



...Behold, the heavens were  
opened to Him and He saw  
the Spirit of God  
descending like a dove...

Matthew 3:16, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church and School  
*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

January 08, 2023

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 08, 2023

**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: “The Great Exchange Begins”

**AS WE GATHER:** The Baptism John proclaimed was for repentance, that people might be ready to receive the Messiah. When our Lord asked to be baptized, though, He had nothing of which to repent. In gracious obedience, He was baptized to begin this wonderful exchange with sinners, fulfilling the Law in our place and taking upon Himself God’s judgment against sin. His ministry would fulfill the words Isaiah penned centuries earlier. Indeed, the Father was pleased with His servant Son that day but forsook Him on the cross as He took our sins with Him. As Paul writes in the Epistle, that great sacrifice ensures that we are able, now and forever, to be “alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11).

### PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### HYMN            “Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”

Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your seed, your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
I have your Spirit now within.

My loving Father, here you take me  
Henceforth to be your child and heir;  
My faithful Savior, here you make me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share;  
O Holy Spirit comfort me  
Though threat'ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, you fail me never:  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.

## INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

**P** With these words you are baptized into Christ and given the new birth of water and the Spirit.

**C** So shall we stand in faith without fear now and forever.

## OPENING SCRIPTURE

*Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17*

- P** We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death,  
**C** **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.**
- P** This is My beloved Son,  
**C** **with whom I am well pleased.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Romans 6:3, 10*

- P** Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living.  
The Father put His Spirit upon His Servant.
- C** **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**
- P** Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

## SALUTATION

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, although He had nothing of which to repent, Jesus was baptized “to fulfill all righteousness.” Grant us Your Holy Spirit and faith to trust that Your Son was taking our place and that Your pleasure in His obedience means eternal life for us and all who are baptized in His name; 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)

(God delights in His Servant.)

<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.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

## Romans 6:1–11 (ESV)

(Buried and raised with Christ in Baptism,  
we walk in newness of life.)

<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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 3:13–17 (ESV)**

(The Father proclaims Jesus His beloved Son.)

**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.**

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

### HYMN

**“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”**

(tune: Christ, the Life of All The Living)

God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood!



Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
 I am baptized into Christ!  
 When I die, I leave all sadness  
 To inherit paradise!  
 Though I lie in dust and ashes  
 Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
 Baptism has the strength divine  
 To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing  
 To this lifelong comfort sure!  
 Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
 Even there I'll sleep secure.  
 Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
 Still my soul continues praising:  
 I am baptized into Christ;  
 I'm a child of paradise!

**SERMON                    “THE GREAT EXCHANGE”                    Matthew 3:13–17**  
**Pr. Jim Sprengle**

**LUTHER'S CATECHISM                    *Baptism, First and Fourth***

- P** What is Baptism?
- C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**
- P** Which is that word of God?
- C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**
- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
- C** **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**P**

Where is this written?

**C**

**St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”**

## **BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE & CREED**

**P**

Do you renounce the devil?

**C**

**Yes, I renounce him.**

**P**

Do you renounce all his works?

**C**

**Yes, I renounce them.**

**P**

Do you renounce all his ways?

**C**

**Yes, I renounce them.**

**P**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C**

**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C**

**Yes, I believe 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.**

**P**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C**

**Yes, 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.**

## 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 Were Baptized In Christ Jesus”**

John Ylvisaker  
**Ascension Choir**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Romans 6:11; Isaiah 42:6; Psalm 29:11*

**P** Because of our Baptism we “must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Let us therefore boldly go to our heavenly Father in prayer for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all the baptized in the Body of Christ, given “as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,” that they would be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to respond as His chosen servants with faith-filled thoughts, words, and deeds in both their private and public lives, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Church here and around the world, that we not feel unworthy in our service, as did John the Baptist, but may spread the news of God’s proclaimed favor in Christ and that those who make, administer, and judge the laws of all the nations would order society in peace and justice so that the Church may flourish, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who, like bruised reeds or faintly burning wicks, cry out to God for compassion, strength, and healing. Today we pray for...that God would not let them grow faint or discouraged but would visit and relieve them according to His gracious will, using us whenever possible to bring renewal of life and joy, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those celebrating baptisms, birthdays, and anniversaries this week including...we give You thanks, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- 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.**

(8:30 service, please turn to page 15 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 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

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

## DISTRIBUTION SONGS

### “Come Share The Lord”

We gather here in Jesus' name,  
His love is burning in our hearts  
Like living flame.  
For through the loving Son,  
The Father makes us one.  
Come take the bread,  
Come drink the wine,  
Come share the Lord.

He joins us here,  
He breaks the bread.  
The Lord Who pours the cup  
Is risen from the dead.  
The One we love the most  
Is now our gracious host.  
Come take the bread,  
Come drink the wine,  
Come share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,  
We'll see the glory of our Lord  
And coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.  
Come take the bread,  
Come drink the wine,  
Come share the Lord.

## **“Father Welcomes”**

**(Chorus)**

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

Little children, come to me,  
For My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give,  
Mercy for your sin. **(chorus)**

In the water, in the Word,  
In His promise, be assured.  
Those who are baptized and believe,  
Shall be born again. **(chorus)**

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. **(chorus)**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray.

All who are baptized into Christ, dear Father, You have made partakers in the very body and blood with which Your Son has redeemed us, taking away our sins. Keep us, Your sons and daughters, firm in faith and constant in love; 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

- 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

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

## HYMN

### **“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”**

To Jordan’s river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow’r, and might.

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.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,  
Descended on Him from above.

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.

## DISMISSAL

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

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS JANUARY 8, 2022

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## † 2023 FLOWER CHART

The 2023 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you to sign up for your special day. Check out what is left and get your date early!

## SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 12

Human Care is collecting soups, chili and socks for SnowCap. Please bring your items to church by February 12.

## VOTERS ASSEMBLY JAN. 22

After late service

## UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday Jan. 10 to Wednesday Jan. 18. The office schedule is as follows, if you have any needs, please call during these hours:

Tuesday, Jan. 10 – Closed

Wednesday, Jan. 11 – Debbie Rekdahl (10:00am to 1:00pm)

Thursday, Jan. 12 – Karon Keup (10:00am to 1:00pm)

Friday Jan. 13 – Rosemary Knox (10:00am to 1:00pm)

Monday Jan. 16 – Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson (9am to 11:30am)

Tuesday Jan. 17 – Peggy Hall – (10:00am to 1:00pm)

Wednesday Jan. 18 – Closed

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE SUNDAY, JAN. 8

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>		
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Marcus Young John Knoke Johnnie Driessner Matthias McInaney
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis	Julie Williamson
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie

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## **ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 15**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Herb Hoefer	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>		Jaden Mundo
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder Needed	Jonathan Mundo Joshua Mundo
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	J.E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
<b>Readers:</b>	Peggy Hall	NEEDED
<b>Altar Circle:</b>	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson

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## **† MILESTONES**

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### **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS**

Savannah Spencer    Jan. 8

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Noel Ernst                      Jan. 14                      Gina Kreps                      Jan. 14

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

None

## **† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

Gina Kreps, Bill and Sylvia Guthrie, Kevin McInaney, Judy Blubaum, Robert (Virginia Jacob's Brother), Bill (Randy Bryant's brother-in-law), Cindy Linnemann, Brian Laxton, Carlyn Staudt, Karla Deal, Emily Kohnke (member of the Webber Family), Rich Zahursky, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Esperanza Gutierrez, Kim Laxton, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Mike Fogarty, Members and friends with Covid\*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Dale Porath. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Retired after 23 years of service

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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### EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JAN. 8 - SAT., JAN. 14

<b>Sunday, Jan. 8</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday Jan. 10</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday Jan. 11</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Jan. 12</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
<b>Friday, Jan. 13</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

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### EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JAN. 15 - SAT., JAN. 21

<b>Sunday, Jan. 15</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Comm.
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Tuesday Jan. 17</b>	6:00pm	<b>NO</b> 3:10 Group
<b>Wednesday Jan. 18</b>	11:00am	<b>NO</b> CareConnect
	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	Praise Team
<b>Thursday, Jan. 19</b>	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
<b>Friday, Jan. 20</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## 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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