



We were buried therefore with Him  
by baptism into death, in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead  
by the glory of the Father,  
we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, January 11, 2026

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**WELCOME** to our service today. We're so glad you're here. Whether you're a regular or visiting us for the first time, we extend a warm welcome to you. We pray that you feel God's presence and peace as we worship together. Please join us again anytime!

**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 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 on the cup return table.*)

**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. (*Hay jugo de uva para quienes no toman alcohol. Las hostias sin gluten están en la mesa de devolución de copas.*)

## **+ PREPARATION +**

### **THEME: “THE SPIRIT-MARKED SERVANT”**

**AS WE GATHER:** All people are descendants of the first man, Adam. After the worldwide flood of God’s judgment of sin, Noah and his sons became the progenitors of all mankind. It was of the lineage of Shem (Genesis 11) that the man Abram was born. The descendants of Abram/Abraham were named Hebrews or Jews, after Judah, one of Jacob’s sons; this naming pertained to all of Israel after the Babylonian exile. To this day, they are referred to as God’s “chosen people” after the words of Moses: “For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth” (Deuteronomy 7:6). They were chosen to be the lineage of the Messiah, the deliverer, the Christ. Faithful to His promise, God took on flesh “of the house and lineage of David” (Luke 2:4) as the incarnate Son of God and Son of Mary of Nazareth.

Today we hear that divine promise in Isaiah 42, identifying Jesus as God’s chosen servant. From the beginning, however, we are told He is not only to be King of the Jews alone but a light to lighten the Gentiles also. The great news is that He is the Savior of and for all people, the descendants not only of Abraham but also of Adam and Noah! By repentance of sin and faith in Christ, worked by the same Spirit that marked Jesus as the chosen one at His Baptism, now all who are baptized into Christ—Jew or Gentile—are the chosen people of God. Praising and thanking God for calling and saving us, we echo the Gospel to all people in the words of the Psalm: “Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!” (Psalm 117:1).

### **PRELUDE**

## WELCOME

**“Father Welcomes”**

LSB 605

**Refrain      Father welcomes all His children  
                  To His fam'ly through His Son.  
                  Father giving His salvation,  
                  Life forever has been won.**

- 1 Little children, come to Me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. **(refrain)**
- 2 In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe  
Shall be born again. **(refrain)**
- 3 Let us daily die to sin;  
Let us daily rise with Him,  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,  
Live in the peace of God. **(refrain)**

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## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

Psalm 43:4; Psalm 117

**P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

**C** For great is His steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

## CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Jesus Christ is God's chosen One, who came into the world to call everyone to salvation from sin and death and who makes all who are baptized in His name to be the chosen sons and daughters of God. Marked by the sacred waters of Holy Baptism, let us receive God's assurance and promise of forgiveness.

**C** **Almighty God, our dear Father in heaven, we often sin against You in thought, word, and deed. In Holy Baptism You have marked us with the sign of the holy cross upon our foreheads and upon our hearts to mark us as people of Your choosing to be redeemed by Christ the crucified. Open our eyes to Your light of freedom and forgiveness and to Your calling of us to be Your own chosen people of Your eternal kingdom.**

**P** Upon this your confession, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit, has forgiven you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His command and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the  $\ddagger$  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.

Almighty God, this day we rejoice in the anointing of the Son of God at His Baptism in the Jordan River to be Your chosen deliverer, Your Spirit-marked servant. Grant that the light of Your salvation through Him enlighten all people today, calling everyone through the waters of Holy Baptism to be Your chosen people for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, 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

Isaiah 42:1-9 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>Behold My servant, whom I uphold,  
    My chosen, in whom My soul delights;  
I have put My Spirit upon Him;  
    He will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed He will not break,  
    and a faintly burning wick He will not quench;  
    He will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
    till He has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for His law.

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
    who gives breath to the people on it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called You in righteousness;  
    I will take You by the hand and keep You;

I will give You as a covenant for the people,  
    a Light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
    to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is My name;  
    My glory I give to no other,  
    nor My praise to carved idols.

<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
    I tell you of them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately He went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

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

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

## PRAYERS AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”

LSB 405

- 1 To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’ly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.
- 2 The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father’s will  
And all His righteousness fulfill.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’ly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God’s throne with thund’rous sound  
Came God’s own voice with words profound:  
“This is My Son,” was His decree,  
“The one I love, who pleases Me.”
- 5 The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall  
To save the world and free us all.

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### SERMON “CLAIMED FOR GOOD”

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
Romans 6:1-11

### CREED – The Third Article

¶ Today we confess the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther’s Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit through Baptism.

**C** 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.

**P** As the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, we ask, “How can the water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?”

**C** Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

## 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.)*

**“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”**

LSB 404 (11:00)

Ascension Choir

- 1 *Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Had no blemish of His own;  
In the waters of the Jordan  
His true worth and work were shown:  
Heaven opened and the Spirit  
There descended like a dove,  
As the Father’s voice resounded,  
“Hear My Son, the One I love.”*
- 2 *John confessed Him as the Savior—  
“Look, the sinless Lamb of God!”  
Yet he dared not loose the sandals  
Of the One God’s love had shod.  
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,  
Bringing news of peace to us,*

*Christ, the herald of salvation,  
Preaching mercy from the cross:*

- 3 *This the baptism that our Savior  
Greatly longed to undergo;  
This the crimson cleansing needed  
So the world God's love might know;  
This the mission of Messiah  
As He stepped from Jordan's stream,  
He, the chosen and anointed  
Son of God, sent to redeem.*
- 4 *Jesus, once with sinners numbered,  
Full obedience was Your path;  
You, by death, have consecrated  
Water in this saving bath:  
Dying to the sin of Adam,  
Rising to a life of grace;  
We are counted with the righteous,  
Over us the cross You trace.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** All glory and praise to You, O God, for You have created all mankind in Your image to live in Your love and fellowship forever in Your eternal kingdom. By Your design, You have defeated the devil and the power of sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. He became Your chosen one in His Baptism in the waters of the Jordan River and by Your Holy Spirit, in order that all who are baptized in His name and by the same Spirit may be restored to newness of life as Your chosen sons and daughters. Help us to extend the same invitation of Your mercy and grace to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Grant that Your church be guided in true faith and worship by faithful pastors and shepherds of Your flock, that we may sing Your praises joyfully now and in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Help us to live with integrity as people of Your own possession, guarding us from all evil and leading us safely in the ways of Your good and gracious will. Give to all in the authority of government a desire for good order to the promotion of freedom and faithfulness to the ways of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** To all who are yet enslaved by the darkness of sin and separation from You, cause the light of Your salvation to break forth that many may hear of Your deliverance and the hope of life and love by faith in the Savior and be drawn by the Spirit to Your covenant of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Grant healing and relief to all who are sick, homebound, or in any need or distress...May they be strengthened by the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Thank You, Lord, for Your goodness in giving us life, relationships and other joys to celebrate. We give thanks today for...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.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (sung)**

(tune: Immortal, Invisible)

Our Father in Heaven, we hallow Thy name;  
May Thy kingdom holy on earth be the same;  
O give to us daily our portion of bread;  
It is from Thy bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions, and teach us to know  
That humble compassion which pardons each foe;  
Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin,  
And Thine be the glory, forever! Amen!

**(8:30am service, 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  
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.

**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**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

**“Eat This Bread”**

LSB 638

**Refrain** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

- 1 This is His body given for you;  
this is His blood that was shed for you. **(refrain)**
- 2 As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you show His death until He comes again. **(refrain)**

- 3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood,  
and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day. **(refrain)**
- 4 Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **(refrain)**
- 5 If we believe and eat this bread,  
we will have eternal life. **(refrain)**

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### **"Beautiful Savior"** (Contemporary)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,  
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails;  
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
Of death defeated and life without end. **(chorus)**

**(Chorus)**  
**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,**  
**Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,**  
**You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.**  
**Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,**  
**You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion**  
**And You reign, You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
Where countless worshippers will share one song,  
And cries of 'worthy' will honor the Lamb! **(chorus)**

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## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who anointed Your only-begotten Son to be the chosen Redeemer of all mankind, we give You thanks for choosing us in Him to share in the fellowship of believers in this Sacrament. Move us to shine the light of His grace in our lives that all people hear Your invitation of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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.)

### “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain**    **In Him there is no darkness at all.**  
                 **The night and the day are both alike.**  
                 **The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**  
                 **Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. **(refrain)**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **(refrain)**

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## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **JAN. 11, 2026**

### **† WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY CANCELED THIS MONTH**

We will resume our Bible Study at 2:00pm on Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026, with lesson 4. See you then!

## **† THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION**

This 60-voice non-denominational choir will present its annual Christmas/Epiphany concert today, at 4:00pm at Peace Lutheran Church (2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, 97217). The concert is open to all. There is no admission charge; a free will offering will be collected.

## **† THANK YOU FROM CARRIE GRAHAM**

Ascension Family, I want to Thank each one of you for the Christmas Gift. It warms my heart and soul to know that you wanted to share with me. Many Blessings and Good Health for each one of you in 2026. Know it was so Appreciated. Love, Carrie Graham

## **† YOUTH AND FAMILY NIGHT**

We will meet again on Friday, January 23 at 6:30pm. There will be crafts and snacks.

## **† IRON MEN FELLOWSHIP**

Real conversations. Real faith. Real brothers in Christ. We hope you'll join us and invite a friend! The next Iron Men will meet Saturday, January 24 at 8:00am in the Community Room.

## **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Regan, Diane, Ed and Ingrid (friends and neighbors of Cynthia Jacobsen), Barbara Lewis, Carlyn Staudt, Marla Gruber, Joann Schulz, Chenery Whittier's son (Aaryan), Heather Gulde, Riki Neagle, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Mae Smith, The family of Jerry 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 the Zeller's)

Kyle Zeller, Army – Deployed to Poland (grandson of the Zeller's)

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JAN. 11, 2026**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Matthias McInaney
	Jim Eckart	John Aden
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Tom Osgood	Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>Greeters:</b>	Millie Edwards	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Carlyn Staudt	Mark Wheeler
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Margo Bachhuber	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: <b>NEEDED</b>	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Stan Chapulis and Lottie Guericke	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Katherine and Cynthia – Unit 2, Lesson 3	

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## **ASSISTING NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
<b>Ushers:</b>	Duke Sheppard	Bob Freeman
	Bryant Sheppard	James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Esperanza Gutierrez
		Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Caleb Zeebuyth
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Sheryl Maier	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Carrie and <b>NEEDED</b> – Unit 2, Lesson 4	

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## **EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JAN. 11–SAT., JAN. 17, 2026**

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<b>Sunday, Jan. 11</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	<b>NO</b> Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Jan. 12</b>	1:00pm	Stewardship Board Meeting
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 13</b>	2:00pm	<b>NO</b> Women's Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday, Jan. 15</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice

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## EVENTS NEXT WEEK-SUN., JAN. 18-SAT., JAN. 24, 2026

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<b>Sunday, Jan. 18</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Monday, Jan. 19</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Thursday, Jan. 22</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, Jan. 24</b>	8:00am	Iron Men Bible Study

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## MILESTONES – Sunday, Jan. 11 through Sat., Jan. 17

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Kayla Driessner Jan. 15

### BIRTHDAYS:

Gina Kreps Jan. 14 Virginia Hunt Jan. 17

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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## ATTENDANCE

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Sunday, Jan 4.	8:30am	56
	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>66</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>122</b>

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## GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS

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December General Fund Tithes	\$ 39,710.31
December Expenses	\$ 50,300.79
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (-10,590.48)</b>
Year-to-Date General Fund Tithes *	\$ 189,716.06
Year-to-Date General Fund Expenses	\$ 221,150.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ (- 31,433.94)</b>

\*Total Corrected from November totals



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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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