



1 Corinthians 1:4-7

Wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, December 3, 2023

First Sunday in Advent

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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: “Waiting for Christ”

As We Gather: Welcome to the season of waiting! Not only is Advent a period of preparation for Jesus’ first coming at Christmas, but this sacred season readies our hearts for Jesus’ ultimate coming: when He, as King of kings and Lord of lords, returns in power and glory on the Last Day, when every knee will bow before Him and every eye will see Him as the One who reigns in sovereign majesty over all things. Until His ultimate revealing on that Day, we wait for Him in confident faith, strengthened by His Word and Meal, trusting His promise to make us guiltless in His sight. With the expectant people of old, may our worship together lead us to say: “Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield” (Psalm 33:20).

Prelude

Welcome

While We Are Waiting, Come

While we are waiting, come;
While we are waiting, come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel;
While we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come;
With power and glory, come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel;
While we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come;
Come, Savior, quickly come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel;
While we are waiting, come.

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 33:20–22

- P** Our soul waits for the LORD;
C **He is our help and our shield.**
- P** For our heart is glad in Him,
C **because we trust in His holy name.**
- P** Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
C **even as we hope in You.**

Confession (sung)

- P** Let us 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

P “You are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 1:7–8). Our faithful God hears our prayers and answers them, taking away our guilt and giving us His righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, our Savior and King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Candle - The Candle of HOPE

P Like the prophets in the Old Testament, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (Isaiah 9:6-7). We anticipate our Savior’s arrival. Also known as the “prophecy candle,” this candle assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn’t disappoint us (Romans 5:5). Currently, where evil abounds and all seems lost, we can hope that the prophecies about Jesus’ second arrival to earth will also be fulfilled.

Christians can often confuse the word hope for wishful thinking. If we hope something will happen, we have no control over the outcome. But the biblical sense of hope is very different. Hope, in the Bible, exists as a secure assurance, a trust placed in a trustworthy God. God has not failed us in the past, and therefore, if He claims He will do something in the future, we can have a sure hope that He will fulfill that claim. Hope waits and endures. It is not flimsy or merely wishful thinking. It can withstand fire, trials, and despair. Hope is an important thing. It helps us during significant trials or times of distress. It offers us security that God will arrive, and though we cannot see Him now, we will see Him face to face one day (Hebrews 11).

“Light One Candle”

Light one candle for **hope**, One bright candle for hope,
He brings hope to ev’ry heart, He comes! He comes! (repeat)

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us as we wait for Your revealing. Protect us by Your hand that we may be rescued from the guilt of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sharing The Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

+ THE WORD +

Old Testament

Isaiah 64:1-9 (ESV)

¹Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at Your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make Your name known to Your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at Your presence!

³When You did awesome things that we did not look for,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.

⁴From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,

no eye has seen a God besides You,
who acts for those who wait for Him.

⁵You meet Him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember You in Your ways.

Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

⁷There is no one who calls upon Your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of You;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.

⁸But now, O LORD, You are our Father;
we are the clay, and You are our potter;
we are all the work of Your hand.

⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (ESV)

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even ⁶as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1-10 (ESV)

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

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

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'"

⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin’s Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav’n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman’s offspring, pure and fresh.

6 For You are the Father’s Son
Who in flesh the vict’ry won.
By Your mighty pow’r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

Savior of the Nations, Come, Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546; (sts. 1–2): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (st. 6): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006; (st. 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001, Text (sts. 1–2): Public domain, Text (st. 6): © 2006 Concordia Publishing House; (st. 8): © 1978 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110004673

Sermon
“I AM FOUND... HOW?”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

In God We Believe

(tune: Immortal, Invisible)

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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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) "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Words and music by David Angerman & Joseph M. Martin
Ascension Choir

*Watchman, tell us of the night. Tell us of the coming Light.
Comfort, comfort ye My People. Sing of peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their heavy load.
Comfort, comfort ye My people.
Speak unto Jerusalem. Comfort, comfort ye My people.
Sing them a song of peace. Tell them their warfare is over.
Veni, Veni Emmanuel! O veni Emmanuel.
Behold the coming of the Lord!*

*Watchman, tell us of the night, hark the voice of one who crieth.
Tell us of the coming dawn, In the desert far and near.
Fill our hearts with hope and light. Calling to a world in darkness.
Fill our lives with joyful song. See the kingdom now is hear.
Veni, veni, veni Emmanuel! O veni Emmanuel.
Behold the coming of the Lord!*

*Comfort, comfort ye My people, Sing of peace, thus saith our God.
Comfort, comfort ye my people. Sing them a song of peace.
Tell them their warfare us over, Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia!*

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Prayer of the Church

- P** As we wait in hope for the coming of our Lord, let us together, as His Advent people, bring our prayers before Him.

Gracious Father, we give You thanks and praise for Your goodness and mercy that follow us all the days of our lives. You are our God; we are Your people. You have purchased and won us from sin and death by the sacrifice of Your Son upon the cross and by His rising from the grave. As He now sits at Your right hand, exalted over all things, we wait expectantly for the Day of His revealing. We wait in hope for the Lord!

- C** **He is our help and our shield.**

- P** Mighty King and loving Savior, we thank You for the authority You have over all things in heaven and on earth. To a world in disarray and for a people filled with despair, You alone offer hope, peace, and certainty that all things are in Your hands. Help us to trust in You, Lord Jesus, even as we wait for the redemption You will provide on the Last Day. We wait in hope for the Lord!

- C** **He is our help and our shield.**

- P** Lord Jesus, we are Your waiting, expectant, hope-filled people. We anticipate the Day when Your saving work will be fully complete and when You renew and restore all things in heaven and on earth. Until that glorious Day, help us to rely upon Your grace alone, which declares us guiltless in Your sight through faith in Your promises. Stir up our hearts to make known to all the wonders You have done, so that more souls may be brought to saving faith and many would join with us in saying, "We wait in hope for the Lord!"

- C** **He is our help and our shield.**

- P** Healer of the broken and sustainer of the weary, grant the comfort of Your Holy Spirit to all who are suffering in heart, body, mind, and spirit. Remind those who are downtrodden that they are never alone, and use us as Your people to reach out in care and compassion to those in our family, our community, and within this congregation who need Your healing touch. We pray for...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

P Gracious God, we thank You for Your goodness and love, and we remember those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P Confident in our coming King and Savior, we entrust our prayers into Your merciful hands, for You, O Father, live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
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.**

(11:00am 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

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

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

tune: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.
- 2 Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.
- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;
Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
Our lost and fallen race.
- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You, Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt., Text: Public domain

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of waiting that, on the Day of His coming, we may rejoice forever as those You have made guiltless in Your sight; 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

Psalm 33:22; Numbers 6:24–26

P Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,

C even as we hope in You.

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.)

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

tune: Hyfrydol

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.

- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt., Text: Public domain

Dismissal

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 3, 2023

† LWML CHRISTMAS GATHERING

We hope you will gather with us in Ascension's Community Room, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, for casual Christmas fellowship and fun! Bring a guest, an optional small gift to exchange (White Elephant or \$5 to \$10 Maximum), and maybe an appetizer or Christmas treat to share. Hope to see you there!

† ADVENT DINNERS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 we will have advent dinners at 6:00pm. The first Wednesday will be an Italian potluck. Join us!

† JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Everyone is invited to join us December 17 in singing Christmas carols and sharing the love of Jesus to those who may not be able get out and enjoy the season. We will meet in the narthex following the late service. You can let Brad Hall know if you will be able to attend at: worship@alcpportland.org or call the church office at: 503-995-8821.

† WOMEN'S RETREAT! HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Sign up right away as registrations are coming to an end! Seaside Oregon Beach Retreat, 2937 Sunset Blvd., Seaside, OR, the driveway is in the back of the house. Join us Friday, Jan. 12 through Sunday, Jan 14, 2024. Registration forms are available in the Narthex. Space is limited to 14 participants. Talk to Jan Oswald for more details.

† 2024 FLOWER CHART

The 2024 Flower Chart is up and waiting for you to choose your special day. Check out the new chart across from the mailboxes and pick your date early!

† CHRISTMAS CHORALE-YOU ARE INVITED!

Concordia University Alumni and Friends Christmas Chorale

WHEN: Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. *And you can join! Practices will take place Friday, Dec. 15, 7-10 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 16, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.*

WHERE: St. Michael's Lutheran Church: 6700 NE 29th Ave., Portland, OR 97211 (across from Concordia's former campus)

WHO: Concordia alumni and friends are welcome to participate. Everyone is invited to attend the event!

† MAILBOXES

Mailboxes for members and regular attenders are available! If you are not sure if you have one, check the list on the bulletin board across from the mailboxes, to see if you are listed. If you need one, let the office know. Please check your mailbox often.

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

† 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).

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Bob Ritchie
Acolytes:	NEEDED	Alex Hodges
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart NEEDED	Marcus Young Johnnie Driessner
PowerPoint:	Jenny Schuldheisz	John Hazen
Audio/Visual:	Laura Potter	NEEDED
Greeters:	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Wendy Hazen
Readers:	Karla Deal	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Jan Oswald
Flowers:	Both Services	Sheryl Maier
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Karla Deal

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 10, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:	NEEDED	Lily Hodges
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Marcus Young
	NEEDED	Matthias McInaney
		Bob Freeman
		James Freeman
PowerPoint:	Taylor Osgood	John Hazen
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis	Christina Freeman
	Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Karla Deal
Flowers:	Both Services	Lottie Guericke
Counters:	Both Services	Bob and Elaina Ritchie
Sunday School	9:45am	Hana Laughton and Gina Kreps

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 3 – SAT., DEC. 9

Sunday, Dec. 3	8:30am	Worship with Communion
1 st Sunday in Advent	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Dec. 4	1:00pm	Human Care Board
Tuesday, Dec. 5	6:00pm	Elder Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 6	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Midweek Advent 1 Worship
	6:00pm	Advent Dinner-Italian Potluck
	7:00pm	Midweek Advent 1 Worship
Thursday, Dec. 7	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
Friday, Dec. 8	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
Saturday, Dec. 9	10:00am	LWML Christmas Party

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 10 – SAT., DEC. 16

Sunday, Dec. 10	8:30am	Worship
2 nd Sunday in Advent	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/ Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Dec. 12	2:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Dec. 13	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Midweek Advent 2 Worship
	6:00pm	Advent Dinner- Casserole Potluck
	7:00pm	Midweek Advent 2 Worship
Thursday, Dec. 14	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
Friday, Dec. 15	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, DEC. 3 – SATURDAY, DEC. 9

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Becky Mora	Dec. 3	Joshua Mundo	Dec. 6
Evan Kreps	Dec. 8	Felix Harris	Dec. 9
Pr. Jim Sprengle	Dec. 9		

BIRTHDAYS:

Felix Harris	Dec. 3	Emely Mukul Aguilar	Dec. 3
Avi Ritchie	Dec. 4	Christian Mukul	Dec. 5
Mike Fogarty	Dec. 9	Ed Hubbard	Dec. 9

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Angel and Wilma Mukul Dec. 9, 2000

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Judy Blubaum, The family of Miki Etzel, The family of Audrey Bauch, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefer, Jordan Saunders, Gina Kreps, Cindy Linnemann, Karla Deal, 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.

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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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