ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, December 7, 2025

THE 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: "ARE YOU READY?"

AS WE GATHER: Months ago, people warned us that Christmas was coming. Did it help? From the days of John the Baptist, we have been warned that the day is approaching for Christ to come again. Are we ready? The coming One is not only the familiar Lord whom we know and confess as Savior but also the eternal judge before whom every knee will bow. We do not get our house in order because we are expecting guests but because we expect to be received in our Father's house and to be found faithful. This is why we confess our sin and are absolved of those sins. This is why we prepare by hearing His Word and receiving His body and blood. This is why we pray and do the works of the light before the night comes when no one can work. We are getting ready for the day we know is coming when we shall stand before the Lord.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

"Prepare the Royal Highway" LSB 343

1 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:

Refrain **Hosanna to the Lord,**
For He fulfills God's Word!

2 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! **(refrain)**

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
It comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
And justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
For kindness so abounding: **(refrain)**

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SCRIPTURE Isaiah 40 and Psalm 105

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;

C **make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

P Seek the LORD and His strength;

C **seek His presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that He has done,

C **His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,**

P O offspring of Abraham, His servant,

C **children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 72:2, 4, alt.; Phil. 1:6

P May God judge His people with righteousness and justice.

C **May He defend the poor, deliver the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

Silence for self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

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.**

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

C **Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Candle of PEACE

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."

(The candles of HOPE and PEACE are lit.)

"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."

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, grant to us the wisdom of Your Spirit and the blessing of faithful voices, that they may call us to prepare for the coming One and so that all who have heard Your Word and have been baptized into Christ may be preserved from evil, be counted worthy in Christ to be delivered into Your eternal kingdom, and be kept to the day of His coming at the end of all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and to the end of the ages.

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)

[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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 15:8-13 (ESV)

8For 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, 9and 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."
10And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people."
11And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol Him."
12And again Isaiah says,
"The Root of Jesse will come,
even He who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in Him will the Gentiles hope."

13May 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.

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

LAMBS' LESSON Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12 (ESV)

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

1In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of
Judea, 2"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." 3For 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.'"

4Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around
his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5Then Jerusalem
and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to
him, 6and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing
their sins. 7But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees
coming for 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 with 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

"What Hope! An Eden Prophesied" LSB 342

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

2 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.

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

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

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SERMON Pr. Jim Sprengle
"YOU TOO!" Matthew 3:1-12

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.)

"Prepare the Way of the Lord" **(8:30)**
Music by William Rowan
Ascension Choir

Prepare, prepare the way of the Lord!
Prepare the way! Make straight His path.

Every valley shall be exalted, every hill made low;
And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all mankind shall see it, shall see it together.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For God's covenant people, that He would teach them to remember His wondrous works and to seek His strength and presence, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For courage to speak Christ to the nations and to teach those still in darkness and death about His gift of light and life; and that God would keep us from being ashamed of His Gospel or intimidated by the opinions of others, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For those who grow in the faith, that God's Word of encouragement and instruction in endurance would cause them to abound in hope, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For families, that they would faithfully fulfill their vocations to love and forgive one another, even as they grow in the fear, love and trust of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For civil authorities, that they would govern with justice and righteousness as leaders appointed by God to protect the innocent, punish the wicked and work for the common welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For those afflicted in body or mind, especially ... that they would receive the riches of God's grace, healing according to His will, and grace to carry them through the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For those celebrating the blessings of this life, may they rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for His goodness...May we live each day in thanksgiving and be content with what we have, giving thanks to the Lord, who is our all in all, let us pray to the Lord:

℃ **Lord, have mercy.**

℗ For all who commune this day, that their hearts would be stirred up to make ready the way of the Lord Jesus, who comes in His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P O Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us all things needful and keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation, that with confidence in Your will, we may say “amen” to our prayers and live in contentment and peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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, please turn to page 14 for closing 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.**

℗ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℃ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

℃ Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

"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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"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.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

P Thank You, heavenly Father, for what we have here received in Word and Sacrament as it blesses our hearts and lives. Keep the earthly preparations for a holiday from distracting us from being ready to receive Him on the day You have appointed, when all people shall stand before Him, our Savior and our Judge; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING ACCLAMATION

℗ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

ℂ **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

℗ Behold, your King is coming to you;

ℂ **righteous and having salvation.**

℗ Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

ℂ **From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

℗ Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight;

ℂ **all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

BENEDICTION

℗ 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.)

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry" LSB 344

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.

3 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.

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

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DISMISSAL

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

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Thank you to Wanda Cassetty for the lovely Altar flowers honoring Samantha and Joel Brannies' First Anniversary given to the glory of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS DEC. 7, 2025

† BEWARE OF DIGITAL IMPERSONATORS

Scammers sometimes pretend to be me or other members by using look-alike email addresses. Our church email addresses are publicly listed, which means anyone can send a message that appears legitimate. These impersonators often ask for gift cards, personal information, or copies of our directory. Please be cautious with any unexpected emails that sound urgent or unusual. If you ever receive a message that seems questionable, call Pr Jim directly to confirm.

† DECEMBER YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT

This month the youth and family will gather on Friday, Dec. 12 at 6:30pm. Youth and family include all individuals under 29. There will be a Christmas comfort food potluck and a white elephant gift exchange. Gifts under $10 please.

† NO WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON DECEMBER 9

We will resume our Bible Study on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2026, with lesson 4. See you then!

† YOU ARE INVITED TO THE SPRENGLE HOME

The Sprengle's invite everyone to a Christmas Open House on Monday, Dec. 15 from 3:00 to 7:00pm. Come when you can and stay as long as you like! *(Call the office for the address if you need it.)*

There will be homemade cookies and beverages to enjoy. If you'd like to bring cookies to share, please bring no more than a dozen and feel free to take a few of your favorites home with you! Let's share the Christmas spirit of love and joy with our Ascension family.

† FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AND DONUTS

The Outreach Board will sponsor a parking lot event on Saturday, Dec. 13 *(correction)*, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. If you can help, contact Cindy Reinert.

† CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR PASTOR AND STAFF

There is a small white envelope in your church mailbox labeled "Staff Gift." This annual tradition gives you an opportunity to express your appreciation to Pastor Jim and the staff of Ascension for their faithful service throughout the year. If you would like to participate, please place your gift in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or drop it in the offering mail slot by the office door before December 24. Be sure to use the provided envelope or clearly mark your contribution as "Staff Gift." Thanks for your Board of Elders

† CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR MY FATHER'S HOUSE

If you'd like to support this meaningful outreach, Board members will be collecting donations after both services on December 7, 14, and 21. You may also contribute by placing your gift in the offering plate or mailing it to the church—just be sure to clearly mark it "My Father's House Stockings."

† CHRISTMAS CAROLING TO SHUT-INS

Anyone who wants to participate will gather in the narthex Sunday, December 21 after 11:00am worship service, then proceed to various homes and care centers to share Christmas joy with our shut-ins. Our time ends when we gather to sing at Fairlawn at approximately 4:00pm.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, Joann Schulz, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, Jerry and Alma Bangs, *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mike Fogarty, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

† INTERESTING IN JOINING THE ALTAR GUILD?

We are seeking new members to join our Altar Guild—as a member, you will participate approximately one time per month in meaningful activities such as setting up communion, rotating the colors for paraments and banners, and decorating the altar to reflect calendar changes throughout the church year. We warmly invite you to become a part of our team. Interested? Contact Margo Bachhuber or Virginia Jacobs for details.

† 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)

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., DEC. 7, 2025

	8:30am	**11:00am**
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
Ushers:	Rich Bartell	Matthias McInaney
	John Aden	Neil Zeller
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber	Heather Gulde
	Elizabeth Alvarado	
Readers:	Rich Bartell	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
Flowers:	Both Services: Wilma Aguilar	
Counters:	Both Services: Stan Chapulis and Sandy Kirchner	
Sunday School:	Carrie and Michele	

SERVANTS ADVENT MIDWEEK WED., DEC. 10, 2025

	3:30pm	**7:00pm**
Elder:	**NEEDED**	John Hazen
Ushers:	**NEEDED**	Rich Bartell
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	
Greeters:	**NEEDED**	**NEEDED**
Altar Guild:	Margo Bachhuber	
Counters:	Stan Chapulis and Lottie Guericke	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Wyatt Brown
Ushers:	Jim Eckart	Matthias McInaney
	Stan Chapulis	Don Brown
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Tom Osgood	Caleb Zeebuyth
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	Riki Neagle
Readers:	JoAnn Schulz	Mark Wheeler
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
Flowers:	Both Services: Lottie Guericke	
Counters:	Both Services: Stan Chapulis and Lottie Gurticke	
Sunday School:	Carrie and Michele	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 7 – SAT., DEC. 13

Sunday, Dec. 7	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
Advent 2	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bells Meet for Concert
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
	7:00pm	C-101
Monday, Dec. 8	1:00pm	Stewardship Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Dec. 9	2:00pm	**NO** Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 10	3:30pm	Advent Midweek 2 Worship
	7:00pm	Advent Midweek 2 Worship
Thursday, Dec. 11	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 12	6:30pm	Youth and Family Potluck/Gifts
Saturday, Dec. 13	11:00am	Free Hot Chocolate and Donuts

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 14 – SAT., DEC. 20

Sunday, Dec. 14	8:30am	Worship
Advent 3	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
	7:00pm	C-101
Monday, Dec. 15	3-7:00pm	Sprengle Open House
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 17	3:30pm	Advent Midweek 3 Worship
	7:00pm	Advent Midweek 3 Worship
Thursday, Dec. 18	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

MILESTONES – Sunday, Dec. 7 through Sat., Dec. 13

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

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

BIRTHDAYS:

Don Farabee	Dec. 7	Mike Fogarty	Dec. 9
Cody Brown	Dec. 11	Sue Lewis	Dec. 11
Arlo Reinert	Dec. 12	Israel Zuriega	Dec. 12
Jeff Latter	Dec. 13		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Angel and Wilma Mukul Dec. 9, 2000

Attendance

Thanksgiving Eve Wednesday, Nov. 26	7:00pm	62
Sunday, Nov. 30	8:30am	44
	11:00am	55
Advent Midweek 1	3:30pm	
	7:00pm	

OFFERINGS

November General Fund Tithe	$ 42,820.52
November Expenses	$ 32,231.03
Difference	**+ $ 10,589.49**
Year-to-Date General Fund Tithe	$ 186,794.75
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses	$ 171,627.16
Difference	**+ $ 15,167.64**
*November **Dedicated** Fund Offering*	*$ 13,803.75*
*Year-to-Date **Dedicated** Fund Offering*	*$ 41,947.37*

Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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