

When you
heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your salvation...



you were sealed with
the promised

Holy Spirit

Ephesians 1:13, ESV

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”
Sunday, January 4, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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 on the cup return table.*)

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. (*Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.*)

+ PREPARATION +

THEME: “A LISTENING HEART”

AS WE GATHER: What great faith Solomon must have had! He could have asked for so much but chose a listening heart. Even the phrase itself is difficult to translate, but the point is that it relies totally on what God will say and do. Mary and Joseph were likewise confounded when Jesus did what He needed to do by staying in the temple. Fortunately, the grace of God is overwhelming, beyond what we can understand. As Paul writes in the Epistle, we are only on the receiving end, as God has adopted us as fellow children with Jesus “according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:5–6). Are our hearts listening?

PRELUDE

WELCOME

“Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, Tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

Lord, prepare me To be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, Tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

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“Open Our Eyes”

Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, And say that we love Him.
Open our ears Lord, And help us to listen,
Open our eyes Lord, We want to see Jesus. **(Repeat)**

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 119:97-104

P Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

C **Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.**

P I have more understanding than all my teachers,

C **for Your testimonies are my meditation.**

P I understand more than the aged,

C **for I keep Your precepts.**

P I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep Your word.

C **I do not turn aside from Your just decrees, for You have taught me.**

P How sweet are Your words to my taste,

C **sweeter than honey to my mouth!**

P Through Your precepts I get understanding;

C **therefore I hate every false way.**

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. 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 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.

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ In Me”

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For He has said that He will bring me home.
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing. Grant that, with Your help, we may live holy and blameless lives as Your sons and daughters; 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.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 3:4-15 (ESV)

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, “Ask what I shall give you.” ⁶And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward You. And You have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give Your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern Your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this Your great people?” ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word.

Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14 (ESV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in Him. ¹¹In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The Child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon Him. ⁴¹Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing Him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for Him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for Him. ⁴⁶After three days they found Him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸And when His parents saw Him, they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us so? Behold, Your father and I have been searching for You in great distress.” ⁴⁹And He said to them, “Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father's house?” ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that He spoke to them. ⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And His mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED**“Within the Father’s House”**

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1 Within the Father's house
The Son has found His home,
And to His temple suddenly
The Lord of life has come.

2 The doctors of the Law
Gaze on the wondrous child
And marvel at His gracious words
Of wisdom undefiled.

- 3 Yet not to them is giv'n
The mighty truth to know,
To lift the earthly veil that hides
Incarnate God below.
- 4 The secret of the Lord
Escapes each human eye,
And faithful pond'ring hearts await
The full epiphany.
- 5 Lord, visit Thou our souls
And teach us by Thy grace
Each dim revealing of Thyself
With loving awe to trace

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**SERMON
“WISDOM FROM ON HIGH”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Ephesians 1:3-14

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.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Blessed be You, O God our Father, for in Your great wisdom, mercy, and love You have chosen us to be Your own children by faith in Christ. Grant to Your whole church Your light, love, and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give wisdom, O God, to all preachers of Your Word, to all pastors and leaders in Your church, wherever they may be, that they may rightly divide Your Word, proclaim it with power, and administer Your Holy Sacraments according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, Your own Son became incarnate for us and grew from childhood into maturity filled with wisdom, and Your favor was upon Him. Grant to parents and children the wisdom and courage to know You as Savior and Redeemer and to gather at Your calling around Your Word and table. Help us form within our children the knowledge of what is right and good according to Your Word, as well as the will to do it. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let Your Holy Spirit seek out and reveal Your salvation for those who hear and believe Your saving Gospel. Cast away all doubt and strengthen the faith of Your people everywhere. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give peace among the nations, O Lord, that Your Word may not be bound but be proclaimed freely and boldly to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bring Your healing and comfort to all who are sick or injured or in any need...Give confidence in suffering and thankful hearts for Your every blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We thank You for the good things of this life that we enjoy, and we pray for those who celebrate 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, O Father, Son, and 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, turn to page 15 for the Acclamation)

+ 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
on the cup return table.)*

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 +

“Agnus Dei”

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.

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

(tune: The Church’s One Foundation)

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.
- 2 My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.
- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.
- 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav’lly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmixed flow.

“O Living Bread from Heaven”, Text: Johann Rist, 1607–67; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt., Text: Public domain

- 1 Of the Father’s love begotten
 Ere the worlds began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega,
 He the source, the ending He,
 Of the things that are, that have been,
 And that future years shall see
 Evermore and evermore.
- 2 Oh, that birth forever blessedèd,
 When the virgin, full of grace,
 By the Holy Ghost conceiving,
 Bore the Savior of our race,
 And the babe, the world’s Redeemer,
 First revealed His sacred face
 Evermore and evermore.
- 3 This is He whom seers in old time
 Chanted of with one accord,
 Whom the voices of the prophets
 Promised in their faithful word.
 Now He shines, the long-expected;
 Let creation praise its Lord
 Evermore and evermore.
- 4 O ye heights of heav’n, adore Him;
 Angel hosts, His praises sing.
 Pow’rs, dominions, bow before Him
 And extol our God and King.
 Let no tongue on earth be silent,
 Ev’ry voice in concert ring
 Evermore and evermore.
- △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,
 And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
 Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
 And unending praises be,
 Honor, glory, and dominion,
 And eternal victory
 Evermore and evermore. Amen.

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”, Text: Aurelius Prudentius Clemens, 348–c. 413; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–77, Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your Son, the Word made flesh, we give You thanks for the pardon and peace we have received in this Sacrament. Accompany us now, ruling our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ACCLAMATION

P To us a Child is born, to us a son is given;

C **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

P And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,

C **Mighty God,**

P Everlasting Father,

C **Prince of Peace.**

P The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

C **And the favor of God was upon Him.**

P Sing to the LORD a new song,

C **for He has done marvelous things!**

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who sent His Son; our Lord Jesus, who became one of us to die for us; and the Holy Spirit, who has given us listening hearts to receive this gracious Good News—be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Chorus

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me. Shine on me. **(chorus)**

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DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

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† THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION

This 60-voice non-denominational choir will present its annual Christmas/Epiphany concert on Sunday, January 11 at 4:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church (2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, 97217). The concert is open to all. There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be collected.

† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT

Friday, January 9 at 6:30pm there will be a potluck dinner, music and board games. Bring one you like to play if you want!

† IRON MEN FELLOWSHIP

Real conversations. Real faith. Real brothers in Christ. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend! The next Iron Men will meet Saturday, January 24 at 8:00am in the Community Room.

† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CANCELED THIS MONTH

We will resume our Bible Study at 2:00pm on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, with lesson 4. See you then!

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Regan, Diane, Ed and Ingrid (friends and neighbors of Cynthia Jacobsen), Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, Marla Graber, Joann Schulz, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, The family of Jerry Bangs, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Fogarty, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
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 the Zeller's)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller's)

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Rich Bartell	Marcus Young
	Stan Chapulis	Don Brown
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Elizabeth Alvarado	Heather Gulde
	Margo Bachhuber	
Readers:	Peggy Hall	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
Sunday School:	Audrey and Carolyn – Unit 2, Lesson 6	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney
	Jim Eckart	John Aden
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Tom Osgood	Caleb Zeebuyth
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	Mark Wheeler
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Stan Chapulis and Lottie Guericke	
Sunday School:	Katherine and Cynthia – Unit 2, Lesson 3	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JAN. 4–SAT., JAN. 10, 2026

Sunday, Jan. 4	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	NO Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Jan. 5	1:00pm	Human Care Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan. 6	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 8	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Jan. 9	6:30pm	Youth and Family Night

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JAN. 11–SAT., JAN. 17, 2026

Sunday, Jan. 11	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
Monday, Jan. 12	1:00pm	Stewardship Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Jan. 13	2:00pm	NO Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, Jan 15	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

MILESTONES – Sunday, Jan. 4 through Sat., Jan. 10

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Jeff Latter	Jan. 5	Jerelyn Carlson	Jan. 8
Savannah Spencer	Jan. 8		

BIRTHDAYS:

Sheryl Maier	Jan. 5	Warren Thompson	Jan. 10
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Cody and Danielle Brown	Jan. 5, 2019
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Attendance

Sunday, Dec. 28	8:30am	42
	11:00am	58
New Year's Eve Dec. 31	<u>7:00pm</u>	??
TOTAL		??

GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

November General Fund Tithes	\$ 42,820.52
November Expenses	<u>\$ 32,231.03</u>
Difference	+ \$ 10,589.49
Year-to-Date General Fund Tithes	\$ 186,794.75
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses	<u>\$ 171,627.16</u>
Difference	+ \$ 15,167.59

DEDICATED OFFERINGS

November Dedicated Offerings	\$ 13,803.75
Year-to-Date Dedicated Offerings	\$ 41,947.37



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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

"Take part...Join Jesus on His mission."

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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