



**WATCH therefore ...
you know neither
the day nor the hour.**

MATTHEW 25:13, ESV

Ascension Lutheran Church

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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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: “Coming . . . Really!”

As We Gather: What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor’s office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps—faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage feast.

Prelude

(11:00) “Glorious Day”

Words by J. W. Chapman and M. Hall

Music by M. Hall and M. Bleecker

Karon Keup and Carlyn Staudt, duo

Welcome

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, And let your lights appear;
The evening is advancing, And darker night is near.
The Bridegroom is arising And soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; At midnight comes the cry.
- 2 The watchers on the mountain Proclaim the Bridegroom near;
Go forth as He approaches With alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; The gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience Their cross and suff’rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory The Lamb they shall behold;
In triumph cast before Him Their diadems of gold.

- 4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption That sets Your people free!

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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

- P** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

- C** **For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.**

- P** At midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him."

- C** **The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.**

Confession Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13

- 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** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.

- C** **We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.**

- P** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.
- C** **We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**
- P** As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.
- C** **Sometimes we think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.**

Absolution

- P** But let justice roll down like waters,
C **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**
- P** And so we will always be with the Lord.
C **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**
- P** In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. 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.**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord God, we do not know the day nor the hour of the coming in glory of the Bridegroom, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we wait, continue to nourish our faith until we enter the eternal wedding feast, 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 Reading

Amos 5:18-24 (ESV)

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer Me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

²³Take away from Me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (ESV)

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13 (ESV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

tune: Aurelia

- 1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
“Come to the wedding feast.”
May slumber not befall us
Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning
With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning,
May find an open door!

- 2 There shall we see in glory
Our dear Redeemer’s face;
The long-awaited story
Of heav’nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us,
The prophets’ holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us
In that celestial land.

- 3 There God shall from all evil
Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil,
From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness,
From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav’nly gladness
And wipe away our tears.

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Sermon
“READY OR NOT…”

Pr. Jim Sprengle
Matthew 25:1-13

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.)

(11:00)

“My Lord, What A Morning”

African-American Spiritual, setting by David von Kampen
Ascension Choir

*My Lord, what a morning; My Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning, When the stars begin to fall,
When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the trumpet sound, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the sinner cry, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.*

*You'll hear the Christian shout, To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall.*

My Lord, What A Morning, This arrangement © Copyright 2023 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Internet streamed with permission under OneLicense.net.

P As the Lord invites us to come to Him with petitions and supplications, we commonly close our prayers with “Amen.” Derived from a Hebrew verb, *amen* means “certainty” or “to confirm.” As Martin Luther put it, *amen* means, “Yes, yes, it shall be so.” As we await the day of the Lord, we pray in confidence as Scripture closes with the words: “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” We, in our wait, come to our Lord in prayer, proclaim our “amens,” and confidently invite Him to come.

Let us pray for the people of God in the Bridegroom, Christ Jesus; His Bride, the Church; and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, give to us all we need and keep us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that together we as Your Church confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled and promises to come. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve, and for those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction. We pray for...For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Heavenly Father, Your goodness is great and Your blessings beyond measure. We give You thanks and lift up in prayer those who are celebrating this week...Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Heavenly Father, as we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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 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 +

This Is the Feast

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

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

P We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that in our waiting upon You, we have been gathered together in fellowship at Your Table with sins forgiven and faith nourished. We thank You for the foretaste of the wedding feast to come when the Son of Man comes and we will live with You who lives and reigns Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Closing Scripture

Amos 5:24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17–18; Matthew 25:13; Revelation 22:20–21

P But let justice roll down like waters,
C **and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

P And so we will always be with the Lord.
C **Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

P Watch therefore,
C **or you know neither the day nor the hour.**

P He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”
C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

P The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.
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.)

Herald, Sound The Note Of Judgment

tune: Regent Square

- 1 Herald, sound the note of judgment,
Warning us of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness
Till once more we sing the song.

Refrain Sound the trumpet!

Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

- 2 Herald, sound the note of gladness;
Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert
For the one who brings God near. **(refrain)**

- 4 Herald, sound the note of triumph;
Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power,
Granting vict'ry in our strife. **(refrain)**

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Dismissal

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

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in memory of her mom's birthday and Veterans Day, past and present.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS NOVEMBER 12, 2023

† AUDREY BAUCH MEMORIAL

Everyone is invited to attend the memorial service on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1:00pm at Ascension. Reception to follow.

† WORSHIP AND THANKSGIVING FEAST

Worship Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5:00pm in Spanish and special Thanksgiving potluck to follow at about 6:15pm. All are invited!

† COME CELEBRATE DON TIGGES 95TH BIRTHDAY

There is an open house on Saturday, Nov. 25 from 2:00-4:00pm in the Courtyard Fountains Activity Room: 1545 SE 223rd Avenue, Gresham OR 97030. All are welcome!

† WOMEN'S RETREAT

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!

† **YOUTH GROUP** - each Friday at 7:00pm.

† **HUMAN CARE BOARD THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Fall is here and we thank God daily for His many blessings. Thanksgiving is only weeks away, and the Human Care Board will once again be collecting non-perishable food and grocery gift cards for SnowCap. We have all felt the sting of higher prices when we visit a grocery store. The food banks are feeling it, too, as they try to feed more and more people. Pick up your colorful reusable grocery bag on the table as you leave church through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Fill your bag and return with it on Wednesday, Nov. 22 for the Thanksgiving Eve worship. (If you cannot make it to the service, you may bring your bag early and leave it in the conference room.) If you pick up an extra item or two each week when you shop, your bag will be full by Thanksgiving Eve!. This year let's fill the altar area with our offerings. Thank God for blessing us beyond measure!

SnowCap's list of most needed items includes hearty soups, chili, stew, canned fruits and vegetables, dessert mixes (cake, brownie, Jello), cooking oil, butter, sugar, coffee, pet food.

The Outreach Board will be the recipient of this year's Thanksgiving Eve offering unless you stipulate otherwise on your envelope.

† **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).

† **PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:**

The family of Judy Blubaum, The family of Miki Etzel, The family of Audrey Bauch, The family of Brayson Pardue, Jim Eckart, Carol Hoefler, Jordan Saunders, Diana Laxton, Gina Kreps, Cindy Linnemann, Karla Deal, Mike Fogarty, Alma Bangs, Randy Bryant's brother, Herb Reiniger's brother; Virginia Jacob's brother; Robert, Esperanza Gutierrez' mother; Antonia, *Barbara Schrader, *Kevin McInaney, *Larry Hart, *Mike Hatley, *Lorraine Haggard, *Carolyn Barendse, *Home Bound.

EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., NOV. 12- SAT., NOV. 18

Sunday, Nov. 12	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with communion
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish w/ comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday, Nov. 14	2:00pm	Ladies Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov. 15	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	6:00pm	C-101 (Week 8)
Thursday, Nov. 16	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
Friday, Nov. 17	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
Saturday, Nov. 18	1:00pm	Audrey Bauch Memorial

EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., NOV. 19- SAT., NOV. 25

Sunday, Nov. 19	8:30am	Worship with communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish <i>Thanksgiving potluck to follow</i>
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Nov. 20	6:00pm	Altar Guild Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 21	6:00pm	3:10 Group Newsletter Items Due
Wednesday, Nov. 22	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday, Nov. 23		Thanksgiving
Friday, Nov. 24	6:30pm	Noche Familiar

† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, NOV. 12 – SATURDAY, NOV. 18

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Randy Schroeder Nov. 14

BIRTHDAYS:

Van Sooter	Nov. 13	Ava Wentela	Nov. 14
Mae Smith	Nov. 15	Justin Zuriaga	Nov. 15
Sean Ritchie	Nov. 17		

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

None

ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 12, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:	Alex Hodges	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis NEEDED	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman
Audio/Visual:	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Michele Sprengle	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Sue Lewis Heather Gulde	Riki Neagle Christina Freeman
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Debbie Rekdahl
Flowers:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Dave and Jan Oswald
Sunday School	9:45am	Hana Laughton and Gina Kreps

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 19, 2023

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Dave Oswald	Dan Parshall
Acolytes:	NEEDED	NEEDED
Ushers:	Stan Chapulis Bob Rekdahl Randy Schroeder NEEDED	Marcus Young NEEDED
Audio/Visual:	Michele Sprengle	NEEDED
PowerPoint:	Debbie Rekdahl	NEEDED
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Jean Dillon	Esperanza Gutierrez Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Carlyn Staudt	J. E. Knox
Altar Guild:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber and Rebecca Williamson
Sunday School	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Michele Sprengle

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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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