Richard Robertson, Rich Zahursky, Alan Bauch, Leonard Murphy, Bruce Blubaum, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, Dec. 12 – Saturday, Dec. 18

Sunday, Dec. 12 <i>(Advent 3)</i>	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship Education Hour Worship with Communion Online Worship Posted
Tuesday Dec. 4	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 15 <i>(Midweek 3 Advent)</i>	11:00am 3:30pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	CareConnect Midweek Advent Service Midweek Advent Service Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Dec. 16	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 17	<i>Possible</i> 6:30pm 7:00pm	<i>Carolyn Erdmann Service</i> Noche Familiar-Family Night Confirmation
Saturday, Dec. 18	1:00pm	Bill Ritchie Memorial Service

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Dec. 19 – Saturday, Dec. 25

Sunday, Dec. 19 <i>(Advent 4)</i>	8:30am 9:45am 11:00am 6:00pm	Worship with Communion Education Hour Worship Online Worship Posted
Monday Dec. 20		Newsletter Items Due
Tuesday Dec. 21	6:00pm	No 3:10 Group
Wednesday, Dec. 22	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Dec. 23	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday, Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Worship

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests e-mail:
office@alcportland.org

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);
Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);

Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
 Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
 Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);
 Clayton Wright, Air Force – Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
 Colton Wright, Navy — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
 Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY – DEC. 12, ADVENT 3

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bruce Blubaum (WA)
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Marcus Young Needed	Matthias McInaney Eric Kreps Evan Kreps Johnnie Driessner
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	Richard Robertson
PowerPoint:	Michele Sprengle	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Bonnie Webber
Readers:	Travis Osgood	Bonnie Webber
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Wilma Aguilar
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE MIDWEEK, DECEMBER 15

	<u>3:30pm</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>
Elder:		
Ushers:		Bob Rekdahl
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	
Greeter:		Bonnie Webber
Reader:		Bonnie Webber
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie and Rebecca

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

	<u>8:30am</u>	<u>11:00am</u>
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Marcus Young Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Needed	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Morgan Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Michele Sprengle
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Esperanza Gutierrez	Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Morgan Berg
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie and Rebecca

ASSISTING CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 7:00PM

	<u>7:00pm</u>
Elder:	Needed
Usher:	Needed
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson
Greeter:	Bonnie Webber Michele Sprengle
Reader:	Andy Berg
Altar Circle:	Karen Zahursky and Karla Deal
Counters:	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

ASSISTING CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:00AM

	<u>7:00pm</u>
Elder:	Dan Parshall
Usher:	Needed
Audio/Visual:	Needed
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson
Greeter:	Bonnie Webber
Reader:	None Needed
Altar Circle:	Karen Zahursky and Karla Deal
Counters:	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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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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