



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, January 12, 2025

## THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**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: “You Are Mine”

**As We Gather:** Today is the first of the bookends that mark the Epiphany season—the Baptism of Our Lord and His Transfiguration. In common is the command from God to “listen to Him.” We begin our journey of listening to the Lord, learning from those who went before, acknowledging the revelation of the Lamb of God in baptismal water, and looking to Him, the Word made flesh. In His Baptism, our Lord was not washed because He was unclean but because we are. The Father saw the prophetic words of Isaiah fulfilled in the water of the Jordan, and He claimed Jesus as His own Son and our appointed Redeemer. “You are Mine,” said the Lord to Jesus. Because He said those words to Jesus, they are now addressed to us—the people for whom Jesus was baptized.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

590 LSB

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

3 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.

4 All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T 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.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 43:1-3a ESV

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,  
He who created you, O Jacob,  
He who formed you, O Israel:  
“Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are Mine.  
<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

- L This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

Romans 6:1-11 ESV

<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

Wyatt Brown

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-22 ESV

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

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

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and

when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,

<sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

**594 LSB**

- 1 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!
- 2 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?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 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.  
5 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!

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**SERMON**  
**"CHRIST'S BAPTISM AND MINE"**

Pastor Michael Kasting  
Luke 3:21-22

**NICENE CREED**

**C I believe in one God,**  
**the Father Almighty,**  
**maker of heaven and earth**  
**and of all things visible and invisible.**  
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**the only-begotten Son of God,**  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**  
**God of God, Light of Light,**  
**very God of very God,**  
**begotten, not made,**  
**being of one substance with the Father,**  
**by whom all things were made;**  
**who for us men and for our salvation came down from**  
**heaven**  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary**  
**and was made man;**  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**  
**He suffered and was buried.**  
**And the third day He rose again according to the**  
**Scriptures**  
**and ascended into heaven**  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.**  
**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living**  
**and the dead,**



**whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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.)*

## **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.

Father, in Jordan's baptismal water, You fulfilled the word of the prophet and washed us clean to become Your own children. Grant that we may rejoice in our Savior's Baptism, which gives hope to our own Baptism and through which You now behold us as Your own people. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** You have called us by name and placed upon us Your name and Your grace; give now Your Spirit that we may hear the voice of Your Son speaking hope through the Word and believe in Him faithfully to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Embolden Your church with Your Word and gifts that we may address the world with hope of sins forgiven and death undone by the death and resurrection of our Lord and that hearing this Gospel, many may believe. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P Equip and bless all pastors and church workers and those training for church work vocations, that at home and abroad there may be faithful servants to support and care for Your people in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Abide with the troubled in mind, the wounded in body, and the broken in spirit, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need and be granted healing, comfort, and peace according to Your will, especially...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lord of joy and gladness, You give us all good gifts to enjoy, and we offer You thanks for the blessings celebrated this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

- C **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**(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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

**The Gifts Christ Freely Gives**

**602 LSB**

- 1 The gifts Christ freely gives  
He gives to you and me  
To be His Church, His bride,  
His chosen, saved and free!  
Saints blest with these rich gifts  
Are children who proclaim  
That they were won by Christ  
And cling to His strong name.
- 2 The gifts flow from the font  
Where He calls us His own;  
New life He gives that makes  
Us His and His alone.

Here He forgives our sins  
With water and His Word;  
The triune God Himself  
Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.

- 3 The gifts of grace and peace  
From absolution flow;  
The pastor's words are Christ's  
For us to trust and know.  
Forgiveness that we need  
Is granted to us there;  
The Lord of mercy sends  
Us forth in His blest care.
- 4 The gifts are there each day  
The holy Word is read;  
God's children listen, hear,  
Receive, and they are fed.  
Christ fills them with Himself,  
Blest words that give them life,  
Restoring and refreshing  
Them for this world's strife.
- 5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.
- 6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

## At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

633 LSB

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His body for the feast—  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **All Christians Who Have Been Baptized**

**596 LSB**

1 All Christians who have been baptized,  
Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized  
The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done,  
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

3 But all of that was washed away—  
Immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day  
Restored again whatever  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed  
And all our sinful selves employed  
According to our nature.

4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed  
And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.

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## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Thanks to Rick and Robin Wymore for the lovely Altar flowers, in honor of Ella's birthday to the glory of God.

**† NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW IN EFFECT!**

The 2025 offering envelopes are in the narthex. They DO NOT have a number pre-printed on them. You need to fill in ALL the information on the envelopes each time you give. Your new number will be the same as your MAILBOX number. It will not change again.

If you give online, you will now use your mailbox number as the account number on your check. Please try to change that at your giving institute. If you cannot add the number to your online account, we can do it from this end, but if you can it is super helpful.

Please pick up a letter beside the envelopes to explain all the steps and reasons we handle your donations the way we do.

Thank you for your faithful gifts. You are making a difference at this church and in the kingdom of our great God!

**† CAROL HOEFER MEMORIAL SERVICE**

The service honoring the life of Carol Hoefer will be in January 25 at 1:00pm. All are invited to this worship and celebration of life.

**† THANK YOU FROM PASTOR JIM AND YOUR STAFF**

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the generous Christmas gifts and cards you have shared with us during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness means so much to us, and we are truly blessed to serve alongside such a loving and caring church family. May God's love continue to bless each of you throughout the new year.

**† VOTERS' ASSEMBLY**

There will be a voter's assembly on January 26 after the late service. We invite all members and interested parties to attend. First time members who attend need to sign in to one meeting before they are a voting member. Then they may vote at subsequent meetings. We ask you to come and take part in the decisions of your church.

**† PRAYER NEEDS?**

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



† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Carol Hoefer, Pastor Ruberto and his family, Riki Neagle, Carolyn Gordon, Mike Fogarty, Karla Deal, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Bobbie Adams, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant’s relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu’s Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob’s brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez’ mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

† PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)  
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of Merci McInaney);  
Clayton Wright, Air Force – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Colton Wright, Navy – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);  
Tyler Young, Navy – Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).  
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

† MILESTONES – Sunday, Jan. 12– Saturday, Jan. 18

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Kayla Driessner Jan. 15

BIRTHDAYS:

Gina Kreps	Jan. 14	Peyton Fogarty	Jan. 15
Virginia Hunt	Jan. 17	Ethan Fogarty	Jan. 18
Neil Zeller	Jan. 18		

WEDDINGS: None

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., JAN. 12, 2025

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Randy Schroeder
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart <b>NEEDED</b>	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young Bob Freeman James Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Joann Schulz	Carlyn Staudt
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Barb Cochran	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Rick and Robin Wymore	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Hana and Gina	

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., JAN. 19, 2025

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Adams Stan Chapulis Randy Schroeder	Johnnie Driessner Marcus Young
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	J. E. Knox
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Michele Sprengle	Rosemary Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Margaret Hubbard Esperanza Gutierrez
<b>Readers:</b>	Julie Williamson	Johnnie Driessner
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Karen Zahursky	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Sheryl Maier	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am: Carrie and Michele	

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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JAN. 12 – SAT., JAN 18

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<b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship <b>NO</b> Comm.
<b>Monday, Jan. 13</b>	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b>	2:00pm	Women’s Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Thursday Jan 16</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
	<b>Friday, Jan 17</b>	5:30pm
	6:30pm	Youth and Family Event

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EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JAN. 19 – SAT., JAN 25

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<b>Sunday, Jan. 19</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. 20</b>	11:30am	Altar Guild Mtg. at Elmer’s
	6:00pm	Young Adult Bible Study
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 21</b>	6:00pm	3:10 Group
<b>Thursday Jan 23</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
		<b>NEWSLETTER DUE</b>
<b>Friday, Jan 24</b>	5:30pm	Confirmation
<b>Saturday, Jan 25</b>	1:00pm	Carol Hoefer Memorial

# 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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