

*“I am sure of this, that
He who began a good work in
you will bring it to completion
at the day of Jesus Christ.”*

Philippians 1:6



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, December 8, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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: “WE ARE GOD’S WORK OF ART”

AS WE GATHER: Mark Twain is sometimes attributed with the quote “Never put off till tomorrow what may be done the day after tomorrow just as well.” Though a humorous take on the problem of procrastination, there is a reality to the fact that we often are people who put things off until later, or even until it is too late. Thankfully, procrastinating is not an attribute of the one true God. As we focus on the Epistle from Philippians 1, we are reminded that the Lord always completes what He begins at His time. Even as we continue in our Advent season, we are assured that “when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law” (Galatians 4:4–5).

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Candle of PEACE

- P** We light our second Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** The second Advent candle has been known by a few different names, including the Bethlehem candle, the preparation candle, and the candle of peace. As we await the angelic proclamation of “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased,” we rejoice in the present reality of the peace Christ has assured in and through Him until perfect and eternal peace is ushered in upon His return. In this season, and until that day, we find comfort in His assurance: “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”
- C** **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

P Guided by the light of peace, we respond with the psalmist:
“There are many who say, ‘Who will show us some good? Lift up
the light of Your face upon us, O Lord!’

C **You have put more joy in my heart than they have when
their grain and wine abound.**

P In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

C **for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.”**

(Two candles are lit.)

Light A Candle For All To See

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson
Ascension Choir and Congregation

CANTOR Light a candle for all to see.

C **Light a candle for all to see.**

CANTOR The King shall come for you and me.

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CANTOR Prince of peace: Emmanuel.

C **Prince of peace: Emmanuel.**

CANTOR And with us He shall ever dwell.

C **And with us He shall ever dwell.
Emmanuel: God with us,
King of kings and Lord of lords!
Come fill our hearts with Your peace
and reign forevermore.**

P For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the
government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be
called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
the Prince of Peace.” *(Isaiah 9:6)*
He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, in
the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And His people
shall dwell secure, for He shall be great to the ends of the earth.
And He will be their peace. *(Micah 5:4-5)*

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4; Luke 3:5–6; Philippians 1:6

P Malachi prophesies about and John the Baptist fulfills the call of the one who would prepare the way for the Lord. John the Baptist would preach a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We, too, seek the forgiveness our Lord has promised, and our Savior gives us assurance as we come before Him in humble repentance. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and prepare again to receive Him who came in our flesh, comes through His Word and in His body and blood given and shed for us, and promises to come again, let us stand before Him in humble and contrite confession.

C We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by the things we have done and left undone, and we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

P We have not loved the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength,

C and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

P We justly deserve present and eternal punishment, but for the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray:

C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He who began a good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Prepare our hearts room, O Lord, to receive with peace and joy the Savior made flesh, that at Your time of completion we may be found with faith and trust remaining in You, with knowledge and all discernment, so that we may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God; 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.

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

Malachi 3:1-7a (ESV)

¹Behold, I send My messenger and He will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of His coming, and who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear Me, says the LORD of hosts. ⁶For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My statutes and have not kept them."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 1:2-11 (ESV)

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-14 (ESV)

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

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

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make His paths straight.

⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,

⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

I Thank The Lord For You (based on today's Epistle)

(tune: "Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed")

I thank the Lord for you, my friend,
And all that we have shared.
My life is so much richer now;
His love has placed you there.

The face and hands of Christ Himself
Seem human now and true.
I've grown to know and love Him more;
I've seen Him, friend, in you.

I pray that Christ will grow in me
And let my life express
The depths of love He feels for you
In patient tenderness.

Our Lord will draw our hearts to Him
Till love lights every face.
Then all our lives will join to sing
The beauty of His grace.

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SERMON
"PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER"

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Philippians 1:2-11

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.)

RITE OF RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

8:30am

Warren Thompson, Adult Confirmation
Larry Brooks, Affirmation of Faith

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the church, for the people of God, and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for gathering us together around Word and Sacrament, as You call, gather, and enlighten us through Your Spirit. Keep Your church united in truth, as Christ has completed His work for the sake of humanity as we await His return. As You continue to work in us and through us Your grace and mercy, empower us by Your Spirit to live holy lives according to Your will and to live as Your witnesses among our neighbors, coworkers, and community. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, be with all who bear Your Word, including those who serve as missionaries both near and far. Grant open ears and eager hearts to receive the good news of a Savior given, and forgiveness assured.

For all who face trials, persecution, and even death for confessing Your name, grant a steadfastness of faith even in the most dire times. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of mercy, for all who are sick, lonely, and in need of comfort, we lift them up to You...According to Your will, grant healing. According to Your promises, remain with them with the comfort and peace of Your presence in times of affliction. Be with doctors, nurses, and medical staff as they use the gifts and abilities given to them. Help us and others to serve as Your instruments that we may show compassion in times of need and speak words of hope in times of hopelessness. For all people, as we prepare to receive and rejoice in the Savior given and born for us, keep us prepared for the day of His coming again. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, thank you for the blessings You bestow and for the milestones celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

(tune: "How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds")

Our Father who in heaven art,
All hallowed be Thy name;
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done,
Throughout this earthly frame,

As cheerfully as 'tis by those
Who dwell with Thee on high;
Lord, let Thy bounty day by day
Our daily food supply;

As we forgive our enemies,
Thy pardon, Lord, we crave;
Into temptation lead us not,
But us from evil save;

For kingdom, pow'r and glory, all
Belong, O Lord, to Thee;
Thine from eternity they were,
And Thine shall ever be.

(8:30am 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

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

What Is This Bread

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread?
Christ's body risen from the dead:
 This bread we break,
 This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release.
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

- 2 What is this wine?
 The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
 The cup of grace
 Brings His embrace
 Of life and love until I sing!
 O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I,
 That I should live and He should die
 Under the rod?
 My God, my God,
 Why have You not forsaken me?
 O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here?
 Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
 In mouth and soul
 He makes us whole—
 Christ, truly present in this meal.
 O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me?
 I am forgiven and set free!
 I do believe
 That I receive
 His very body and His blood.
 O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.

**ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

- 2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
 Who ord'rest all things mightily;
 To us the path of knowledge show,
 And teach us in her ways to go. (refrain)

- 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud and majesty and awe. (refrain)
- 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
Free them from Satan's tyranny
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. (refrain)
- 5 O come, Thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery. (refrain)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln;
tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt., Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Psalm 136:1;

Philippians 1:6, adapt.

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** We thank and praise You for the work Christ has completed for our sake and for our forgiveness, received again through His body and blood given and shed for us. Continue to work in us and through us from the grace we have received from our lips to our being, that
C **He who has began a good work in us may bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. 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.)

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.
- 4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand
And make the fallen strong to stand;
Show us the glory of Thy face
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. Composite, Text: Public domain

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

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*Thanks to Lottie Guericke for the lovely Altar flowers, in memory
of her husband, Lyle, given to the glory of God.*

† FROM THE HUMAN CARE BOARD

We will fill Christmas stockings for the adults at my Father's House. Donations will be collected December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Thank you in advance for continuing to support My Father's House.

† LWML CHRISTMAS GATHERING

You are invited to join your LWML Sisters-in-Christ for a Christmas Gathering here in Ascension's Community Room this coming Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10am to noon. More information is posted on the LWML Bulletin Board and near your Church Mailboxes.

† OUTREACH HOT CHOCOLATE AND DONUTS!

On Saturday, Dec. 14 the Outreach Board will be handing out hot chocolate, donuts and invites to the holiday services in the parking lot to community members between 9:00 and 11:00am! For more information or to volunteer to help call or email Cindy Reinert.

† JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

All are welcome to join in our annual afternoon of Christmas caroling on Sunday, Dec. 22. We will gather in the church narthex around 12:30pm and will finish by 5:00pm. If you can only join us for a portion of that time, that's fine too! It will be helpful to know ahead of time who will be attending, so please call/text Brad Hall (503-201-2129) or leave him a note in mailbox 42. This event is always a meaningful and memorable opportunity to share the hope and joy of Jesus, the REASON for the SEASON!

† 2025 FLOWER CHART

The 2025 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you to choose your special day. Check out the new chart across from the mailboxes and pick your date early!

† CHRISTMAS CHORAL INVITATION

The Concordia Christmas Chorale goes on! Alumni and Friends of Concordia University in Portland will gather at 2 PM on Sunday, December 15 for a renewal of the Christmas Chorale which CUP held every year in December for over 60 years. You are welcome to come and listen and sing carols and hear anew the good news proclaimed by angels and heard by shepherds and wise men. The chorale will be held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church (next to the old CU campus) 6700 NE 29th Ave. Portland, OR 97211.

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., DEC 8, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Johnnie Driessner
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
Flowers:	Both Services: Lottie Guericke	
Counters:	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
Sunday School	9:45am: Hana and Gina – Lesson and craft	

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11, 2024

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Ushers:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	NONE NEEDED
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	NEEDED
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
Counters:	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., DEC 15, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Mike Adams John Aden	Paul Walter Marcus Young
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
Readers:	Karon Keup	John Hazen
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
Flowers:	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
Counters:	Both Services: Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson	
Sunday School	9:45am: Carrie and Michele – Vol. 8 Ep. 1	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 8 – SAT., DEC. 14

Sunday, Dec. 8	8:30am	Worship
ADVENT 2	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
Tuesday, Dec. 10	2:00pm	Women’s Monthly Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 11	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent 2 Midweek Early
	7:00pm	Advent 2 Midweek Late
Thursday, Dec. 12	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 13	5:30pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Dec. 14	9:00am	Outreach Hot Chocolate and Donuts

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 15 – SAT., DEC. 21

Sunday, Dec. 15	8:30am	Worship with Communion
ADVENT 3	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Tuesday, Dec. 17	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Dec. 18	1:00pm	Fill stockings-My Father’s House
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent 3 Midweek Early
	7:00pm	Advent 3 Midweek Late
Thursday, Dec. 19	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 20	5:30pm	Youth Event: Cookie Decorations

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Sue Lewis and her family, Barb Cochran and her family, Pastor Ruberto and his family, Carolyn Gordon, Mike Fogarty, Karla Deal, The family of Bob Rekdahl, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb and Carol Hoefer, 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)

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Did you know you can send the office your prayer request written exactly how you want, and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain? You may also just let the office know your request and Michele will word the request for you. Either one is fine. Please e-mail: office@alcpportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Dec. 8– Saturday, Dec. 14

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Evan Kreps	Dec. 8	Felix Harris	Dec. 9
Pr. Jim Sprengle	Dec. 9	Brad Hall	Dec. 12

BIRTHDAYS:

Cody Brown	Dec. 11	Sue Lewis	Dec. 11
Israel Zuriaga	Dec. 12	Jeff Latter	Dec. 13

WEDDINGS:

Angel and Wilma Mukul Dec. 9, 2000

John and Darlene Knoke Dec. 14, 1969

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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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