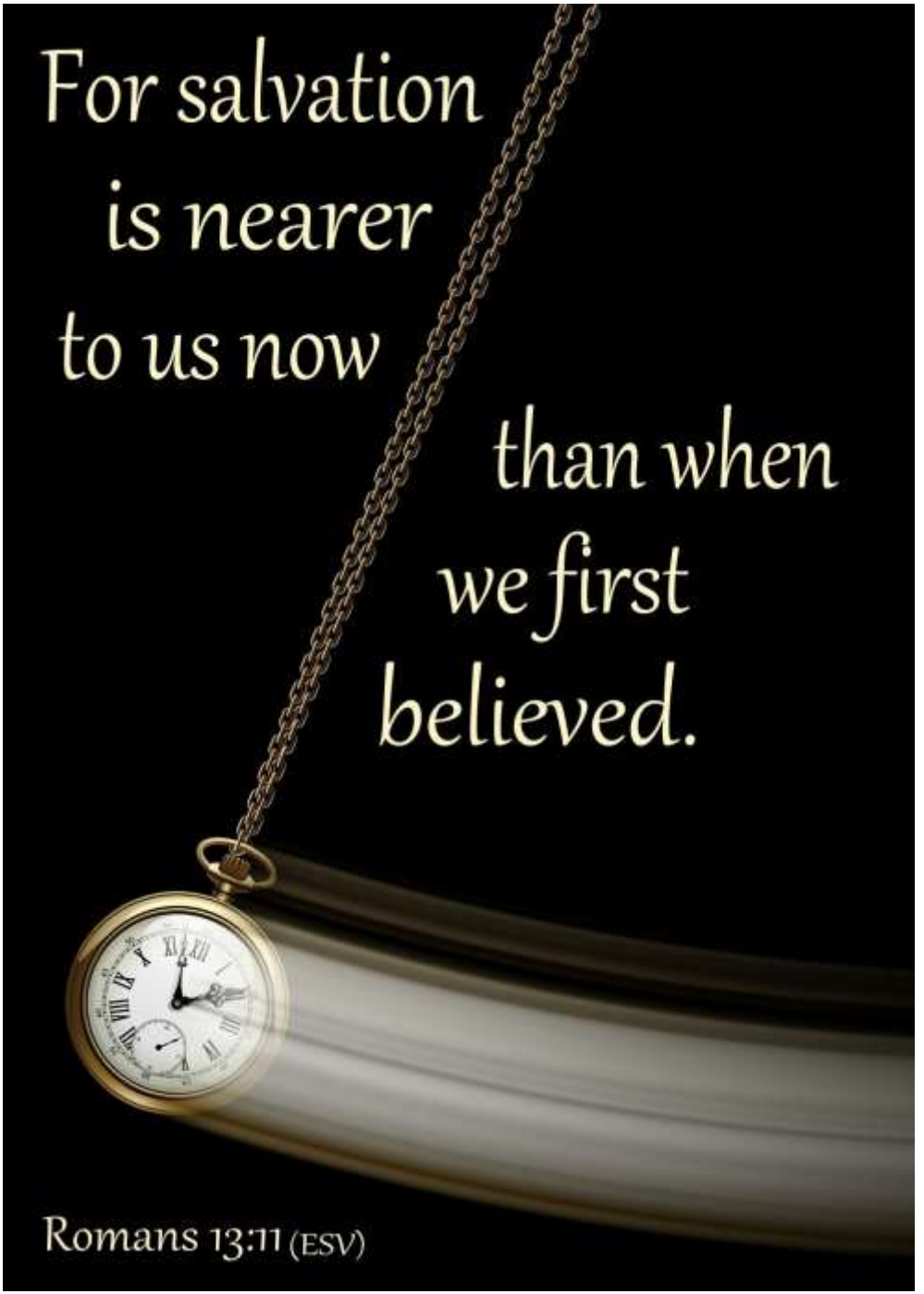

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, November 30, 2025

THE FIRST 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: "Who Is This Man?"

AS WE GATHER: Today is not only the First Sunday in Advent but also the commemoration of St. Andrew, whose day governs the start of Advent. In this way, Andrew continues to point to Christ as we begin a new Church Year. How odd it is, then, that the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent is the same as the Gospel for Palm Sunday! This reminds us that Jesus came for the cross and empty tomb, and this is the only Gospel that can save us from sin and death. In order to enjoy the fruits of His redeeming work, we must be able to answer "Who is this?" (Matthew 21:10). This question of the crowd also becomes a question for us as we enter into Advent and a new Church Year. We marvel at this man, also true God, who is born among us in flesh and blood, who suffers and dies to win salvation for us, and who will come in His glory to bring all things to their perfect consummation and bliss.

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
arr. R. Powell

"Wachet Auf" (Awake, The Voice Is Calling Us)
from *Cantata 140* by J.S. Bach

Phyllis Ernsberger, violin

WELCOME

"The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

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

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

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

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

"The Advent of Our King", Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. John Chandler, 1806–76, alt., Text: Public domain

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

OPENING SCRIPTURE Psalm 118; Zechariah 9

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;

C **You are my God; I will extol You.**

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Romans 13:12; Philippians 1:6

P The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

C **So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.**

Silence for self-examination.

℗ 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.

℗ 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.

℗ 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 CANDLE - THE CANDLE OF 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). Currently, where evil abounds and all seems lost, we can hope that the prophecies about Jesus' second arrival to earth will also be fulfilled.

Christians can often confuse the word hope for wishful thinking. If we hope something will happen, we have no control over the outcome. 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 sure hope that He will fulfill that claim. Hope waits and endures. It is not flimsy or merely wishful thinking. 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 that God will arrive, and though we cannot see Him now, we will see Him face to face one day (Hebrews 11).

(The first Advent candle is lit.)

"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.

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, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for 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 2:1-5 (ESV)

1 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and
Jerusalem.

2 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,
3 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 the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 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.
5 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 READING Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

11 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. 12 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. 13 Let us
walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in
sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.
14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON Pr. Jim Sprengle

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:1-11 (ESV)

℗ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

℃ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, [2]saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. [3]If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." [4]This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, [5]"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'" [6]The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. [7]They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. [8]Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. [9]And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" [10]And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" [11]And the crowds said, "This is the Prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

℗ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

℃ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

PRAYER/LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350

1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.

2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,
Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!

3 My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace,
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come", Text: Johann Gottfried Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt., Text: Public domain

SERMON Pr. Jim Sprengle
"THE HOUR HAS COME" Romans 13:11-14

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.)

"People, Look East"
based on a traditional French carol arr. R. Powell

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, to rescue us from the dangers of this dark world by the advent of Your Son, that we may ever walk in His light and learn the way of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, You have made us glad to enter into Your presence to hear the Good News of our Savior and to receive Your gifts. Preserve Your Church against all her enemies. Lead us to walk in Your ways and to follow Your path, that when Jesus returns in His glory we may welcome Him with glad hosannas. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord of love, visit our homes and defend us from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness. Clothe us with the armor of light. Preserve the single in holiness, and lead husbands and wives to love one another and raise their children in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

℗ Almighty Father, You are the authority to whom all temporal authorities must bow. Give wisdom and godly insight to our president; our governor; and all who make, administer or judge our laws. Grant peace among the nations, that swords may be beaten to plowshares and spears to pruning hooks. Lord, in Your mercy,

℃ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Merciful Lord, You have given us Your Son to bear the burdens of our sin and to grant us healing and hope. Hear us on behalf of those in great need, those afflicted with physical and mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth especially... Lord, in Your mercy,

℃ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Lord of all joy, thank You for the occasions of commemoration and celebration in our lives that show Your goodness. We give thanks today for...Lord, in Your mercy,

℃ **hear our prayer.**

℗ Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise You forever that You have sent Your Son to reign over us. You have given us a righteous and humble King who, through His death, has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore You, enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and by believing in Him, obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

℃ **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

℃ **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.

CLOSING SCRIPTURE

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

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

P Behold, your King is coming to you;

C **righteous and having salvation.**

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

BENEDICTION

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

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

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" LSB 340

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;
His chariot is humility,
His kingly crown is holiness,
His scepter, pity in distress.
The end of all our woe He brings;
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ the Savior raise
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates", Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt., Text: Public domain

DISMISSAL

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

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath - "The First Week of Advent/Candle of Hope" explanation by Hope Bolinger, www.Christianity.com.

Thank you to Sheryl Maier for the lovely Altar flowers honoring Cindy and Randy Vanyi's Anniversary with blessings on the coming year, given to the glory of God.

† 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. I never request help, gift cards, or sensitive information by email. If you ever receive a message that seems questionable, call me directly to confirm. Blessings, Pr Jim.

† LWML CHRISTMAS GATHERING

All Ladies are invited to join us for our Annual Christmas Gathering on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10:00am to 12:00pm in the ALC Community Room. * If you'd like to join the Gift Exchange, bring a wrapped item under $10 or a gently used White Elephant gift. We hope you'll join us!

† 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!

† 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.

† 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!

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.

† ADOPT-A-FAMILY ROOM READY TO BE FILLED

Our church partners with My Father's House sponsoring one family space providing many needed household items each time a new family moves into "our" space. Please see the list on the whiteboard in the Narthex, if you want to donate an item write your name next to the item.

† 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.

† JOIN THE ALTAR GUILD

We are seeking new members to join our Altar Guild—a dedicated group committed to serving our Lord by preparing the sanctuary for worship. 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.

By joining the Altar Guild, you will have the opportunity to joyfully serve both our congregation and the Lord, making a meaningful impact behind the scenes. We warmly invite you to become a part of our team. Interested? Contact Margo Bachhuber or Virginia Jacobs for details.

† CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR MY FATHER'S HOUSE

The Human Care Board is delighted to share the joy of Christmas with the families at My Father's House by providing stockings filled with thoughtful gifts.

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."

† 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.

† 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 Neil and Deb Zeller)
Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

MILESTONES – Sunday, Nov. 30 through Sat., Dec. 6

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Ava Wentela	Nov. 30	Becky Mora	Dec. 3
Joshua Mundo	Dec. 6	Claire Zeebuyth	Dec. 6

BIRTHDAYS:

Lottie Guericke	Dec. 1	Rick Wymore	Dec. 2
Felix Harris	Dec. 3	Emely Aguilar	Dec. 3
Avi Doucet, Ritchie	Dec. 4	Christian Mukul	Dec. 5
Bobbie Adams	Dec. 6		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Rick and Robin Wymore Dec. 2, 1978

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., NOV. 30, 2025

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Bruce Blubaum	Bob Ritchie
Ushers:	Duke Sheppard	Marcus Young
	Bryant Sheppard	Paul Walter
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Katherine Houk
Greeters:	Nancy Thomas	Carrie Graham
Readers:	Rich Bartell	Karon Keup
Altar Guild:	Both Services: Debbie Rekdahl	
Flowers:	Both Services: Sheryl Maier	
Counters:	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
Sunday School:	Hana and Gina	

SERVANTS ADVENT MIDWEEK WED., DEC. 3, 2025

	3:30pm	7:00pm
Elder:	**NEEDED**	John Hazen
Ushers:	**NEEDED**	Rich Bartell
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	
Greeters:	**NEEDED**	**NEEDED**
Altar Guild:	Debbie Rekdahl	
Counters:	Cindy Reinert and Sandy Kirchner	

ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, 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: Cindy Reinert and Sandy Kirchner	
Sunday School:	Carrie and Michele	

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., NOV. 30 – SAT., DEC. 6

Sunday, Nov. 30	8:30am	Worship
Advent 1	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
	7:00pm	C-101
Monday, Dec. 1	1:00pm	Human Care Board
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Dec. 2	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 3	3:30pm	Advent Midweek 1 Worship
	7:00pm	Advent Midweek 1 Worship
Thursday, Dec. 4	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

Saturday, Dec. 6	10:00am	LWML Christmas Gathering

EVENTS NEXT 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	**NO** Bell Practice
	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

Attendance Last Week

Sunday, Nov. 23	8:30am – 57
	11:00am – 80
	TOTAL = 137

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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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