

May He establish your hearts  
blameless in holiness before our  
God and Father, at the coming of  
our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:13



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"  
Sunday, December 1, 2024

## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**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: “Blameless Hearts”

**AS WE GATHER:** The “blame game” has been happening since the fall into sin when Adam blamed Eve and Eve blamed the serpent for their world-changing transgression. To this day when things go wrong, the “blame game” continues among siblings, spouses, coworkers, elected leaders, and governments around the world. If we are honest, we realize that we often have no one to blame but ourselves, as we are by nature sinful and unclean. In contrast to our “blame game,” we have a blameless Savior who came into this world as one of us. Through Jesus Christ, whose birth we prepare for as we begin this Advent season, we are made holy and blameless in God’s sight. We share Paul’s prayer for the church in Thessalonica to make our hearts blameless: “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints” (1 Thessalonians 3:12–13).

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH - Candle Of HOPE

- P** Each week in Advent, we light a candle as we prepare for the arrival of the Savior, who would come to His people in human flesh and who promises to come again. In a world of darkness, a light shines. Jesus Christ is the light of the world.
- C** **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
  
- P** The first Advent candle is known as the prophecy candle or the candle of hope. We hear again the first promise and prophecy made in the Garden of Eden after the fall into sin: “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.” The Lord has kept His Word through the mouths of prophets who, for generations, pointed people to the promised Savior to come.
- C** **The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.**

- P** Guided by the light of hope, we respond with the psalmist: “Our soul waits for the Lord;  
**C** **He is our help and our shield.**
- P** For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.  
**C** **Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.”**

*(The candle is lit.)*

## **Light A Candle For All To See**

Words and Music by Lloyd Larson  
**Ascension Choir and Congregation**

- CANTOR** Light a candle for all to see.  
**C** **Light a candle for all to see.**
- CANTOR** The King shall come for you and me.  
**C** **The King shall come for you and me.**
- CANTOR** Endless hope: Emmanuel.  
**C** **Endless hope: Emmanuel.**
- CANTOR** And with us He shall ever dwell.  
**C** **And with us He shall ever dwell. Emmanuel: God with us, King of kings and Lord of lords! Come fill our hearts with Your hope and reign forevermore.**

*(repeat from beginning)*

- P** “I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (*Jeremiah 29:11*) Put your Hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with Him is full redemption. (*Psalms 130:7*) Blessed is the one whose help is in the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth--the Lord, Who remains faithful forever. (*Psalms 146:5-6*)

## **INVOCATION**

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

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *1 John 1:8–9; Jeremiah 33:14, 16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Luke 21:28*

- P** As we begin the Advent season—a time of preparation for the coming of our Savior and a time of pondering God’s great love for us given in His Son—we also prepare ourselves to come before Him in humility and with honesty. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** The prophet Jeremiah proclaims, “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made. . . . And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”
- C** **We confess we have not always rejoiced in the promises that the Lord makes but have found our fulfillment in the temporal things of this world. We have sought our own rightness instead of the Lord’s righteousness. Forgive us.**
- P** Paul prays, “May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, . . . so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus.”
- C** **We confess our hearts are often full of blame and unholiness. We have not loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**
- P** As Jesus speaks of the time of His return, He calls His followers to “straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”
- C** **We confess we have not remained ready for Your return. Our priorities get in the way of Your priorities. Forgive us.**
- P** The Lord is our righteousness. He alone establishes hearts blameless in holiness at His coming. Redemption draws near. We are declared righteous, blameless, and redeemed because of the living, dying, and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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.

From everlasting to everlasting You are our God, and You come to Your people. In Your Word and in the flesh of Your only-begotten Son, You come that we may know forgiveness, righteousness, and redemption. Prepare us to receive You in this season and always, that our hearts may be made blameless and filled with holiness; 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (ESV)

<sup>14</sup>Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our Righteousness.'"

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see You face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you,

<sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36 (ESV)

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

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

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." <sup>29</sup>And He told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## PRAYER AND LOVE IN ACTION REQUESTS GATHERED

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.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.

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.

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**SERMON**  
**“BLAMELESS”**

Pr. Jim Sprengle  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

**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.)*

**✠ CHRIST CANDLE RITE OF BLESSING ✠**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

Holy Lord, You sent Your Son into this world to be our Savior from sin and death, that through Him our hearts may be established holy and blameless before You, as He will come again in glory to redeem all His people. Be with us this Advent season and always as we wait upon Him and raise our heads, awaiting the redemption to come at the second advent. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Forgiving Lord, as You have granted us the forgiveness of sins, give us the same heart to forgive those who sin against us, that our love may abound for all people. Bless all our relationships in our families, friendships, homes, vocations, and communities, that they would reflect the love You have first shown to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Compassionate Lord, as You come to Your people in need, grant Your continued presence with those who face trials of mind, body, and spirit. Give comfort to all facing affliction and pain, providing healing according to Your will. We lift up those who have asked us as one people to bring prayers before You...As they wait upon You, give a sure and certain confidence of faith in Your promises made and fulfilled. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious Lord, we give You thanks for the blessings celebrated this week...May we live with hearts of gratitude for all Your gifts that, whether in joy or in sorrow, in blessing or in difficulty, we would give You thanks in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Abiding Lord, as we wait upon the redemption of the world at Christ's second coming, we do so not alone but with Your continued presence until that day. We thank You for the nourishment You provide through Your means of grace, and especially the forgiveness assured through Christ's body and blood given and shed for us. Be with us whenever we prepare to receive You in the fellowship of the altar as You come to us still. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 13 for the closing.)**

## + 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**

#### **PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**C** **Amen.**

## + DISTRIBUTION SONGS +

### **Behold The Lamb**

- 1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us: and we remember:  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this Bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.
- 2 The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you: eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,  
Paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.

3 The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you: drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this Bread of Life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice,  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.

4 And so with thankfulness and faith  
We rise to respond: and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering,  
We proclaim: Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.

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## **Jesus Messiah**

He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.

### **Chorus**

**Jesus Messiah, Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from Heaven;  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.**

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love.  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing. **(chorus)**

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world. **(chorus)**

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## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Psalm 136:1; 1

Thessalonians 3:12–13, adapt.

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

**P** We thank and praise You that as we prepare to celebrate Christ’s coming in the flesh and His promised return, You have come to us now through this gift of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and nourishment of faith. Enable us, equip us, and make us, through faith in You, and in fervent love for one another, to increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that You may establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

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1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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## DISMISSAL

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

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

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*Thanks to Wilma Aguilar for the lovely Altar flowers,  
given to the glory of God.*

**† TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY YOUR WREATH**

Items for sale include 22" wreaths and 21" crosses. Look for order forms on the white board in the narthex. Remember friends and relatives when ordering. Payment is due at the time of your order. Wreath pick-up is this Saturday, Dec. 7. From 12:00-2:00pm.

**† FROM THE HUMAN CARE BOARD**

We will fill Christmas stockings for the adults at my Father's House. Donations will be collected December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Thank you in advance for continuing to support My Father's House.

**† LWML CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

You are invited to join your LWML Sisters-in-Christ for a Christmas Gathering here in Ascension's Community Room this coming Saturday, Dec. 7th from 10am to noon. More information is posted on the LWML Bulletin Board and near your Church Mailboxes.

**† OUTREACH HOT CHOCOLATE AND DONUTS!**

On Saturday, Dec. 14 the Outreach Board will be handing out hot chocolate, donuts and invites to the holiday services in the parking lot to community members between 9:00 and 11:00am! For more information or to volunteer to help call or email Cindy Reinert.

**† JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLING!**

All are welcome to join in our annual afternoon of Christmas caroling on Sunday, Dec. 22. We will gather in the church narthex around 12:30pm and will finish by 5:00pm. If you can only join us for a portion of that time, that's fine too! It will be helpful to know ahead of time who will be attending, so please call/text Brad Hall (503-201-2129) or leave him a note in mailbox 42. This event is always a meaningful and memorable opportunity to share the hope and joy of Jesus, the REASON for the SEASON!

**† 2025 FLOWER CHART**

The 2025 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 CHORAL INVITATION

The Concordia Christmas Chorale goes on! Alumni and Friends of Concordia University in Portland will gather at 2 PM on Sunday, December 15 for a renewal of the Christmas Chorale which CUP held every year in December for over 60 years. You are welcome to come and listen and sing carols and hear anew the good news proclaimed by angels and heard by shepherds and wise men. The chorale will be held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church (next to the old CU campus) 6700 NE 29th Ave. Portland, OR 97211.

## † PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Sue Lewis and her family, Barb Cochran and her family, Pastor Ruberto and his family, Carolyn Gordon, Mike Fogarty, Karla Deal, The family of Bob Rekdahl, Jan Galberth, Jim Eckart, Gina Kreps, Herb and Carol Hoefer, Mae Smith, Ed Hubbard, Alma Bangs, Marcia Bryant's relative (Ron), Kaye Beaulieu's Brother (Dick), Virginia Jacob's brother (Robert), Esperanza Gutierrez' mother (Antonia), \*Barbara Schrader, \*Larry Hart, \*Mel and Lorraine Haggard. \*Home Bound.

## † PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY

Brett Monson – Navy, San Diego CA (Grandson of Joann Schulz)  
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve, Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);  
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Navy, Kaneohe Bay HI (nephew of 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).  
Bradley Zeller, Army – Fort Lewis WA (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)  
Kyle Zeller, Army – Ft. Hood TX (grandson of Neil and Deb Zeller)

## † PRAYER NEEDS?

Did you know you can send the office your prayer request written exactly how you want, and it will be forwarded to the prayer chain? You may also just let the office know your request and Michele will word the request for you. Either one is fine. Please e-mail: [office@alcportland.org](mailto:office@alcportland.org) or call 503-665-8821.



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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY, SUN., DEC. 1, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Randy Schroeder	Herb Hoefler
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Adams John Aden <b>NEEDED</b> <b>NEEDED</b>	Marcus Young Neil Zeller
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Debbie Rekdahl	John Hazen
<b>Greeters:</b>	Margo Bachhuber Elizabeth Alvarado	Riki Neagle
<b>Readers:</b>	Susan Rotramel	J. E. Knox
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
<b>Flowers:</b>	Both Services: Wilma Aguilar	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Bob and Elaina Ritchie	
<b>Sunday School:</b>	Carrie and Michele – What’s is the Bible	

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**ASSISTING IN MIDWEEK WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 2024**

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	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Stan Chapulis	<b>NONE NEEDED</b>
<b>Greeters:</b>	Millie Edwards	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Both Services: Wendy Hazen	
<b>Counters:</b>	Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald	

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**ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT, SUN., DEC 8, 2024**

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	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Elder:</b>	Dave Oswald	Bob Ritchie
<b>Acolytes:</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>Ushers:</b>	Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	Johnnie Driessner Paul Walter Marcus Young Matthias McInaney
<b>Audio/Visual:</b>	Teresa Osgood	Laura Potter
<b>PowerPoint:</b>	Taylor Osgood	Rebecca Williamson

**Greeters:** Sue Lewis Riki Neagle  
 Heather Gulde  
**Readers:** Jim Eckart Johnnie Driessner  
**Altar Guild:** Both Services: Margo Bachhuber  
**Flowers:** Both Services: Lottie Guericke  
**Counters:** Both Services: Dave and Jan Oswald  
**Sunday School** 9:45am: Hana and Gina – Lesson and craft

**† MILESTONES – Sunday, Dec. 1– Saturday, Dec. 7**

**BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Joshua Mundo Dec. 6 Claire Zeebuyth Dec. 6

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Lottie Guericke Dec. 1 Rick Wymore Dec. 2  
 Felix Harris Dec. 3 Emely Mukul Aguilar Dec. 3  
 Avi Ritchie Dec. 4 Christian Mukul Dec. 5  
 Bobbie Adams Dec. 6 Don Farabee Dec. 7

**WEDDINGS:**

Rick and Robin Wymore Dec. 2, 1978

**EVENTS NEXT WEEK – SUN., DEC. 1 – SAT., DEC. 7**

**Sunday, Dec. 1** 8:30am Worship with Communion  
 ADVENT 1 9:45am Adult Ed and Sunday School  
 11:00am Worship  
 12:15pm Bell Practice  
 5:00pm Spanish Worship  
**Monday, Dec. 2** 1:00pm Human Care Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, Dec. 3** 6:00pm Elder Meeting  
**Wednesday, Dec. 4** 2:00pm Crafting Get-Together  
 3:30pm Advent 1 Midweek Early  
 7:00pm Advent 1 Midweek Late  
**Thursday, Dec. 5** 6:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
 7:00pm Choir Practice  
**Friday, Dec. 6** 6:30pm Noche Familiar  
 7:00pm Youth Group  
**Saturday, Dec. 7** 10:00am LWML Christmas Party  
 12:00pm Pick up Wreaths

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**EVENTS THIS WEEK – SUN., DEC. 8 – SAT., DEC. 14**

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<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b>	8:30am	Worship
ADVENT 2	9:45am	Adult Ed and Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	12:15pm	Bell Practice
	5:00pm	Spanish Worship w/ Communion
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 10</b>	2:00pm	Women's Monthly Bible Study
	6:00pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 11</b>	2:00pm	Crafting Get-Together
	3:30pm	Advent 2 Midweek Early
	7:00pm	Advent 2 Midweek Late
<b>Thursday, Dec. 12</b>	6:00pm	Praise Team
	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday, Dec. 13</b>	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Saturday, Dec. 14</b>	9:00am	Outreach Hot Chocolate and Donuts

# Ascension Lutheran Church

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## Our Mission Statement:

*~Go and Share Jesus Christ~*

## Our Vision Statement:

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

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

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

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