



*"And she gave birth to her firstborn son...
and laid Him in a manger because
there was no place for them in the inn."*

Ascension Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS EVE 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 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: “No Room?”

AS WE GATHER

One of the charming traditions of days gone by, still observed by some families, is the designation of a Christmas room in the house. In older homes, that room often was a parlor or dining room. The Christmas room was closed off to the family by the parents for days or even weeks before Christmas Eve and was beautified by a parent, grandparent, or other designated adult with decorations and greens and, most centrally, a Christmas tree, which frequently had heirloom ornaments on it. The room was set aside to remind all in the house to make room in their lives for the coming of Jesus, the Christ Child. In his well-loved paraphrase of Psalm 98, Isaac Watts writes: “Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room” (*LSB* 387:1). Tonight, the room in our hearts is filled with the joyful assurance that Christ has come to fill the world and our lives with His love.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

(The true beginning of our church service. Music helps draw us into an attitude of prayer and praise. Be mindful of others in preparation for worship. Quietly consider your encounter with the living God.)

“A Child Is Born”

Music by Joe E. Parks

Trio

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” “Away In A Manger/Still, Still, Still”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

Handchime Choir

“Shepherd’s Echo Carol” (How Great Our Joy)

Traditional German Carol, arr. J. Leavitt

Ascension Choir

WELCOME

HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him!
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing!
O come let us adore Him!
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing all ye citizens of Heaven above!
Glory to God, In the highest!
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him!
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE *John 1:14; Psalm 96:3; Psalm 98:1*

P And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
C **and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

P Declare His glory among the nations,
C **His marvelous works among all the peoples!**

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!
- C** **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Joined in worship on this blessed day, let us make confession to our heavenly Father, confident of His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

- P** Almighty Father,
- C** **we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not always given You the best of what we have and are, and have not fully made room for You in our lives. With repentant hearts, we turn to You for mercy, seeking Your grace. In Your loving kindness forgive, restore, and lead us so that we may be renewed and live to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P** With joy I announce God's Good News to You. Our gracious God in His mercy has given His Son to be born, to live, and then to die for you and to rise again in glory. For His sake God 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.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious heavenly Father, with joy we celebrate our Lord's birth as the fulfillment of Your promise of redemption from sin. Grant that as Your Holy Spirit works in our lives, there always be room for Jesus as Lord of our hearts, who now lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

MUSIC (7:00)

Karlee Navarro
Trumpet

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 7:10–14; 9:2,6 (ESV)

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel," [which means, God with us.]

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

HYMN**“Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”**

Hark, the herald angels sing;
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful all ye nations, rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th’angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King!”

SCRIPTURE**Matthew 1:18–23 (ESV)**

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

MUSIC**“A Baby Changes Everything”**

T. Nichols/C. & K.K. Wiseman

Carlyn Staudt, soloist

SCRIPTURE**Luke 2:1–20 (ESV)**

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town.

⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

HYMN

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie;
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all the earth.

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a Baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!”

HYMN**“Angels We Have Heard On High”**

¹ Angels we have heard on high,
 Sweetly singing o’er the plains;
 And the mountains in reply,
 Echoing their joyous strains:
 Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

HYMN**“Angels We Have Heard On High”**

² Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 Say what may the tidings be
 Which inspire your heav’nly song?
 Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

³ Come to Bethlehem and see
 Him whose birth the angels sing;
 Come, adore on bended knee,
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King!
 Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

SERMON**“A PLACE FOR CHRIST”****Luke 2:1–20****Pastor Jim Sprengle****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.)

“Mary, Did You Know?”

Words and Music by M. Lowry and B. Greene/arr. J. Schrader

Karon Keup, soloist

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for God’s great mercy, asking that He would hear our petitions and grant them according to His gracious will.

Almighty and everlasting God, as we recall the first Christmas, we thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ, who came to earth in deep humility. We bless You that there was room in Your heart for the people of earth and for the sacrifice of Jesus as He left the glory of Your eternal kingdom in coming to earth to be our Savior, our Brother and our Friend. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P As we think of Your chosen servants Mary and Joseph, we thank You for the gift of family. Grant that we always treasure the gifts we receive through them and seek to be those who cherish our family, our church family, our friends, and our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all situations and conditions of people, especially those on our hearts at this time *including*. . . Be with all who need our petitions and our concern. Bless them according to their needs, Lord, and give us opportunities to be of comfort and assistance in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We pray in thanksgiving and rejoice with those who celebrate this week...Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom, and teach us 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.**

MUSIC

“O Hear the Angel Voices”

arr. Larry Shackley
Ascension Choir

(7:00pm service, turn to page 14 for lighting of the candles.)

+ 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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

“What Child Is This”

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby,
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

“The First Noel”

The First Noel, the Angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

(Refrain)
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East, beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **(refrain)**

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went. **(refrain)**

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both pause and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. **(refrain)**

Then entered in those Wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. **(refrain)**

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made Heav'n and earth of naught,
And with His blood mankind hath bought. **(refrain)**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have gathered us together at Your Table and refreshed us through this Sacrament. Keep us, we pray, in Your faith and favor that we live for You and be fit temples for the Holy Spirit. Grant that the body and blood of our blessed Lord preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Jesus, our newborn King and Savior, who has come to earth in the flesh and now lives and reigns in glory with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C **Amen.**

(11:00am service, turn to page 15 for the benediction.)

(7:00pm) CHRISTMAS IN CANDLELIGHT

(The choir will exit the chancel. Their candles will be lit first. They will then share with everyone in the pews. Always keep lit candles in the upright position to keep wax from spilling. The unlit candle is tipped to be lit.)

P As the light of these candles illumine our faces, it symbolizes the light of Christ, a child in the manger at Bethlehem, a Savior suffering our death on the cross, and soon to come from His throne on high as Judge of all. He is our Light here on earth and the eternal Light who enlightens heaven, where there is no need of candle or sun. Rejoice, for the Light of the world has come, who transforms us with the brightness of His glory.

“Silent Night, Holy Night”

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace;
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from Heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth;
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your coming among us united earth and heaven, fill us with peace and good will.

Grant that we always have room for You in our lives and days, and grant that we be joyfully joined with the heavenly host in praising Your graciousness and Your glory this evening and always; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C Amen.

(please extinguish candles do not tip them and allow them to cool)

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of God Almighty—the Father, who gave His Son to redeem the world; the Son, who has revealed to us God’s grace, mercy, and love; and the Holy Spirit, by whose blessed work in us we live our lives as children of God—be and remain with you, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Joy To The World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And Heav’n and nature sing,
And Heav’n and nature sing,
And Heav’n, and Heav’n,
and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods,
rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love
And wonders and wonders of His love!

DISMISSAL

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

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*We invite you to start your
Christmas morning with worship!*

10:00am Worship Service Christmas Day ~ Monday, Dec. 25

ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 24, 2023

† THANK TO ALL THE CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Mike Fogarty and all those you visited wanted to send heartfelt thanks to all you who came to visit from our church family. Your voices were like angels on a holiday mission, spreading joy and warmth to every one of us you visited. It was a beautiful reminder of the true spirit of Christmas. Thanks for sharing your talents and making the season extra special.

† 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.

† 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.

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The family of Judy Blubaum, The family of Miki Etzel, The family of Audrey Bauch, Karla Deal, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, 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.

† 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).

† PRAYER NEEDS?

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

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, DEC. 24, 2023

Christmas Eve	11:00am	7:00pm
Elder:	Randy Schroeder	Randy Schroeder
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis	Stan Chapulis
Audio/Visual:	J. E. Knox	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Rosemary Knox	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Readers:	Karon Keup	
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen and Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Altar Guild
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
Sunday School	None today	

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUNDAY, DEC. 31, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	John Hazen
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Marcus Young NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	Rosemary Knox
Greeters:	Sheryl Maier	Celia Kreps Carrie Graham Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Jean Dillon Jim Eckart	Peggy Hall
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	Wilma Aguilar
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School	9:45am	Michele Sprengle and Sheryl Maier

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 24 – SAT., DEC. 30

Sunday, Dec. 24	11:00am	Worship with Communion
Christmas Eve	1:00pm	Spanish Christmas Eve Worship
	7:00pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Monday, Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Worship
Wednesday, Dec. 27	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Dec. 28	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Dec. 29	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 31 – SAT., JAN. 6

Sunday, Dec. 31	8:30am	Worship
New Year's Eve	9:45am	Education HOur
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Spanish New Year's at Trinity Lutheran Church Worship
	7:00pm	New Years Eve Worship
Monday, Jan. 1		Church Office Closed
Wednesday, Jan. 3	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
Thursday, Jan. 4	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Jan. 5	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, DEC. 24 – SATURDAY, DEC. 30

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Brayson Pardue	Dec. 24	Frances Rippon	Dec. 28
Mae Smith	Dec. 28	Virginia Hunt	Dec. 29

BIRTHDAYS:

Lillian Lambert	Dec. 26	Kim Driessner	Dec. 28
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Mel and Lorraine Haggard Dec. 29, 1956

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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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