

First Sunday in Advent



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Notices

Prelude "Aria" from "Musikalischer Zeit-Vertreib"
-- Valentin Rathgeber

(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”

ELW 240

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.**

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

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

ELW 254

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Tune: Jefferson

- 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king;
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

(Sit) The First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“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. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In 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.’”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand) The Gospel Verse

“The King of Glory”

WP136

Text: Willard F. Jabusch; Tune: Israeli folk song

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**The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.
Who is the King of Glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages.
The King of Glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, lift up your voices.**

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 19: 28-40

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

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

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit) Sermon

(Stand) Hymn of the Day

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

ELW 242

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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) Confessor: I give thanks to God for ...
and ask you to join me in confessing our faith:

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**

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:)

A: 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.

(Sit) **Anthem** “O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion”

Handel’s Messiah

Soloist Annette Singletary

(Stand) Presenting our Gifts “Prepare the Royal Highway”
ELW264

Text: Frans Mikael Franzen; Tune: Swedish folk tune

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- 1. Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!
Let ev’ry hill and valley A level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God’s Word!**
- 2. Then fling the gates wide open
To greet your promised king!
Your king, yet ev’ry nation
Its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him;
Their voices join your singing:
Hosanna to the Lord, For he fulfills God’s Word!**

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 and salutary ... and join their unending hymn:

C: "Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words: you are holy, Lord.

*"Holy, Holy, Holy" Text: anonymous. Tune: arr. Pablo Sosa.

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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.**

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you ...

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW244

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722

Tune: Haf trones lampa färdig

- 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!**

Sending

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Celebrant	Sister Sally Hiller
Organist	Ken Kepler, Parish Musician
Assistant:	Adam Kambia
Acolyte:	Kevin Pineda
Reader	Stephany Sims
Altar Guild	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White, Barbara Thom
Ushers	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
Counters	John Geisler

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Christmas Baskets

The Senior Vision Team will be making the Christmas Baskets for the Shut-ins this year. The Senior Vision Team consist of Clay Goldston, Ginny Lee , Marj Nilsson and Melanie Demones. This year we are asking for monetary donations and our team will purchase the items to make holiday baskets for 16 of our members.

Please make checks to Ascension Lutheran Church (memo- SVT) by December 5th. We would like baskets to be picked up for delivery by December 19th. Holiday cards will still be accepted.

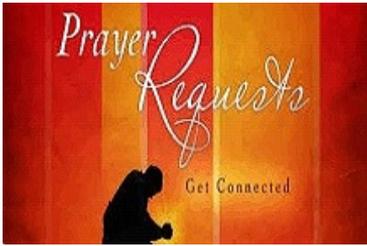
Thank you.
Senior Vision Team



Ascension Shut-Ins

Helen Bell, Laura Brooks, Helen Riley, Lois Fleming, Alice Gaither, Morris Hymes, Sr., Amy Jordan-Dawson, Georgianna Lambert, Herman & Alice McNeil, Olivia Powell, Natalie Reeves, Arthur & Mildred Smith, Samuel Malachi, Mary West

Females - 12
Males - 4
Couples - 2



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.

Georgianna Lambert who is hospitalized.

Susie Nilsson, prayers for healing

Ernestine Bivins,

Upon the recent passing of her sister **Juanita Turley**

Helen Riley, Prayers for continued healing.

Olivia Powell, Prayers for continued healing.

Wilgrid Goodwin, Prayers for healing (*daughter of Olivia Powell*)

Abigail Geisler, Prayers for healing

Dolores Prather, Prayers for healing

Robin Sands, Prayers for healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Amy Jordan-Dawson, Undergoing chemotherapy

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Mary West, Prayers for healing.

Ascension Shut-Ins:

*Laura Brooks; John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming;
Morris Hymes, Sr. Samuel Malachi, Georgianna Lambert;
Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.*

The Evangelism and Social Ministry boards

of the Church Council invite the members of Ascension to support us in assisting our local public school Glenridge Elementary.

During a meeting of the members of the Evangelism and Social Ministry boards it was brought to our attention that many of the children in our public schools lack socks. We brought our desire to provide socks for children at our local elementary school to the church council and were instructed to contact our local school for guidelines concerning the donation.

The school was delighted at our interest in supporting their 747 students and said that they would meet with school officials concerning our proposal.

The most immediate need is for hand sanitizer (large containers) and disposable masks. Children's socks, coats, hats, scarfs and gloves are welcomed donations.



We requested that Ascension Lutheran Church be allowed to place stickers on the boxes of masks, containers of hand sanitizer, and packages of socks that say “From Your Friends at Ascension Lutheran Church (www.alutheranchurch)” in English and Spanish. Glenridge officials agreed to this request.

The collection of items will begin Sunday November 28, 2021 and end Sunday December 12, 2021. Donations can be placed in designated boxes near the front entrance to the church. Members of the Evangelism and Social Ministry boards will arrange with the church office for labels, package and label socks if loose pairs are donated, place labels on hand sanitizer containers, and check daily with the church office about the need to transport donations to Glenridge Elementary, so that the church lobby is not overflowing with donations.



The Adult Sunday School class is studying the book of Galatians. The early church had many disagreements, but they did agree on one thing as a key to the teachings of Jesus Christ, remember the less fortunate.



For those of you who want to do even more for the school, Glenridge Elementary School is holding Uniform and Toiletries Drive from 3 pm – 5 pm on December 1, 2021. They need: toiletries, masks, hand sanitizer, laundry detergent, dish detergent, diapers, wipes, formula, cleaning products, toilet paper, paper towels, blue uniform shirts (student) and blue uniform bottoms.

You may also visit donorschoose.org and look up Glenridge Elementary and be provided with requests for donations from classroom teachers for special class projects.



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Information & Notices

Nov. 28, 2021

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

Bible Hour: Bible classes for all ages meet on Sundays after worship, except during summer. For information contact Dianne Yohe or Jenny DeMaio.

Staff:

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

Send your **email address** to the Church Office at ascenluth@aol.com.

**“Becoming Caring Servants Who Extend Life in Christ
To Diverse People”**

This Week at Ascension

Sunday, November 28

Advent I

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Adult Bible Class
 Youth Group Bible Study
6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

Sunday, December 5

Advent II

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Adult Bible Class
 Youth Group Bible Study
6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

Altar Flowers Are Presented By

Ginny Lee in Memory of Loved Ones.



Altar Flowers

Birthdays This Week



Jan Kmitch, Herman McNeil, Roblyn Hymes

Herman & Alice McNeil



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

Coming Events

TODAY The Evangelism and Social Ministry Boards
Glenridge Elementary School Drive Begins today
and ends on Sunday December 12, 2021.

Dec. 4 Decorating the Sanctuary

Dec. 12 Voters Meeting - 2022 Budget After Service

Dec. 12 Confirmation Class
The Jesus Story Unit 3, The Creed
Chapters 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,
29, 30

Altar Flowers



The Board of Elders is pleased to announce that we will resume our long-standing tradition of offering Altar Flowers in Honor of *or* in Memory of loved ones.

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 **\$50.00**
Sanctuary Lights **\$ 5.00**

SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Dec. 5

Presiding	Jon Diefenthaler, Pastor
Assistant	Mary Tipton
Acolyte	Leyla Pineda
Reader	Annette Singletary
Altar Guild	Wells Family, Ernestine Bivins, Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill
Ushers	Dan Fulford, Jr., Carl Wilhoit, Darrell Dockery
Counters	Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.