

**December 22, 2024**

**Fourth 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-Luke 1:26-33 Angel/Love**

**Song**

**"Light One Candle"**

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

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

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

Light one candle for love, one bright candle for love,  
He brings love 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**      *“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”*      **LBW 60**

**Prayer of the Day - Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Bible Lessons:**      Ezekiel 7:1-4  
                                Psalm 80:1-7  
                                Jude 17-25

**Gospel Lesson**      John 6:1-15

**Message**              *by Pastor Sabin*

**Song of Praise**      *“Make Room”*

**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      "Come On, Ring Those Bells"**

### **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.\*\***

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## **December 22 - 29, 2024 Announcements**

### **TODAY, December 22**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
After Worship Fellowship  
Meal - Ham & Egg  
Salad Sandwiches

### **Monday, December 23**

6:30 pm - NO Bible Study

### **Tuesday, December 24**

CHRISTMAS EVE  
9:00 am - NO Bible Study  
4:00 pm - Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service

#### **Welcome to all visitors!**

Thank you for worshipping  
with us today.  
Please sign the guestbook in  
the entryway.

### **Wednesday, December 25**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!  
NO Confirmation or Church  
School

### **Sunday, December 29**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Lessons and Carols  
Worship Service  
After Worship Fellowship/  
Birthday Sunday

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ **December 24 -**
  - Christmas Eve Service at  
4:00 pm (only 1 service this year)
- ❖ **December 29 -**
  - Lessons and Carols Worship  
Service at 9:30 am
- ❖ **January 19, 2025 -**
  - Annual Meeting and Potluck after  
worship
- ❖ **February 1, 2025 -**
  - Pizza Making



#### **Christmas Eve Service**

This year's Christmas Eve service is this week  
Tuesday, December 24 at **4:00 pm**. There will  
be communion and a candle lighting ceremony.

Please join us for this special service as we  
welcome the Baby Jesus into our hearts.



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

Received last Sunday for Special Projects:

- Loud offering - \$3.32
- Fellowship - \$142.00
- Collected for Owen - \$178.00



#### **Ascension's New Website News**

*Have you checked out Ascension's new  
website? Denise has been working hard on  
keeping it updated each week. Some features  
include:*

- *A link that takes you right to our  
Facebook page where you can watch  
our services online*
- *A link to the current week's bulletin*
- *A link to the current month's Visitor*
- *Upcoming Events are listed on the  
home page*
- *A link to Ascension's online calendar*

*Denise is still working on getting a photo  
gallery started. Stay tuned!*



#### **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!





**Attention Committee Chairs**

All committee reports for the Annual Meeting need to be emailed to Denise in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025. Thank you!



**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.

**4th Week of December**

- Sunday:** Emily Houdek, Jon Zuiches, Max Sokolski, Scott Dingeldein, Abbie Daniels, Barb Weissshappel
- Monday:** Betty Ladwig, Joy Daebler, McKenzie Wollenberg, Travis Wollenberg, Emma Scharmann
- Tuesday:** Bonnie Weyers, Erik Houdek, Judy Porter, Megan Krull, Greg Schoettler, Sofia Kienast, Russ Wilkinson
- Wednesday:** Brad Schuelke, Everett Olson, Julie Wilber, Merle Olson, Maddie Daniels, Cheryl Wilkinson
- Thursday:** Michael Homan, Ruthann Meiers, Jody Kuhn-Kauffman, John Mitchler, Miranda Hartlaben, Jacob Schley
- Friday:** Barbara Hillsberg, Glen Peebles, Mike Olson, John Wudtke, Nataly Dominguez, Helen Kienast
- Saturday:** Bruce Kauffman, Rosemary Kienast, Mike Shulze, Steve Daebler, Wesley Hartlaben, Jerald Wetzel

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