



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.**

Romans 6:5, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church

*"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"*

Sunday, January 7, 2024

## The Baptism of Our Lord

Sunday, January 7, 2024

**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: “The Reality of Christ”

**As We Gather:** It has been said that every person has a Jesus-shaped hole in their heart that can only be filled by Him. Though what is stated is not a biblical reference, Scripture does affirm the condition of our hearts: “The heart is deceitful; . . . who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9); “For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander” (Matthew 15:19). Though many try to fill that Jesus-shaped hole with things of the world that may seem to satisfy a short time, we are pointed to what fills our hearts with the things that last through our lives and eternally. As we observe the Baptism of our Lord, we are also called to remember daily our own Baptism. Through water and the Word, we have been filled with the things needful for our hearts of faith: forgiveness, identity, salvation, and hope.

### Prelude

## Welcome

### We Were Baptized In Christ Jesus

We were baptized in Christ Jesus,  
We were baptized in His death;  
That as Christ was raised victorious,  
We might live a brand new life.  
And if we have been united  
In a dreadful death like His,  
We will all be reunited, for He lives.

In the water and the witness,  
In the breaking of the bread,  
In the waiting arms of Jesus  
Who is risen from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning  
From the ashes of our past;  
In the losing and the winning we hold fast.

Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to Christ the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one;  
As it was in the beginning,  
Glory now resounds again  
In a song that has no ending. Amen.

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### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Affirmation of Our Baptism

Romans 6:4, 36; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:5–6; 1 Corinthians 6:1; Mark 1:11

**P** We remember our Baptism with the invocation and name of God, recalling and confessing before heaven, earth, and hell all that God has given us in our Baptism: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with His gifts. How do we rightly use our Baptism?

**C** We rightly use our Baptism when we live in repentance and faith in the triune God, who has made us His beloved children. (*Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* [2017] Question 324).

**P** When Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan River, the Father declared Jesus as His Son with whom He is well pleased. In our Baptism, Paul wrote, we were joined to our Lord's death and resurrection, enabling us to walk in newness of life. We also learn in the Small Catechism (a summary of God's Word), the lasting gifts received in Baptism including the forgiveness of sins, rescue from death and the devil, and eternal life to all who believe this. Let us reaffirm our faith in what God has done for us through Holy Baptism.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C** I do renounce them.

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

**C** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you 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?

**C** Yes, I believe.

**P** Do you 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?

**C** Yes, I believe.

### **Confession**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** We confess our sin to the Lord as we pray and sing:

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have failed to live for You  
In the things I say and do,  
And have fallen short of living in Your love.

**(Chorus)**

**Lord, have mercy on me.  
Lord, have mercy, set me free.  
O forgive me, Lord, I pray,  
And take my sin away  
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.**

I confess to You, O Lord, that I have sinned.  
I confess to You, O Lord, all my sin within.  
I have placed myself above,  
And have hurt the ones I love,  
And I know that only You can set me free. **(chorus)**

Take us back to the water. Wash away our sins.  
Welcome us, O Father, Back to Your home again.  
Bless Your sons and daughters,  
And let the feast begin, Let it begin! **(chorus)**

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**Absolution**

Romans 6:6–7, 10–11, adapted

**P** 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.

**C** **For one who has died has been set free from sin.**

**P** The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,

**C** **but the life He lives He lives to God.**

**P** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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.

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** Amen.

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Lord God, buried with Christ by His Baptism into death, and assured of being raised with Him, fill us with Your Spirit, so that claimed as Your own child, welcomed into Your family, washed clean from our sins, given the gift of faith, and joined together with Jesus, we may walk in newness of life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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

Genesis 1:1-5 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.

<sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle Reading

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

Pr. Jim Sprengle

### Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11 (ESV)

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes He who is mightier than I, the strap of Whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."



<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when He came up out of the water, immediately He saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>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.

## **Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered**

### **Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy**

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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## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Tithes and Offerings**

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)*

## **(8:30) Shine, Jesus, Shine**

words and music by Graham Kendrick, arr. Stan Pethel  
**Ascension Choir**

*Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
Send forth Your word, Lord and let there be light.*

*Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;  
Shine on me. Shine on me.*

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## 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.

Lord of all creation, You spoke creation into being, beginning with light. In this Epiphany season and all our days, grant us faith to see the light of Your providing hand, the guidance of the light of Your Word, and our Savior as the light of the world. Help us to shine Your light of truth and grace to this dark world, that others may know You and rejoice in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord of all grace, though our many sins and shortcomings weigh heavy on our hearts, You come to us in Your means of grace and give new life. Help us to daily remember our Baptism and to daily rejoice in our identity as Your own children and part of Your family. Please bless this family of believers, that through worship and fellowship we are blessed with encouragement, support, service, and a zeal for growing in and sharing Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord of all comfort, following the Baptism of Jesus He would seek the lost, heal the sick, and show compassion to all. Enable us in boldness and confidence to proclaim the wonders of Him who has called us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Use our words and actions to be a blessing to others. For those who are sick and suffering, grant Your continued presence and healing according to Your will, especially...Grant patience in trials, peace in afflictions, and hope in Your promises now and eternally. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord of all goodness, thank You for the blessings you have bestowed on us and those celebrating 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

**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.**

**(11:00am service, please turn to page 15 for the closing scripture.)**

### **+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

**We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion.**

**Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.**

*(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)*

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

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

**C** **Amen.**

### **+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

## What Is This Bread

- 1 What is this bread?  
Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break,  
This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release.  
O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

2 What is this wine?  
The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace  
Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing!  
O taste and see—the Lord is King.

3 So who am I,  
That I should live and He should die  
Under the rod? My God, my God,  
Why have You not forsaken me?  
O taste and see—the Lord is free.

4 Yet is God here?  
Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—  
Christ, truly present in this meal.  
O taste and see—the Lord is real.

5 Is this for me?  
I am forgiven and set free!  
I do believe that I receive  
His very body and His blood.  
O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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## **I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

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.

**Ref: 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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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Psalm 136:1

**P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** **for His steadfast love endures forever.**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, gracious Father, who called and claimed as Your own in Baptism, we have been blessed together in fellowship at Your Table and filled by Your grace with sins forgiven and faith nourished. Buried with Christ and raised with Him in Baptism, enable us to walk in newness of life until we are called to dwell eternally with You; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Scripture

Romans 6:10–11, adapted

**P** The death Christ died He died to sin, once for all,  
**C** **but the life He lives He lives to God.**

**P** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**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.)

### Baptized In Water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise,  
Faithfully now, God's praise we sing!

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;  
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,  
Thankfully now, God's praise we sing!

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;  
Born of one Father, we are His children,  
Joyfully now, God's praise we sing!

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### Dismissal

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

**G** Thanks be to God!

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## † THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION - TODAY

presents its Christmas/Epiphany Concert January 7, at 4:00 pm, at Peace Lutheran Church (2201 N Rosa Parks Way, in Portland). Sue Thompson Armentrout directs the choir, and the pianist is Karl Jurisons. A free will offering will be received. One last chance to hear beautiful seasonal music!

## † SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY: HELP NEEDED

Ascension has an opportunity to share our value of life and support mothers who want to keep their babies with Ava Health, formerly known as First Image! The Human Care Board is organizing a donation drive for baby clothes and diapers to support Ava Health (First Image), a local organization committed to providing essential care and assistance to mothers and infants in challenging circumstances. Please donate new baby clothes and diapers by dropping them off in the pop-up crib in the narthex, by Sunday, January 21, as Pr Jim will bring forward the offering and pray for God to bless those who receive the gifts. The following items are needed:

- *Swaddles* • *Infant teethingers* • *Girls winter clothing, 9 months & up* • *Boy/girl onesies/PJs, 9 months & up* • *Boy/girl fall & winter outfits, newborn & up* • *Diapers in the box, 0-24 months*

## † YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 12:00-5:00pm at the Green Tee Estates Community Center, 900 NE Francis Avenue, Gresham Oregon. No gifts please. Cards are welcome as she loves to read. Including a fond story or memory would be great! If you cannot attend you may send a card to Virginia Hunt: 900 NE Francis Ave #26, Gresham OR 07030.

## † VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

All are invited to attend the Voters' Assembly on January 28 after the 11:00am worship.

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Karla Deal, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Gina Kreps, Cindy Linnemann, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Eileen Hatley, Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Kevin McInaney, \*Larry Hart, \*Mike Hatley, \*Lorraine Haggard, \*Carolyn Barendse, \*Home Bound.



## † PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

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 – (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Colton Wright, Navy — (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);

Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

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## † MILESTONES - SUNDAY, JAN. 7 – SATURDAY, JAN. 13

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### BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Savannah Spencer      Jan. 8

### BIRTHDAYS:

None

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, JAN. 7, 2024

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Alex Hodges
<b>Ushers:</b>	Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Johnnie Driessner
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Laura Potter	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Jenny Schuldheisz	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Virginia Jacobs Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Schroeder	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	None
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:45am</b>	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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## ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, JAN. 14, 2024

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	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Bryant	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Lily Hodges
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Paul Walter	Matthias McInaney Marcus Young James Freeman Bob Freeman
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sue Lewis	Christina Freeman
<b>Readers:</b>	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	None
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:45am</b>	Hana Laughton and Gina Kreps

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## EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., JAN. 7 – SAT., JAN. 13

<b>Sunday, Jan. 7</b>	8:30am	Worship w/ Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 9</b>	2:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 10</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Jan. 11</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Jan. 12</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Jan. 13</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

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**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., JAN. 14 – SAT., JAN. 20**

<b>Sunday, Jan. 14</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship w/ Communion
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w. Comm. Worship
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 16</b>	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 17</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	Praise Team
<b>Thursday, Jan. 18</b>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Jan. 19</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Jan. 20</b>	1:00pm	Confirmation

**† PRAYER NEEDS?**

Contact the church office with any requests, please e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call 503-665-8821.

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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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