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Diverse People*

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**Second Sunday in Advent**  
**December 7, 2025**

## *Welcome and Notices*

### *Prelude*

Carol  
Craig Phillips

*(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.

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

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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.**

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.

## ***Confession & Forgiveness***

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

**C:** Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C:** we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

## *Gathering Hymn*

“The King Shall Come”

ELW 260 Text: John Brownlie, 1859-1925

Music: A. Davisson, Kentucky Harmony, 1816

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.**
- 2 Not as of old a little child,  
to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.**
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death,  
despite the rage of foes.**
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
shall dawn upon our race  
the day when Christ in splendor comes,  
and we shall see his face.**
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
come quickly, King of kings.**

## *Greeting*

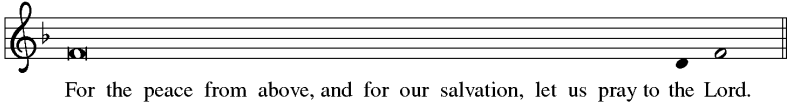
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

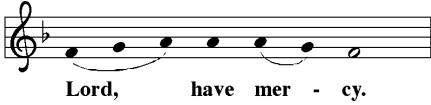
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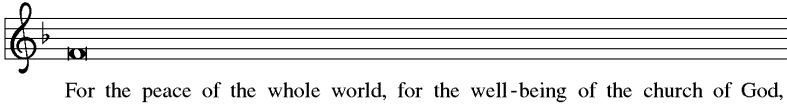
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



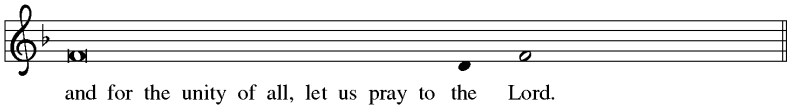
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



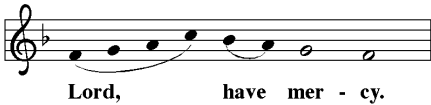
Lord, have mer - cy.



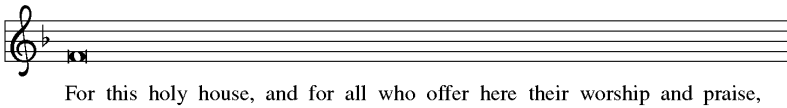
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



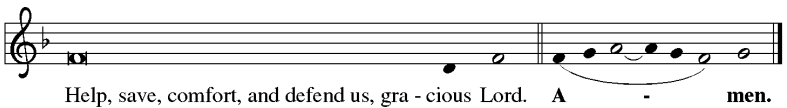
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

**C:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit)

**First Reading:**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

R: A reading from Isaiah, beginning with the eleventh chapter.

- 11 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- 2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- 3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see  
or decide by what his ears hear,
- 4 but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor  
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the  
earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- 5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- 6 The wolf shall live with the lamb;  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the lion will feed together,  
and a little child shall lead them.
- 7 The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's  
den.
- 9 They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the  
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling  
shall be glorious.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm*

*Read Responsively*

*Psalm 72:1-7*

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- 2 **May he judge your people with righteousness  
and your poor with justice.**
- 3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 **May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.**
- 5 May he live<sup>et</sup> while the sun endures  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 **May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.**
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

**C:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen**

*Second Reading*

**Romans 15:4-13**

R: A reading from Romans, beginning with the fifteenth chapter.

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors <sup>9</sup> and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name”;

<sup>10</sup> and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup> and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;  
in him the gentiles shall hope.”

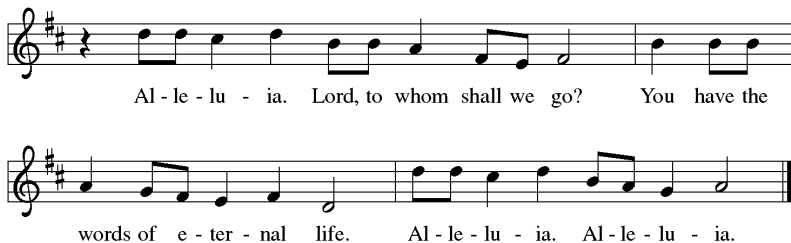
<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

## ***Gospel Acclamation***



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## ***The Gospel***

**Matthew 3:1-12**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

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

**3** In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup> “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” <sup>3</sup> This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

<sup>4</sup> Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? <sup>8</sup> Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>11</sup> “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Sit)*

***Sermon***

*(Stand)*

***Hymn of the Day***

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”

ELW 249 Text: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749 tr. composite

Music: European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

- 1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
awake and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings!**
- 2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
make straight the way for God within,  
and let us all our hearts prepare  
for Christ to come and enter there.**
- 3 We hail you as our Savior, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flow'rs that wither and decay.**
- 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health restore,  
and make us rise to fall no more;  
oh, let your face upon us shine  
and fill the world with love divine.**
- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
whose advent has our freedom won,  
whom with the Father we adore,  
and Holy Spirit, evermore.**

## *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and  
became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Kneel/Sit)*

## **Prayers**

## **“Jesus, Remember Me”**

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**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**

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, the Word made flesh and the Light of the world.

**C: Amen.**

*(Stand)*

## ***The Peace***

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

**C: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another with a word of peace:*

*“Peace be with you” ... “God bless you” ... “God loves you”...*

## ***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.*

(Stand)

## **The Offering Hymn**

## **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923:

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Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## **The Offering Prayer**

P: Let us pray.

P: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

**C:** Amen.

## **Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

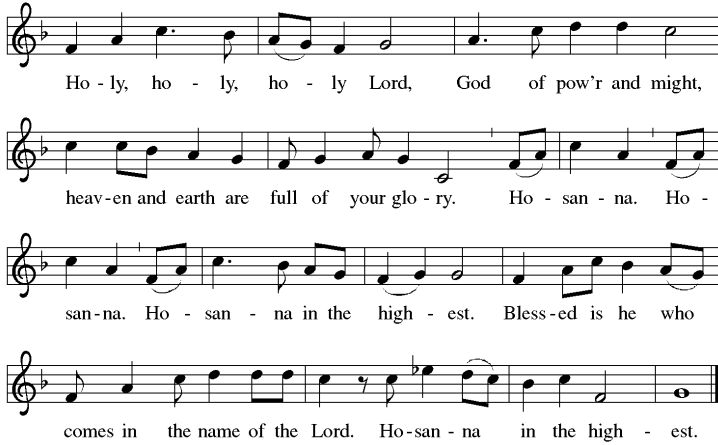
**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

## *Preface*

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 comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.. And so, with all the choirs of angels and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## *The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

P: 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen, amen, amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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.**

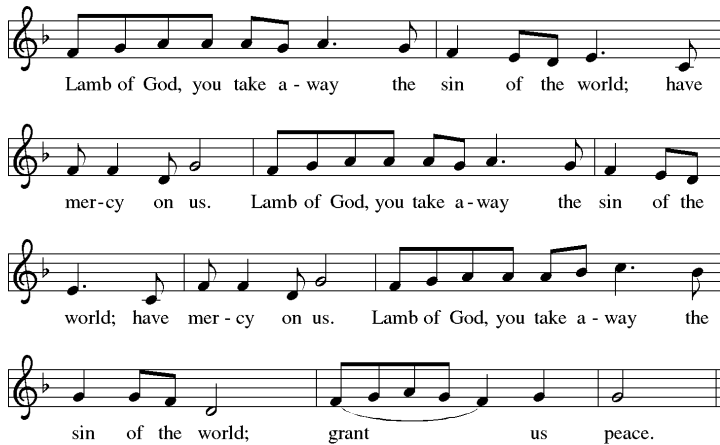
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## Communion Distribution

Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized and Communicant members of all Christian denominations 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.

## Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”



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.

## Communion Hymn 1

“Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness”

ELW 488 Text: Johann Franck; 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship  
Music: Johann Crüger

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- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the one whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
Christ, though heav'nly, high, and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.**
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet him,  
eagerly and gladly greet him.  
There he stands already knocking;  
quickly, now, your gate unlocking,**

**open wide the fast-closed portal,  
saying to the Lord immortal:  
"Come, and leave your loved one never;  
dwell within my heart forever."**

- 4 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
peace beyond all understanding,  
joy into all life expanding:  
humbly now, I bow before you,  
love incarnate, I adore you;  
worthily let me receive you,  
and, so favored, never leave you.**

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***Communion Hymn 2* “There's a Voice in the Wilderness”**

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Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft, 1904-1988: © Estate of Eldred Bancroft,  
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- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying,  
a call from the ways untrod:  
Prepare in the desert a highway,  
a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted,  
the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places  
where God, our God, may go!**
- 2 O Jerusalem, herald good tidings,  
ascend to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people  
the coming of their king.  
Like flow'rs of the field we perish,  
like grass our works decay;  
the pow'r and the pomp of nations  
shall pass like a dream away.**

- 3 But the word of our Savior is faithful,  
the arm of our God is strong,  
who stands in the midst of the nations  
and soon will right the wrong.  
Lord, feed your flock like a shepherd,  
the lambs so gently hold;  
in pastures of peace now lead them,  
and bring them to your fold.

(Stand)

### *Post Communion Blessing*

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keeping you steadfast in your faith for life everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

### *Post Communion*

“May the God of All Healing”

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May the God of all heal-ing en - fold us in love,



fill us with peace, and lead us to whole-ness and strength.

### *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*

### **“Prepare the Royal Highway”**

ELW 264 Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. Lutheran Book of Worship;

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Music: Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.

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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:**

#### *Refrain*

**Hosanna to the Lord,  
for he fulfills God's word!**

- 2 God's people, see him coming:  
your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain***

- 3 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: *Refrain***

- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
it comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
and justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain***

## *Sending*

A: Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God!

## *Postlude*

“Veni, Emmanuel”

Robert J. Powell

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Chris Agne
<b>Assistant</b>	Mary Tipton
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Vivian Licorish
<b>Greeters</b>	David & Barbara Thom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wells Family, Ernestine Bivins Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill
<b>Ushers</b>	Darrell Dockery, Carl Wilhoit Dan Fulford
<b>Counters</b>	Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.

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## ***Sunday @6***

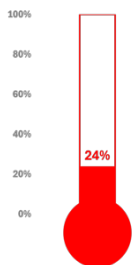
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m. The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601; Enter this code:773-431-475# For further information, call Dolores Prather (301) 459-7163 or Mary Tipton 301-257-7585!

## ***Adult Bible Study***

Sunday morning Bible study is in full swing! We are continuing to work our way through the book of Esther. *It's Tough Being a Woman* by Beth Moore. We will continue to meet throughout the summer. Please join us! 10:30 a.m. following the worship service.

## ***Faith to Move Mountains***

*"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed... you can say to this mountain, 'Move,' and it will move." – Matthew 17:20*



The 2025-year budget is currently operating at a **\$65,000** deficit. This deficit limits our ability to fully focus on ministry, outreach, and the future growth God is calling us toward. We believe it's time to come together in faith and eliminate this burden. That's why we've launched our "Faith to Move Mountains" campaign — a focused effort to cover this deficit for this year. \*updated 11/26/2025

*Please send your check to Ascension Lutheran Church. You may also make your donation electronically at our website at <https://alutheranchurch.com> → (Giving). Place "Faith to Move Mountains" in the memo section.*

## ***Altar Flowers***

Given by ***The Fulford Family*** in ***Honor of Tom Smith***



*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*

## ***Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week***

**Robin Greene**



## ***Prayer Requests***

To keep the prayer list current, Pastor Chris 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 Pastor Chris, [pastor@alutheranchurch.com](mailto:pastor@alutheranchurch.com) or 301-577-0500

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

Ernestine Bivins and son, Terrell Bivins, prayers for healing & comfort.

The family of Jenny DeMaio, upon her recent passing.

The family of Ludie Sims, upon her recent passing.

Clay Goldston and Family, upon the recent passing of Jannie Goldston.

Joan Prather, sister of Dolores and Alice, Prayers for healing.

Sharon Agne, Prayers for healing.

Mary Card, Prayers for healing.

Olivia Powell, Prayers for healing.

Rob Garrett, Prayers for healing.

Dolores Prather, Prayers for healing and comfort.

Alice McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Helen Riley, Prayers for strength and healing.

Ernestine Hayes, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and 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 Homebound:***

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming; Olivia Powell;  
Arthur & Mildred Smith; Helen Riley

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Information & Notices

Dec. 7, 2025

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## Services

## Please Note

### 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.

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

### Staff:

Rev. Chris Agne.....Pastor  
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 [office@alutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@alutheranchurch.com)

# This Week at Ascension

## Sunday, December 7

**Advent 2**

9:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
12:00 pm	Lamb of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

## Wednesday, December 10

12:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study
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## Sunday, December 14

**Advent 3**

9:00 am	Worship
10:30 am	Bible Study
12:00 pm	Lamb of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

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## Coming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 17	Bible Study @ Noon Music Room
Wednesday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service, 5 PM

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## Serving Us in Worship, Sunday December 14

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Chris Agne
<b>Assistant</b>	Andy House
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Annette Singletary
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Toiwnsend, Carolyn Plue, Mary Tipton, Bose Osho
<b>Ushers</b>	Calvin Lee, Ronnie Townsend, Cris Bonner
<b>Counters</b>	Andy House, Adam Kampia, Dwight Mitchell