

**December 1, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino**

*"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"*

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**Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and Announcements**

**Advent Candle Ceremony-Isaiah 9:1-6 Prophecy/Hope**

**Song**                      **"Light One Candle"**

Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,  
He brings hope to every heart, He comes! He comes!



**Confession and Forgiveness**

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

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise              "For the Beauty of the Earth"              LBW 561**

**Prayer of the Day - Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Bible Lessons:** Ezekiel 5:13-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 John 4:13-21

**Gospel Lesson** John 5:1-18

**Message** *by Pastor Sabin*

**Song of Praise** **"Great Are You, Lord"**

**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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

P: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

### **Prayers of the People of God**

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. *"Lord Listen" (to be sung before the prayers)*

*(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)*

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **Victory Celebration**

P: The Lord is with you!

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; he redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness; he satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**"Awesome God"**

### **Words of Institution**

The Lord's Prayer - 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.

### Invitation to Holy Communion

### Communion Distribution

### Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

Sending Song      *"Shout to the Lord"*

### Sending

P: "Go in peace! Serve the Lord!"

C: *"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love."*

### Postlude

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

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### **COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the basket at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

**Sunday, December 1, 2024**

**9:30 AM Worship Service**

Communion: Pastor Marcia  
Reader: Darrel Klemp  
Money Counter: Ruthann Meiers  
Altar Care: Jean Conradt

**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**9:30 AM Worship Service**

Communion: Carrie Daoust  
Reader: Chris Schley  
Money Counter: Glen Peebles  
Altar Care: Jean Conradt

If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.

## **December 1 - 8, 2024 Announcements**

### **Sunday, December 1**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship  
Service  
After Worship - Sloppy  
Joes and Tater Tots

### **Monday, December 2**

6:30 pm - Bible Study  
7:30 pm - Dartball at  
Ascension

### **Tuesday, December 3**

NO Bible Study

### **Wednesday, December 4**

6:30 Confirmation and  
Christmas Program  
Practice

**Welcome to all visitors!**  
Thank you for worshipping  
with us today.  
Please sign the guestbook in  
the entryway.

### **Sunday, December 8**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
8:30 am - Christmas  
Program Practice  
9:30 am - Worship  
Service  
After Worship:  

- Decorate the  
Christmas Tree
- Christmas Candy Sale
- Fellowship meal:  
pizza

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- **December 4 & 11** - Christmas Program practice at 6:30 pm
- **December 8** - Christmas Program practice at 8:30 am & Christmas Tree decorating after worship
- **December 8 & 15** - Christmas Candy Sale after worship
- **December 15** - Christmas Program Practice at 8:00 am
- **December 15** - Christmas Program at 9:30 am
- **December 24** - Christmas Eve Service @ 4:00 pm (only 1 service this year)



### **Ascension Budget**

Council would like the membership to be aware of our financial status on a month to month basis.

Income received: \$ 70,342.99  
Expenses paid out: \$68,271.61  
Income exceeding Expenses \$2,071.38



### **Poinsettias for Christmas**

Please consider purchasing a poinsettia for \$20 to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The sign-up sheet is on the back table.

### **2024 Christmas Program**

**"SCUBA CHRISTMAS" -**

Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 9:30 am

### **Rehearsals:**

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 8 at 8:30 am

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 15 at **8:00 am**

See Toni if you'd like to be part of this annual program!



### **Life's Milestones Donations**

Received last Sunday for Special Projects:

- Loud offering - \$26.18
- Plant Sale - \$11.00



**The youth Christmas Candy Sale** is fast approaching! Please sign up to donate your favorite Christmas candy on the sheet on the back table. The candy will be sold December 8 and 15 after worship. Thank you for supporting our youth!



**SCRIP Cards**

Consider giving prepaid Scrip cards as gifts and you'll be earning money for Ascension while you, your family and friends shop. Please complete a sheet found in the back of the church and return it to Carrie, Rita or Denise.

All proceeds go to the Special Projects Fund. Thank you for supporting this program. You are making a difference!



**Prayer List**

Alice Mueller, Dave & Sally Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes, Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Linda Ogi, Kevin Conradt

*\*\*Please contact Denise in the office if you would like a name added to the prayer list. Names will be listed for a month unless you indicate otherwise. \*\**



**Prayers for the Congregation**

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God. If you are a member but your name is not on the list, please let Denise in the office know.

**1st Week of December**

**Sunday:** Adam Peebles, Bruce Ladwig, Greycen Johnson, Mitchell Sokolski, Nick Zuiches, Steve Thomas

**Monday:** Al Meiers, Cade Johnson, Navid Kienast, Kay Fuerst, George Peters, Henry Mitchler

**Tuesday:** Alexandra Wilber, Carl Schoettler, Harlo Hillsberg, Kevin Conradt, Layla Houdek, Jacob Mitchler

**Wednesday:** Alice Mueller, Steve Kienast, Kyle Olson, Patty Lorenz, Carrie Daoust, Erin Schley

**Thursday:** Carrigan Hartlaben, Heather Goodacre, Kris Jensen, Mitchell Sokolski, Jr., Denelle Daniels, Misty Mitchler

**Friday:** Pat Zuiches, Nancy Peters, Pearl Turnquist, Carmen Wetzal, Marlene Westgor, Chris Schley

**Saturday:** Amelia Hartlaben, Mark Mueller, Helga Kuhnke, Matt Johnson, Phil Daoust, Dan Bubolz

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**Our Mission Statement:**

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**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm