



REPENT
AND BE
BAPTIZED

LUKE 3:3

Ascension Lutheran Church

December 5, 2021 ~ Second 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!

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 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 comulgar 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: “Glad, Thrilling Repentance”

AS WE GATHER: Today, we hear once again of that thrilling voice of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, “The Savior is near! The kingdom of God is near! Repent, and live out your new life in Christ! Produce fruits worthy of repentance!” In many ways, we still live in the wilderness. Our nation continues to polarize, causing us to lose friends and feel as though we are alone in the world. Many of us walk through the wilderness of serious disease, job loss, or watching our children or grandchildren walk away from faith. There is also the self-created wilderness of our own sin—the damage we have done in relationships with others. But John’s thrilling words bring us hope. While we are powerless to make it through the wilderness ourselves, God is powerful and sees us through. By the gift of repentance in turning to Him in our desperation and pain, God restores a right relationship to us and then sets us free to bear fruit worthy of repentance. We are not stuck. God can change and restore us! A thrilling voice indeed!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN

“Prepare The Royal Highway”

Prepare the royal highway;
The King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory
Foretold in sacred story
Oh, blest is He that came In
God the Father's name!

God's people see Him coming:
Your own eternal King!
Palm branches strew before Him!
Spread garments shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you!
No more shall doubt assail you!
Oh, blest is He that came
In God the Father's name!

Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised King!
Your King, yet ev'ry nation
Its tribute too should bring.
All lands, bow down before Him!
All voices join in singing:
Oh, blest is He that came In
God the Father's name!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Malachi 3:1, 6; Luke 3:4;*
Philippians 1:6, adapt.

P The LORD says, “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

C We thank You, O Lord!

P The LORD says, “The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, He is coming.”

C **We adore You, O Lord!**

P The LORD says, “I the LORD do not change; therefore you are not consumed.”

C **We praise You, O Lord!**

P The LORD who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **We worship You, O Lord!**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love.

Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

C **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

P Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace.

C **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we rest.**

(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!”

P Let us pray.

O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Luke 3:6; Psalm 66:1–2

P In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility.

Silence for reflection.

P Heavenly Father,
C **we confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish. We have not treated others as we want to be treated. We have failed to walk in Your will. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?**

P As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, he said, “All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” God sent Jesus to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: 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. “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!”**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
You are in our midst, mighty to save.
C **You rejoice over us as our loving Father.**

P When we wonder if Jesus is truly the One,
C **You come to us in Your Word and refresh our souls.**

P When we wander from You,
C **You remain strong and never give up on us, coming to us again and again in Word and Sacrament.**

P Fill us with joy in You, that our lives radiate Your goodness to all the world;
C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 3:1–5 (ESV)

(God's messenger prepares the way for the day of the Lord.)

¹ "Behold, 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. ² But 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. ³ He 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, ⁴ Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵ "Then 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.

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

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:2–6 (ESV)

(Paul encourages that the Church be filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ.)

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-9 (ESV)

(John the Baptist Prepares the Way)

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

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

¹ In 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 Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As 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. ⁵ 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, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" ⁷ He 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? ⁸ Bear 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. ⁹ Even 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.”

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

PRAYER REQUESTS GATHERED BY AN ELDER

HYMN

“On Jordan’s Bank The Baptist’s Cry”

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!

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.

We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flow’rs that wither and decay.



All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent sets Thy people free.
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

SERMON

“WANDERING”

Luke 3:1-9
Pastor Jim Sprengle

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.)

(8:30)

Prepare the Way” Michael Barrett Ascension Choir

*Sing we now the promise! Christ is coming soon!
Sing we out in gladness! Christ is coming soon!
Make a joyful noise Lift high your heart and voice.
Sing we now Hosanna! Christ is coming soon!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Prepare ye the way.*

*Let every valley be exalted. Let every mighty mountain be brought low.
The crooked be made straight. The rugged places plain.
Let all the world prepare the way! Prepare the way!*

*Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Prepare ye the way, the way. Prepare ye the way!*

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.

O Lord, our God, You declared Israel to be Your people and brought them out of Egypt. You desired their salvation even when they would not listen to Your voice. Since You have called and gathered us also to be Your people, open our hearts to listen and gladly submit to Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, as prophesied by Isaiah who foretold the Christ. Remember those pastors whom You have called to proclaim Your Word today. Give them wisdom and courage as they admonish and absolve Your people by Your Word, that Your saints might be prepared for Christ's coming again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You gather Your people together in Christ and make them partakers of Your grace. Strengthen the faith of those You have gathered into this congregation, that their love may abound more and more with all knowledge and discernment. Lead us to approve what is excellent and be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, Your forerunner prepared the way for the One who is mightier than all: Your Son, Jesus. For His sake, we entrust to You those in need of healing, comfort and rescue *especially...* Have mercy upon them, deliver them according to Your will and strengthen them in faith, that they might be assured of Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for Your goodness and love, and we thank You for blessing our brothers and sisters with these gifts and milestones as we remember them in prayer...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.**

(11:00 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 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

(Latin for “Peace of the Lord”—the response is “Amen!” or “So be it!”)

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel;
While we are waiting come.

With power and glory, come;
With power and glory, come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel;
While we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come;
Come, Savior, quickly come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel;
While we are waiting, come.

“Emmanuel”

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.
(repeat)

“Jesus, Name Above All Names”

Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

Jesus, Loving Shepherd,
Vine of the branches, Son of God,
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Jesus, Way of salvation,
King of kings, Lord of lords,
The way, the truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator, My Savior and Friend.

Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, Glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

Lord God, we give You thanks for Your thrilling words of life and salvation, made real and tangible to us today in Christ's body and blood. As You have touched our lips and our hearts with the body and blood of Jesus, so let the words that come from our mouths speak Your message of restoration into this broken 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.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

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

HYMN

“Hark The Glad Sound!”

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And Heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Your beloved Name.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 5, 2021

† CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, December 12 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.

† LWML GET TOGETHER!

Who: ALL ladies in the Congregation are Invited to come.

When: Saturday, December 11 from 10am to 11:30-ish am.

Where Ascension Lutheran Church; Community Room.

What: Casual gathering for ALC ladies and friends!

Why: To fellowship with one another, share stories and find out how each of us is doing.

Bring your favorite cookie or other recipe to share (and maybe some samples too). We'll sing carols, get an update on our Mites, and maybe even make a few plans for the New Year! Bring a new Christmas Card with you if you have one. If you have questions or need a ride, Contact Mae Smith at 503-912-3373.

† 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. Choose a date you would like to bring flowers, and if it is for something special note that in the space! Simple as that. You will be contacted by the Altar Guild the week of your donation to get all the details!

† MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BILL RITCHIE

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

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------|-------|-------------------|------|
| Joshua Mundo | 12/6 | Evan Kreps | 12/8 |
| Felix Harris | 12/9 | Rev. Jim Sprengle | 12/9 |
| Miki Etzel | 12/11 | | |

BIRTHDAYS

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|-----------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Christian Mukul | 12/5 | Mike Fogarty | 12/9 |
| Ed Hubbard | 12/9 | Cody Brown | 12/11 |
| Sue Lewis | 12/11 | | |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Angel and Wilma Mukul Dec. 9, 2000

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Bill Ritchie, The Family of Lottie Guericke, Bob Rekdahl, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Karon Keup, 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.

† 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 - ADVENT 2

| | <u>8:30am</u> | <u>11:00am</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Elder: | Herb Hoefler | Bob Ritchie (WA) |
| Acolytes: | Whitney Latter | |
| Ushers: | Stan Chapulis Marcus Young | John Knoke Richard Robertson |
| Audio/Visual: | Michele Sprengle | John Hazen (sound) |
| PowerPoint: | Jenny Schuldheisz | John Hazen |
| Greeters: | Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado | Riki Neagle |
| Readers: | Rebecca Williamson | Virginia Jacobs |
| Altar Circle: | Both Services | Virginia Jacobs |
| Flowers: | Both Services | Virginia Jacobs |
| Counters: | Both Services | Dave and Jan Oswald |

ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

| | <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: | Teresa Osgood | Richard Robertson |
| PowerPoint: | Taylor Osgood | 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 |

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, Dec. 5 – Saturday, Dec. 11

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| Sunday, Dec. 5 | 8:30am | Worship with Communion |
| <i>(Advent 2)</i> | 9:45am | Education Hour |
| | 11:00am | Worship |
| | 6:00pm | Online Worship Posted |
| Tuesday Dec. 7 | 6:00pm | Elder Meeting |
| Wednesday, Dec. 8 | 3:30pm | Midweek Advent Service |
| <i>(Midweek 2 Advent)</i> | 7:00pm | Midweek Advent Service |
| | 7:00pm | Online Bible Study Posted |
| Thursday, Dec. 9 | 7:00pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Friday, Dec. 10 | 6:30pm | Noche Familiar-Family Night |
| | 7:00pm | Confirmation |
| Saturday, Dec. 11 | 10:00am | LWML Get-together |

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

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

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

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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