

Third Sunday in Advent

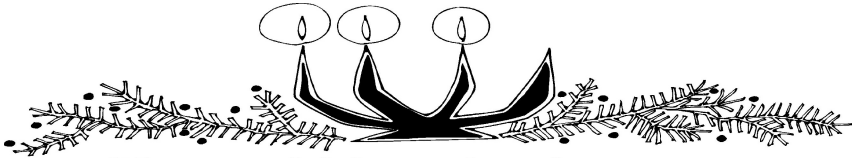


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THIRD WEEK IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

“Hail to the Lords Anointed”

Freut euch, ihr lieben

setting, Robert J. Powell

(Stand) Lighting of the Advent Wreath

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

C: Amen

Psalm 130

P: Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;

C: Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

P: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.

P: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I put my hope.

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than the watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.

Hymn

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

ELW240

Text: Wayne L. Wold; Tune: Yiddish folk tune, arr. Wayne L. Wold

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1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah:

let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel,

God fulfills the promise.

**2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
Gently lead them homeward.**

**3. Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.**

P: O Israel, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

C: He himself will redeem Israel for all their sins.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Gathering Hymn

ELW259

“Fling Wide The Door”

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590-1635

Tune: Macht hoch die Tür

**1. Fling wide the door, unbar the gate;
the King of glory comes in state;
the Lord of lords and King of kings,
the Savior of the world who brings
his great salvation to the earth.
So raise a shout of holy mirth
and praise our God and Lord,
Creator, Spirit, Word.**

2. **He is the rock of our belief,
the heart of mercy's gentle self.
His kingly crown is holiness;
his scepter is his loveliness;
he brings our sorrows to an end.
Now gladly praise our king and friend,
and worship him with song
for saving us from wrong.**

3. **Oh, happy towns and blessed lands
that live by their true king's commands.
And blessed be the hearts he rules,
the humble places where he dwells.
He is the rightful Son of bliss
who fills our lives and makes us his,
creator of the world,
our only strength for good.**

4. **Come, Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ;
our hearts are open wide in trust.
Oh, show us now your lovely grace,
upon our sorrows shine your face,
and let your Holy Spirit guide
our journey in your grace so wide.
We praise your holy name,
from age to age the same!**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. ¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. ¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing ¹⁸ as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. ¹⁹I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. ²⁰At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 2

¹Lord, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. ²You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. ³You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger. ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us! ⁵Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? ⁶Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. ⁸Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to

his saints; but let them not turn back to folly. ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky. ¹²Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4.4-7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand) The Gospel Acclimation

“Alleluia”



The Gospel Lesson

Luke 7.18-28

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.’” ²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Stand) *Hymn of the Day* "Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

ELW 241

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676; tr. composite

Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1. **O Lord, how shall I meet you,
how welcome you aright?
Your people long to greet you,
my hope, my heart's delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy,
your lamp within my breast
to do in spirit lowly
all that may please you best.**

2. **I lay in fetters, groaning;
you came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
you came to honor me.
A glorious crown you give me,
a treasure safe on high
that will not fail or leave me
as earthly riches fly.**

3. **Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all love excelling,
our lost and fallen race.**

4. **Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
who sit in deepest gloom,
who mourn your joys departed
and tremble at your doom.
All hail the Lord's appearing!
O glorious Sun, now come,
send forth your beams so cheering
and guide us safely home.**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

(Kneel/sit) Prayers

ELW 691

“Accept O Lord, The Gifts We Bring”

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957; © 1990 Augsburg Fortress

Music: English folkd tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925: © 1995 Augsburg Fortress

Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord,
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by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

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A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

(after each portion of the prayers:)

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(the prayers conclude:)

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a sign of peace.

The Gathering of Gifts

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

Choir Anthem

Seek a Sign, the Prophet Counseled
Justin Wedgewood

Third Sunday in Advent



(Stand) Presenting our Gifts

TFF292

“Give Thanks”

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Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich;" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich;" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

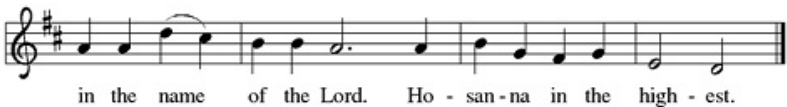
P: Lift up your hearts.

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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in His death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: All praise and glory are yours: Holy One of Israel, Word of God Incarnate, Power of the Most High – one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

(Sit) Communion Distribution

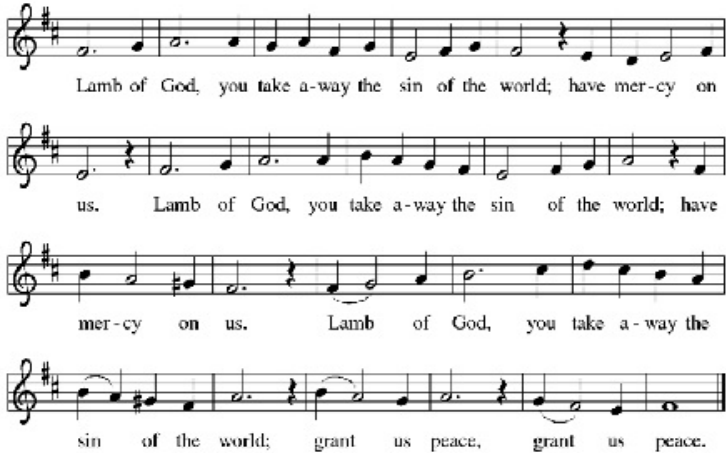
Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized adults who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Those communing may receive the wafer in their hand or upon their tongue. You may receive the wine by the common cup, individual cup, or by dipping the wafer into the wine. The ushers will direct you to communion. Please step up to the blue line.

Music During Communion

“Lamb of God”

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

“Lost in the Night”

ELW 243

Text: Nordic hymn; tr. Olav Lee, 1859-1943, alt.; © 1932
Augsburg Publishing House Music: Finish folk tune

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- 1. Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
plaintively sighing with hearts full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?**
- 2. Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?**

- 3. Sorrowing wand'ers, in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
death's deepest shadows forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!**

- 4. Light o'er the land of the needy is beaming;
rivers of life through its deserts are streaming,
bringing all peoples a Savior redeeming.
Come and save us soon! Come and save us soon!**

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

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- 1. Awake! Awake, and greet the new morn,
for angels herald its dawning.
Sing out your joy, for soon he is born,
behold! the Child of our longing.
Come as a baby weak and poor,
to bring all hearts together,
he opens wide the heav'nly door
and lives now inside us forever.**

- 2. To us, to all in sorrow and fear,
Emmanuel comes a-singing,
his humble song is quiet and near,
yet fills the earth with its ringing;
music to heal the broken soul
and hymns of lovingkindness,
the thunder of his anthems roll
to shatter all hatred and blindness.**

3. **In darkest night his coming shall be,
when all the world is despairing,
as morning light so quiet and free,
so warm and gentle and caring.
Then shall the mute break forth in song,
the lame shall leap in wonder,
the weak be raised above the strong,
and weapons be broken asunder.**

4. **Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,
though dark the winter and cheerless,
the rising sun shall crown you with light,
be strong and loving and fearless.
Love be our song and love our prayer
and love our endless story;
may God fill ev'ry day we share
and bring us at last into glory.**

(Stand) Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Song

“Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

ELW 208

Text and Tune: Now the Feast and Celebration,
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- 1. Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!**
- 2. From of old you loved and sought us:
thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us:
thanks be to you forever!**

Bridge: **Strong is your faithfulness,
strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

- 3. Praise to you, O God of mercy:
thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

Post Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW244

"Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907

Music: Swedish Folk Tune"

- 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 suf'rings bore,
Shall live and reign forever
When sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory
The Lamb they shall be hold;
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 be-night-ed sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted,
We plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption
That sets your people free!**

Sending

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Hark! The Glad Sound
setting, Jacob B. Weber

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Pastor	Jon Diefenthaler
Assistant	Annette Singletary
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Stephany Sims
Greeters	Agnes Jones
Altar Guild	Agnes Jones, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
Ushers	Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston
Counters	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill



Welcome Pastor and Lori Agne!

We invite you to offer a Christmas Card to our new future Pastor and his wife, Pastor Chris Agne and Lori Agne. We will collect these in a basket in the Narthex. We will send these all together to arrive at their Missouri home in time for Christmas. We want them to feel welcomed in advance of their arrival here.

Important Dates

December 24 Christmas Eve Service @ 4pm

Poinsettia Sign-Up Sheet

Red Christmas Poinsettias are now on sale! Order your potted plants on the sign-up sheets outside the church office. We have 25 plants on order total. The cost is \$6.50 per plant.

Payment should be made in addition to your usual financial support. Envelopes placed in the offering plate should be marked as for Poinsettia purchase.

Board Of Elders

We invite you to join the Board of Elders to place potted Poinsettias on the church altar. We will be there on Saturday, December 21 at 9 am. This event is short and sweet! We will have these beautiful holiday decorations up for Sunday, December 22 and Tuesday, Christmas Eve!

Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible study will begin again on September 1 and will be meeting in the music room following service.

We will be studying the book of Esther. If you are awaiting a miracle that has not come, feel inadequate, threatened, or pushed into overpowering situations, this is the study for you. We will explore the history of the Persian empire, the diaspora, and the plight of Israel during this period. We will look at other scriptures in both the old and new testaments that support and expand our understanding of Esther's story. We will learn how Esther's story has contemporary applications for our lives today. To include the most people possible, we will be meeting on Sundays when choir is not in rehearsal.

Adult Bible Study Schedule -Esther

December 15- Video session 2

(The other lesson titles will be determined based upon our progress.)

January 12, 26; February 16; March 2, 16

April 13; May 4, 18; June 1, 15

Special Prayer Request

Both Pastor Gary and his wife Tracy have suffered major medical issues in the past weeks. Tracy has broken 2 bones in her leg and Pastor Gary has had numerous issues that resulted in surgery. They are both recovering at home but could surely benefit from our prayers and cards of support and encouragement. Pastor Gary was one of Ascension's visiting pastors during the late summer. He also served as the Chaplain for LWML for several years.

Rev. Gary and Tracy Pomrenke
8719 McKibbon Dr.
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Christmas For Our Homebound

We're collecting Holiday Cards for our Homebound members. If you would like to participate, please place your card in the box located in the Narthex no later than Sunday, *December 22, 2024*.

Helen Bell
Lois Fleming
Alice Gaither
Terry Hymes
Naomi Mathis
Olivia Powell
Natalie Reeves
Helen Riley
Ludie Sims
Roberta White
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Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list current the Board of Elders will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson @ 301-442-6253

marjorienilsson@hotmail.com.

Sunday @6

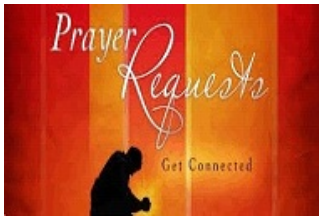
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The call is toll-free: (267) 807-9601

Sunday @ 6

Enter this code: 773-431-475 #

For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!



Ascension Lutheran Church Prayer Request

Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.

Pastor Gary Pomrenke and wife Tracie, prayers for comfort and healing.

Ed Neibling, son-in-law of Russ and Ruth Ford, prayers for healing

Ginny Raft, former Ascension teacher, missionary and Daughter of former members Ruth and Russell Ford.

The Ojuronbe /Osho Family, upon the recent passing of Abidemi "Demi" Ojuronbe

Ernestine Hayes, Prayers for healing.

Jannie Goldston, prayers for healing.

Bonnie Garrett, Sister-In-Law, of Rob Garrett, prayers for healing

Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Ascension Shut-Ins:

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming;

Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.

Ascension Weekly

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Information & Notices

Dec. 15, 2024

Services

Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is
celebrated in most services.

Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism
can be made with the
Church Office.

Weddings

Weddings for active
Ascension members are
arranged with the Church
Office

Please Note

Adult Bible Study: Bible
study meets on Sundays
after worship, at 10:30 am.

Staff:

Gwen Neal Office Mgr.
Ben Harris Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30
Closed Holidays.

Please allow us to share
Church News with you via
email. Send your **email
address** to the Church
Office at
ascenluth@aol.com.

Sunday, December 15,

Advent III

9:00 am

Worship

Bible Study

6:00 pm

Sunday @ 6

Sunday, December 22

Advent IV

9:00 am

Worship

Bible Study

6:00 pm

Sunday @ 6



Altar Flowers Presented By

Please Note that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.



Altar Flowers

***Altar Flowers* \$50.00**
***Sanctuary Lights* \$ 5.00**

**Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring
Servants who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people**

Call Committee Prayer Vigil:

Our designated prayer time for the Call process is 7 pm. Please remember to set some kind of an alarm for this time daily for the remainder of the call process. I know many of us are already praying, so let's have this one time daily when we do it all together.

For the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates, please pray for...

*The Lord's Guidance

*The Lord's Discernment

This is not an exhaustive list so please add any other prayer that comes to mind

Thank you!

Ascension Board of Elders

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



**Dawn Doakes, Emily O'Connell,
Jessie Manuel, Emily DeMaio Strachan,
Louvenia Morehead, Harry Sessums, Jr.**



SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Dec. 22

Pastor Jon Diefenthaler
Assistant Mary Tipton
Musician Ben Harris
Reader The Doakes Family
Greeters Vivian Licorish
Altar Guild Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White,
Barbara Thom
Ushers John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
Counters Dianne Yohe, Harry Sessums