

**“The house of the Lord shall  
be established as the highest  
of the mountains.”** *Isaiah 2:2*



**Ascension Lutheran Church**

*“A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone”*

November 27, 2022

## First Sunday in Advent November 27, 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 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: “Mountain View”

**AS WE GATHER:** Today you are in a most important waiting room—every church sanctuary or other holy space in which God’s people gather is, in its way, a waiting room. Together we are waiting for the greatest of all events—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the mountain of the house of the Lord, where two or three are gathered in His name. Here God dwells and is enthroned and reveals Himself to His people. Here we keep alert, joyfully anticipating the advent of our King.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

## HYMN

### “The Advent of Our King”

The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be;  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.

O Zion's Daughter, rise  
To meet thy lowly King,  
Nor let thy faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.

△  
All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever One  
Through all eternity.

## INVOCATION

**P** We begin this season of Advent, this time of worship, and recall our baptismal grace. In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** To the Father, King of peace,

**C** **grant us peace.**

**P** To the Son, who comes humbly as the King of Glory and Prince of Peace,

**C** **come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** To the Holy Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens, and gives to us the gift of faith to welcome our King,

**C** **grant us peace. Amen.**

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

*Psalms 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

**C** **Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.**

*Women: Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!*

**C** **Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

*Men: The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!*

**C** **You are my God, and I will give thanks to You; You are my God; I will extol You.**

**P** Behold, your King is coming to you; righteous and having salvation!

## **LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE - HOPE**

Like the prophets in the Old Testament, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (Isaiah 9:6-7). We anticipate our Savior's arrival. Also known as the "prophecy candle," this candle assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn't disappoint us (Romans 5:5).

Christians can often confuse the word hope for wishful thinking. If we hope something will happen, we have no control over whether or not it will take place. But the biblical sense of hope is very different. Hope, in the Bible, exists as a secure assurance, a trust placed in a trustworthy God. God has not failed us in the past, and therefore, if He claims He will do something in the future, we can have a hope that He will fulfill that claim.

Hope waits and endures. It can withstand fire, trials, and despair. Hope is an important thing. It helps us during significant trials or times of distress. It offers us security knowing that God is with us always, and, though we cannot see Him now, we will see Him face to face one day (Hebrews 11).

### **"The King Shall Come To Bring Us Hope"**

(tune: "The King Shall Come")

The King shall come to bring us hope  
To save us from despair.  
Descending from Mount Olive's slope  
Christ showed His humble care.

We light this candle to recall  
The praise our Lord is due.  
Our palms and loud hosannas fall  
To greet the one King, true.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and truly magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**C** **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 among us to bring the joy of Your salvation. Bid all shadows and darkness in our lives be gone that we may walk in the light of the Lord. Keep us faithful to the work that You have given us while it is day as we share the hope and the joy that we have within us as people of Your kingdom. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our bright and Morning Star.

**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 2:1–5 (ESV)

(Isaiah proclaims the peaceable kingdom of God.)

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup> and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE

### Romans 13:8-14 (ESV)

(Put on the Lord Jesus Christ as you await His coming.)

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36–44 (ESV)

(A call to faithful watchfulness)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup> “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER / LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

HYMN

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

Savior of the nations, come,  
Show Yourself the virgin's Son.  
Marvel, Heaven, wonder, earth,  
That our God chose such a birth.



No man's pow'r of mind or blood  
But the Spirit of our God  
Made the Word of God be flesh,  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child,  
Virgin pure and undefiled.  
In her virtues it was known  
God had made her heart His throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, becoming man,  
His heroic course began.

## **SERMON**

## **“THE CHURCH’S VIEW”**

**Isaiah 2:1–5**  
**Pr. Jim Sprengle**

## **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**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)*

(11:00)

## **“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 Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the Church, the community of God’s forgiven people, asking that God’s messengers continue to speak with power among us and that the Word may come to us today with its message of forgiveness and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God’s holy people, asking that we be enabled to gather for worship throughout the new Church Year with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us in this place. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** As a household of faith, we pray for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day need our prayers...that their prayers be answered and that they be supported by God’s people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas is sad or challenging in some way. Help us to reach out to them with compassion, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We praise You for the gifts of baptisms, birthdays and anniversaries this week... Thank You for blessing Your people, and may we never take for granted Your goodness and love. 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 Your Son, 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.**

(8:30am 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

#### “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, O come Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord'rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save;  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our Heav'nly home,  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

### **“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.

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your great love for us is beyond comprehension. We thank You for granting us peace, pardon, and comfort at Your blessed Table of grace. Strengthen us through what we have here received and keep us steadfast throughout our pilgrimage on earth, bringing us at last to Your eternal house in heaven. This we ask 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 *Psalm 24:7–8*

**P** Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
**C** that the King of glory may come in.

**P** Who is this King of glory?  
**C** The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

**P** As our Savior and King still comes to His people, let us go forth in peace and with the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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.

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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## † LWML NEWS

Praise God from Whom all Blessings flow! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated to our LWML Fundraiser. Our combined efforts and the generosity of our members and friends raised a total of \$757.50 for Mission Grants and mission efforts. We also acknowledge our craft and baked goods makers. If the generous amount of their donated hours and the cost of ingredients and crafting supplies were also counted, we're sure that total would be doubled. We are blessed by our church family and friends here at Ascension. Our LWML thanks you all for your support and prayers for our efforts and for our mission grant recipients.

Ladies, you're invited to our Christmas gathering at ALC on Dec. 3 from 10am to 12pm in the Community Room. There will be a white elephant gift exchange if you want to participate or purchase a \$5-ish gift to give. Bring your favorite cookie recipe and samples if you like. We'll sing some songs and have some time for fellowship and socializing. Bring a guest if you like.

## † 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.

## † WREATH THANK YOU

The Christmas Wreaths have come and gone and as always, this blessed Children's Mission was again a success. Thank you for participating in the worthy cause of supporting our own Children's Missions here at Ascension. Your help has provided an additional \$520 for this cause. I am extremely grateful to Stan Chapulis and Brandy Webber for standing in the wind with me (LOL) and joyfully helping those who came by for their purchases. Blessing to all, Bonnie



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2022**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	Dan Parshall
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl NEEDED	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman John Knoke
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Celia Kreps
<b>Readers:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 2022**

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

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., NOV. 27 – SAT., DEC. 3**

<b>Sunday, Nov. 27</b> <b>ADVENT 1</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ comm.
	4:00pm	Latino Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Wednesday Nov. 30</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent Worship 1
	6:00pm	Dinner – Italian Potluck
	7:00pm	Advent Worship 1
<b>Thursday, Dec. 1</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, Dec. 2</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, Dec 3</b>	10:00am	LWML Christmas

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 4- SAT., DEC. 10**

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

**† 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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## † **MILESTONES**

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### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Wyatt Brown	Nov. 25	Ava Wentela	Nov. 30
Natalie Wentela	Nov. 30	Dale Porath	Dec. 1
Becky Mora	Dec. 3		

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Dale Porath	Nov. 27	Lottie Guericke	Dec. 1
Felix Harris	Dec. 3	Emely Mukul Aguilar	Dec. 3

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Dave and Jan Oswald	Nov 29, 1975
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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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