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Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

December 4, 2022

Second Sunday in Advent December 4, 2022

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 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: “The Kingdom of Peace Is Here and Now”

AS WE GATHER: In the opening verses of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, John greets the readers of his epistle in this singular way: “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come” (Revelation 1:4). John is confident that God’s grace is readily available for the readers of his letter who are scattered in many Christian gatherings across the area of Asia. And he is certain that the peace of God can reach to all of his readers in their very different and individual situations. The Advent season brings us the assurance that God’s plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God’s grace!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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.

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.



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

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SCRIPTURE *Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3*

- C** **A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

Women: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

Men: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

Women: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

Men: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.

- C** **A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE - *PEACE*

- P** In this second week of Advent, we take time to reflect on God’s peace that He supplies to us without end in Jesus. While it is true that Jesus came to put an end to sin and its penalty once and for all, His coming into the world has accomplished so much more than that! Jesus’ coming has given us peace with God that cannot be undone. And God has purposed from the beginning to restore us to Himself by His own plan and power. The prophecies of the Old Testament that are fulfilled in Christ’s coming give us confidence and peace that God is who He says He is and that God does what He says He will do.

And for those of us who are in Christ, our peace is doubly sure, because we not only have the peace of God with us right now, we have the peace that comes from knowing that nothing at all, not even death, can separate us from the love of God that is our in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“The King Shall Come To Bring Us Peace”

(tune: The King Shall Come)

The King shall come to bring us peace,
To straighten ev’ry path.
He comes to make our suff’ring cease,
To shield us from God’s wrath.

We light this candle to recall
The Baptist’s desert cry:
“Prepare the way, the Lord of all,
The Prince of Peace is nigh.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Matthew 3:2, 11; Romans 15:13*

P When John the Baptist was preparing people to meet the Messiah, he preached, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

C **We all should repent, for we have sinned against God in thought, word and deed.**

P John promised that the Messiah would “baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” It was the Spirit who worked faith in your hearts in Holy Baptism. Through the Word and Sacraments, our sins are forgiven, and we are given hope to amend our sinful lives and to look to our Lord’s return at the end of all things. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Paul writes, “May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.
Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us with Your presence. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a deep and abiding peace for all of our days. By the working of the Holy Spirit, lead us to share that joy we now know as Your gift. Keep us in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where 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

Isaiah 11:1–10 (ESV)

(A shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse.)

¹ There shall come forth a Shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of His waist, and faithfulness the belt of His loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of Him shall the nations inquire, and His resting place shall be glorious.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 15:4–13 (ESV)

(Paul points to Christ as the source of hope.)

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise You among the Gentiles, and sing to Your name." ¹⁰ And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people." ¹¹ And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol Him." ¹² And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even He who arises to rule the Gentiles; in Him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1–12 (ESV)

(John the Baptist preached in the wilderness.)

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

¹ In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’” ⁴ Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹ And do not presume 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN

“What Hope! An Eden Prophesied”

(tune: *The King Shall Come* – CONSOLATION)

What hope! An Eden prophesied Where tame live with the wild;
The lamb and lion side by side, Led by a little child!

A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, A branch from David's line,
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem: The fruit of God's design.

As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
That by His death a dying world Would rally to the cross.

Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, Lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword — Come, open heaven's door.

SERMON “THE KINGDOM OF PEACE” Isaiah 11:1–10
Pr. Jim Sprengle

CREED *The Second Article*

P In the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually)

(8:30)

“We Wait for Thee”

Victor C. Johnson

Ascension Choir

*Dark is the night and empty the sky
As the ground lies still and cold.
We pause in solemn anticipation
As we wait for the promise of old.*

*Come Thou Prince of Peace;
Come, great Lord of lords;
Come, and set Your people free.
Come, Desire of the nations, come.
With joy and hope we wait for Thee.*

*Revive our hearts and renew our minds,
Come, and bring us peace to endure.
Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God,
Emmanuel, God with us!*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Come, O Lord, among us, that as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O Lord, with Your presence on earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace. Come to our nation, that we find joy in that which is done through it by the leaders and by the people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O Lord, and walk beside us that Your love and blessing be evident in all that we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O Lord, and bring Your response to the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs and situations that are part of life, including... Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Come, O Lord, and receive our thanks for Your blessings of baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries and other gifts... 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.**

(11:00am 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

(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

“We Remember You”

In broken bread
And the cup that we share,
We remember You.
In broken bread
And the cup that we share,
We remember You.

We remember You Jesus,
We remember Your love for us,
We remember the blood You shed,
We remember You.

(repeat)

“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.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Grant that the body and blood of our Lord now within us keep us joy-filled and secure in Your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

C Amen.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

Based on Matthew 3:11; Romans 15:13; Isaiah 11:4, 6; Psalm 72:19

P I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming
C will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
C **so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.**

P With the breath of His lips He shall kill the wicked.
C **The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a little child shall lead them.**

P Blessed be His glorious name forever;
C **may the whole earth be filled with His glory!**

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

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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*Thank you to Virginia Jacobs for the lovely Altar flowers
in memory of her husband Wray.*

† CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, December 18 at 1:00pm 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.

† SING WITH THE CHOIR?

“Joy To The World, The Lord Is Come!” If you would like to sing with the choir in celebrating the birth of Jesus on Christmas Eve, please plan on attending rehearsals December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7:00pm.

† THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE BLESSES

Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:00pm we had our annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service. We were happy to receive 497 pounds of food to donate to our SnowCap food bank! We also received monetary donations for the Benevolence Fund. Thanks to all who gave!

† TRUMPET RECITAL!

Following the 3:30 Midweek Advent service on December 21, Karlee Wood (Granddaughter of Rich and Karen Zahursky, and trumpet student at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music), will present a trumpet recital at 5:00pm. All are invited to come and be inspired, then stay with us for the potluck dinner that follows at 6:00pm. The evening ends with another Midweek Advent service at 7:00pm.

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Mundo	Dec. 6	Evan Kreps	Dec. 8
Felix Harris	Dec. 9	James Sprengle	Dec. 9

BIRTHDAYS

Avi Ritchie	Dec. 4	Christian Mukul	Dec. 5
Mike Fogarty	Dec. 9	Ed Hubbard	Dec. 9

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Angel and Wilma Mukul	Dec. 9, 2000
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ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, DEC. 4

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Bob Rekdahl Stan Chapulis Jim Eckart NEEDED	Marcus Young NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	Michele Sprengle
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Andrew Interian
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle Carrie Graham
Readers:	Julie Williamson	Carlyn Staudt
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Virginia Jacobs
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald

ASSISTING IN SERVICE WED., DEC. 8

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	NEEDED	Marcus Young
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 11

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl	Erik Kreps Evan Kreps Matthias McInaney Johnnie Driessner
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	John Hazen
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Heather Gulde Sue Lewis	Bonnie Webber
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Bonnie Webber
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
Flowers:	Both Services	Wilma Aguilar
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 4-SAT., DEC. 10

Sunday, Dec. 4 ADVENT 2	8:30am	Worship w/ comm.
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday Dec. 6	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday Dec. 7	11:00am	CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent Worship 2
	6:00pm	Dinner - Soup Supper
	7:00pm	Advent Worship 2
Thursday, Dec. 8	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 9	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 11-SAT., DEC. 17

Sunday, Dec. 11 ADVENT 3	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ comm.
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday Dec. 13	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday Dec. 14	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent Worship 3
	6:00pm	Dinner – Mexican Fiesta
	7:00pm	Advent Worship 3
Thursday, Dec. 15	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 16	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

† ADOPT A STOCKING FOR MY FATHER'S HOUSE

We have adopted 6 men and 15 women to gift with filled stockings. If you wish to take on a person, just take the stocking from the Narthex, and fill it with the items needed! The items need to be returned to the church before Wed, Dec 21.

† INCLIMATE WEATHER POLICY

It is the season to remember our policy on canceling services due to weather. If a snow and ice day affects a scheduled service, always call the church office to listen to the updated message before driving to church that day. We will also update the website and send out a Constant Contact email, but for those without Internet access, call the church office.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Gina Kreps, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob's Brother), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, George and Carlee Metteer, Rev. Travis Leslie, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Alondra (a friend of Gina Kreps), Rich Zahursky, MaryLou May, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Andrew May, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid, The people of Ukraine, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *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 — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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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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