



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Sunday, December 15, 2024

THIRD 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: “REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!”

AS WE GATHER: Are you feeling the joy? At this point in the month of December, studies show that many people are not feeling joy. Many people are feeling overwhelmed as they approach Christmas, feeling stressors that include not having enough money, missing loved ones, and anticipating family conflict. No matter how we come to our time of worship today, even if stressed, distracted, and frazzled, what great timing to hear what God speaks to us in this season and each day. From all our Readings today, we hear of joy! It is a joy not based on our own momentary perspectives of how things should go, but rather a joy from God’s eternal perspective for our sake and what has freely been done for us. As our Advent season continues, may our true joy be found in the one for whom we prepare—Christ, who was born for us and who is with us and for us and is today in our midst as He comes to us in the means of grace.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH John 1:5, 9; 15:10–11;
Psalm 100:1–5

- P** We light the third Advent candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh, and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P** The third, pink Advent candle has been known as the shepherd candle or the candle of joy. The third Sunday of Advent is known also as Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* in Latin means “rejoice,” as found in Philippians 4:4. We find our joy in Christ this season and always as we prepare to celebrate His birth. Jesus affirms the joy found only in Him as we remain connected to Him: “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

- C** The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.
- P** Guided by the light of joy, we respond with the psalmist: “Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!
- C** Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
- P** Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
- C** Give thanks to Him; bless His name!
- P** For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
- C** and His faithfulness to all generations.”

(Three Advent candles are lit.)

Light A Candle For All To See

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson

Ascension Choir and Congregation

CANTOR Light a candle for all to see.

C Light a candle for all to see.

CANTOR The King shall come for you and me.

C The King shall come for you and me.

CANTOR Boundless joy: Emmanuel.

C Boundless joy: Emmanuel.

CANTOR And with us He shall ever dwell.

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

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. (*Psalms 100:1-2*) In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all the people. Today, in the town of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord.” (*Luke 2:8-11*)

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**Emmanuel: God with us,
King of kings and Lord of lords!**

**Come fill our hearts
with Your joy and reign forevermore.**

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King of kings and Lord of lords!**

**Come fill our hearts
with Your joy and reign forevermore.**

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Philippians 4:4–7

P As we gather today to hear God’s Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, we come before Him as people who are broken by an imperfect world, burdened by sin, and bearing guilt for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. In the midst of our condition, the Word of God speaks to us. In today’s Epistle, we hear, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.”

C **We confess we do not rejoice in everything; instead, we let the weight of this world bring us down. Rather than seeing all good things from Your hand, at times we focus on that which does not give You glory nor bring lasting joy to our lives.**

P “Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand.”

C We confess we have at times been unreasonable in our relationships with others and in our relationship with You. Our witness to Your grace has faltered.

P “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

C We confess we have been anxious about our sin and our circumstances of life. Create in us a clean heart and renew in us a right spirit that we may abide in Your love and that Your joy may be in us, and our joy may be full.

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 the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Into the darkness, You bring light, and into our lives, You bring lasting joy. Fill us with Your Spirit that we may rightly prepare and welcome the Savior promised and born for us, that in Him, Your joy may be known, and our joy may be complete; 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

Zephaniah 3:14-20 (ESV)

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
He has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;

He will rejoice over you with gladness;

He will quiet you by His love;

He will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame

and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise

and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,

at the time when I gather you together;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes,” says the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:4-7 (ESV)

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:18-28 (ESV)

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the One who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the One who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour He healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind He bestowed sight. ²²And He answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by Me." ²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
who will prepare Your way before You.'

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

Peace, Peace, Peace

tune: "Still, Still, Still"

Peace, peace, peace -
The gift of Christ is peace.
We walk with God, our past forgiven.
All in Him is life and heaven.
Peace, peace, peace -
The gift of Christ is peace.

Hope, hope, hope -
The light of Christ is hope.
In all our darkness Christ is shining,
Leading upward, faith refining.
Hope, hope, hope -
The light of Christ is hope.

Love, love, love -
The heart of Christ is love.
On all who come He pours His presence,
Life and love in holy essence.
Love, love, love -
The heart of Christ is love.

Joy, joy, joy -
We praise You, Christ, with joy!
Our peace, our hope, our love and treasure,
Highest calling, deepest pleasure!
Joy, joy, joy -
We praise You, Christ, with joy!

Peace, Peace, Peace , Words by Ken Bible, Music: Traditional Austrian Melody; arr. by Ken Bible, © 2006 by LNWhymns.com. CCLI Song #4663940.

SERMON "REJOICE IN..."

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Philippians 4:4-7

CREED (sung)

(tune: Joyful, Joyful)

We believe in God the Father, Maker of the Universe,
And in Christ, His Son our Savior, come to us by virgin birth.
We believe He died to save us, bore our sins, was crucified;
Then He rose in victory, ascended to the Father's side.

Jesus, Jesus is our Savior, Jesus, Jesus is our Lord,
Jesus, name above all others, Son of God, the living Word.
We believe He sends His Spirit on His church with gifts of power;
God, His Word of truth affirming, sends us to the nations now.

He will come again in glory, judge the living and the dead,
Every knee shall bow before Him, then must every tongue confess:
Jesus, Jesus is our Savior, Jesus, Jesus is our Lord,
Jesus, name above all others, Son of God, the living Word.

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

Almighty God, as You once sent messengers before the face of Jesus to prepare His way, so strengthen and encourage pastors and church workers as they make known His saving name. Open the ears of all who hear to rejoice, repent and firmly believe in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You rescue the daughter of Zion from her enemies and take away the judgments against her. Look with compassion upon Your people wherever they suffer for the name of Jesus. Give them wisdom when they are pressured to compromise, provide for them when they suffer loss, give courage when they are afraid, and strengthen them in the midst of persecution until You deliver them. Preserve us in the joyful hope that You will restore all that is lost with what cannot be taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, Giver of all good gifts, look upon the households of Your people. Provide companionship for those who are alone. Strengthen the bonds of marriage. Equip parents to raise their children in love and faith. Grant that our homes may be places of joy, reasonableness, peace and prayer. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You command us not to be anxious, but in everything by prayer and thanksgiving to make our requests known to You. Give wisdom, health and success to the authorities who govern us and those newly elected. Give earthly peace in our time, even as Your Gospel gives eternally the peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P God of all joy, You bid us to be anxious about nothing, but by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving to make our requests known to You. Forgive our anxieties, and strengthen us to examine ourselves for whatever causes us to doubt Your mercy. Guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, and hear the prayers that we offer today. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, look with kindness on all people, especially those for whom we pray...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, thank You for all Your blessings, especially those celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, 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 the benediction.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

We believe in the real presence of the body and
blood of Christ in Holy Communion.

Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Feed Us Now

Feed us now, Bread of Life,
In this holy meal;
Let us know Your love anew,
We hunger for You.
Feed us now, Bread of Life,
Come and live within;
Let Your peace be ours today,
Lord Jesus, we pray.

Piece of bread, glass of wine,
Lord, this food is good!
Love and mercy come to us,
Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread, glass of wine,
Who can understand
How His mercy works in these?
Yet, Lord we believe.

God is here, O so near,
Nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go,
Lord, help us to grow.
God is here, O so near,
In this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You
On the Bread that is true.

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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

Psalm 136:1

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P** We thank You for the true body and blood shed for us for the forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith.
- C** Enable us to depart in peace and in joy to serve You and others to the glory of Your name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:4, 6-7

- P** Rejoice! . . . Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. The blessing of almighty God the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C** Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hark the Glad Sound

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- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To_enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

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† HOLIDAY YOUTH EVENT

Join us for holiday cheer, creativity, and connection!

- **What:** Cookie Decorating and White Elephant Gift Exchange (gifts \$10 or less)
- **Where:** Ascension Community Room
- **When:** Friday, December 20th, 6:30 PM
- **Who:** Ages 29 and under with families

† FROM THE HUMAN CARE BOARD

Donations for adult Christmas stockings at my Father's House will continue on December 15 and 22. Stockings will be filled on Wednesday, Dec 18 at 1:00pm if you would like to help. Thank you in advance for continuing to support My Father's House.

† JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

On Sunday, Dec. 22 we will gather in the church narthex around 12:30pm and plan to finish by 5:00pm. It will be helpful to know ahead of time who will be attending, please call/text Brad Hall (503-201-2129) or leave him a note in mailbox 42. Let's share the hope and joy of Jesus, the REASON for the SEASON!

† CHRISTMAS CHORAL INVITATION

The Concordia Christmas Chorale goes on! Today at 2:00pm Alumni and Friends of Concordia University in Portland will gather for a renewal of the Christmas Chorale. You are welcome to come, listen and sing carols to hear the good news proclaimed by angels and heard by shepherds and wise men. St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave. Portland, OR 97211.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Sue Lewis and her family, Barb Cochran and her family, Pastor Ruberto and his family, Carolyn Gordon, Mike Fogarty, Karla Deal, The family of Bob Rekdahl, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb and Carol Hoefer, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), *Barbara Schrader, *Larry Hart, *Mel and Lorraine Haggard. *Home Bound.

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

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

ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 2024

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
Ushers:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	NONE NEEDED
Greeters:	Millie Edwards	NEEDED
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., DEC 22, 2024

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Paul Walter Marcus Young Matthias McInaney
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Carrie Graham
Readers:	NEEDED	Julie Williamson
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
Flowers:	Both Services: NEEDED	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	

Sunday School 9:45am: Carrie and Michele – Christmas Lesson

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

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

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 22 – SAT., DEC. 28

Sunday, Dec. 22 ADVENT 4	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:30pm	Christmas Caroling
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship with comm.
Monday, Dec. 23		NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE
Tuesday, Dec. 24	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight
Wednesday, Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Worship
Thursday Dec. 26	6:00pm	NO Praise Team
	7:00pm	NO Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 27	5:30pm	NO Confirmation

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Dec. 15– Saturday, Dec. 21

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Larry Hart	Dec. 16	Sean Ritchie	Dec. 17
Linda Tatum	Dec. 21		

BIRTHDAYS:

Jerelyn Carlson	Dec. 16	Jerry Bangs	Dec. 21
Brandy Webber	Dec. 21		

WEDDINGS: None

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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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