



"And the King  
will answer them,  
**Truly** I say to you,  
as you did it to one of the  
least of these My brothers,  
you did it to Me."

MATTHEW 25:40, ESV

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

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

Sunday, November 26, 2023



## Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday, November 26, 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 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 +

### “Love in Action”

**As We Gather:** Preparing for Christ’s return means loving the people around us. Right now the end time in which we live has multiple opportunities to share God’s love. In the Gospel, Jesus explains that means caring for the “least of these My brothers” (Matthew 25:40) in their hunger, poverty, and even separation from society. Why? Because the Kingdom has already been graciously prepared for us. Today’s Readings encourage us to give God the honor He is due by sharing His love.

### Prelude

## Welcome

### Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

Ezekiel 34:11; 1 Corinthians 15:27

**P** Let us confess our unworthiness and ask His grace and mercy.

Through Ezekiel, God said that He would “search for My sheep and will seek them out.”

**C** **We confess that we have wandered away as erring sheep, preferring the pleasures of this world rather than the rich pastures You have provided. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Paul wrote that “God has put all things in subjection under [Christ’s] feet.”

**C** **We confess that we have not always been loyal subjects of our Lord, but have made decisions based on our own thoughts and desires. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Jesus foretold that He will judge people about how they treated others—the hungry, strangers, and prisoners.

**C** **We confess that we have not always sought to share Your love and meet the needs of the people around us. We cannot change without Your grace, mercy, and strength. Forgive us, O Lord.**

**P** Rejoice! The One who comes to judge is the same Jesus who gave His body and shed His blood for you on the cross. He is the first to rise from death, and by His grace we shall follow Him to His eternal kingdom. 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  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Sharing The Peace of the Lord

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

**C** And also with you.

## + THE WORD +

### Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:11-16 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I Myself will be the Shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice...

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 (ESV)

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a Man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ.

<sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

<sup>25</sup>For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

<sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Lambs' Lesson

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

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

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

**P** <sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup>Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer Him, saying,

**C** ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’

**P** <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then He will say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying,



- C** ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’
- P** <sup>45</sup>Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’  
<sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Prayer/Love in Action Requests Gathered

### Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing

tune: Regent Square

- 1 Christ, our human likeness sharing,  
Heaven’s love on earth portrayed;  
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring,  
In His death our ransom paid:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,  
Be Your life in us displayed.
- 2 Hear the word that Christ has spoken,  
Help the weak, the hungry feed;  
See the pow’rs of darkness broken,  
Sinners pardoned, captives freed:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,  
Help us meet our neighbor’s need.
- 3 Christ, in ev’ry congregation  
Build Your temple, stone by stone,  
With Your word as firm foundation  
For a faith matured and grown:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,  
Make in us Your Gospel known.
- 4 Come, O living Christ, renew us,  
As of old in wind and flame;  
With the Spirit’s pow’r endue us,  
Servants of Your saving name:  
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant,  
Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.

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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.)*

### **“Open The Eyes Of My Heart”**

Words and Music by Paul Baloche/arr. J. Schrader  
**Ensemble**

### **RITE OF RECEPTION FOR NEW MEMBERS (11:00am)**

**Bradley Grosz – Adult Confirmation**

**John Aden – Adult Confirmation**

**Danielle Brown – Adult Confirmation**

**Linda Tatum – Transfer, River of Life Lutheran**

**Sandy Kirchner – Transfer, River of Life Lutheran**

**Karen Rivera – Transfer, River of Life Lutheran**

**Neil and Debbie Zeller – Transfer, River of Life Lutheran**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for people here and around the world according to their needs.

As You have promised, Lord our God, seek out those who do have the basic necessities, face today without homes, with few possessions, and an uncertain future. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** With the Gospel in the hearts and on the lips of Christ's Church, heavenly Father, enable us to share His love and saving message with people here and around the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Many of the people we see each day are lonely strangers, gracious Lord; but their hopes and fears are known to You. Please give us compassion and mercy in helping others to see Jesus in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Shower Your blessings, O Holy Spirit, on all whose vocations work for the common good—those who till the soil and tend flocks; those who prepare and distribute food, clothing, and shelter; those who maintain peace at home and abroad; those who are first to respond in emergencies; and those who treat illnesses of all sorts. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** We remember those near to us who are in need of prayer this day...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** For those who are celebrating...Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy for the sake of 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 13 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 SONGS +

### Come, Share The Lord

We gather here in Jesus' name,  
His love is burning in our hearts Like living flame.  
For through the loving Son, The Father makes us one.  
Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread.  
The Lord Who pours the cup Is risen from the dead.  
The One we love the most Is now our gracious host.  
Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing,  
We'll see the glory of our Lord And coming King.  
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait.  
Come, take the bread; Come, drink the wine;  
Come, share the Lord.

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### The Lamb

1 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes  
God will provide the Lamb of price!

**Refrain    Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!  
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

2 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb,  
Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **(refrain)**

- 3 The Lamb, the Lamb,  
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will  
On our behalf the Law to fill. **refrain**
- 4 He sighs, He dies,  
He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives,  
He gives me His own righteousness. **(refrain)**
- 5 He rose, He rose,  
My heart with thanks now overflows.  
His song prolong  
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **(refrain)**

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## Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** 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 so that we daily show forth His love and mercy until that day when we see Him face to face to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Benediction

- P** The blessing of God almighty—the Father, who loves us so much as to give His own Son for us; † the Son, who became one of us to die for us; and the Holy Spirit, who enables us to trust in Christ in time and eternity—bless you and keep you, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## Announcements

(See the FYI in the back of the Bulletin for more information.)

## Sing To The King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.  
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.  
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,  
And joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

### (Chorus)

**Come, let us sing a song,  
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;  
He is all we need.  
Lift up a heart of praise.  
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;  
Sing to the King.**

For His returning we watch and we pray;  
We will be ready the dawn of that day.  
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,  
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. **(chorus)**

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## Dismissal

- P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

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*Thank you to Bonnie Webber for the lovely altar flowers,  
in memory of her husband, Jack, to the glory of God.*

## † THANK YOU FROM CAROL REINIGER

Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards and well wishes as I was helping my dad during his illness.

## † 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!

## † 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](mailto:worship@alcpportland.org) or call the church office at: 503-995-8821.

## † WOMEN'S RETREAT

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.

## † YOUTH GROUP PARTY

All youth are invited to gather for food and fun on Friday. Dec. 1 at 7:00pm.

## † 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!

## † 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@alcportland.org or call 503-665-8821.

† 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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† MILESTONES - SUNDAY, NOV. 26 – SATURDAY, DEC. 2

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Ava Wentela	Nov. 30	Natalie Wentela	Nov. 30
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BIRTHDAYS:

Lottie Guericke	Dec. 1
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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dave and Jan Oswald	Nov. 29, 1975
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Rick and Robyn Wymore	Dec. 2, 1978
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EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., NOV. 26- SAT., DEC. 2

<b>Sunday, Nov. 26</b>	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Chime Practice
	5:00pm	Worship in Spanish with Comm.
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 29</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
<b>Thursday, Nov. 30</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir
<b>Friday, Dec. 1</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group

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EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 3- SAT., DEC. 9

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

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUNDAY, NOV. 26, 2023

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Bruce Blubaum	John Hazen
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	Lily Hodges
<b>Ushers:</b>	Stan Chapulis Randy Schroeder	Marcus Young Matthias McInaney Eric Kreps Evan Kreps
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Wanda Cassetty	Rosemary Knox
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	J. E. Knox
<b>Greeters:</b>	Sheryl Maier	Celia Kreps Carrie Graham
<b>Readers:</b>	Jim Eckart	Peggy Hall
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services	Karen Zahursky
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services	Bonnie Webber
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier
<b>Sunday School</b>	9:45am	Carrie Graham and Sheryl Maier

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ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 3, 2023

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**8:30am**

**11:00am**

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

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Church Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9am to 3pm

## Our Mission Statement:

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## Our Vision Statement:

*“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”*

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God—the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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