

December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

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



Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and Announcements

Advent Candle Ceremony - Micah 5:1-5 Bethlehem/Peace

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!

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

"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"

Hymn #36 vs 1,2,3

Prayer of the Day - Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Lessons: 1 Samuel 16:1-5, 11-13
Psalm 72:1-7
Philippians 1:27-30

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 20:17-34

Message by Pastor Sabin

Song of Praise “For Unto Us a Child is Born” with “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

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 faithfulness,

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: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. *(Psalm 100)*

“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

Post-Communion 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 ***"Days of Elijah"***

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!

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 7, 2025**9:30 AM Worship Service**

Communion: Patty Lorenz
Reader: Darrel Klemp
Money Counter: Ruthann Meiers
Altar Care: Jean Conradt

Sunday, December 14, 2025**9:30 AM Worship Service &
Christmas Program**

Communion: *No Communion*
Reader: *No Readings*
Money Counter: Glen Peebles
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If you are unable to be here on the date you are assigned, please find a replacement. Thank you.

December 7 - 14, 2025 Announcements

TODAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30 am - Bible Study
9:30 am - Worship Service
After Worship - Candy Sale
After Worship - Decorate the
Christmas Tree
Fellowship Meal - Pizza

DECEMBER 8 (Mon.)

NO Bible Study
7:30 pm - Dartball

DECEMBER 9 (Tues)

NO Bible Study

DECEMBER 10 (Wed.)

6:30 pm - Christmas Program
Rehearsal

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

DECEMBER 14 (Sun.)

8:00 am - Christmas Program
Practice
8:30 am - Bible Study
9:30 am - Worship Service
with Christmas Program
After Worship - Candy Sale
Fellowship Meal - Hot Dogs



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ **Wednesday, December 10** - Christmas Program Rehearsal at 6:30 pm
- ❖ **Sunday, December 14** - Candy Sale
- ❖ **Sunday, December 14** - Christmas Program during Worship at 9:30 am
- ❖ **Wednesday, December 24** - Christmas Eve Service at 4:00 pm
- ❖ **Sunday, December 28** - Lessons & Carols Worship Service at 9:30 am
- ❖ **Sunday, January 18, 2026** - Annual Meeting
- ❖ **Saturday, January 31, 2026** - Pizza making



Remembering Sally Richter

Sally Richter was called home on Sunday, November 30. Her funeral was held here at Ascension yesterday. Please keep her family in your prayers.



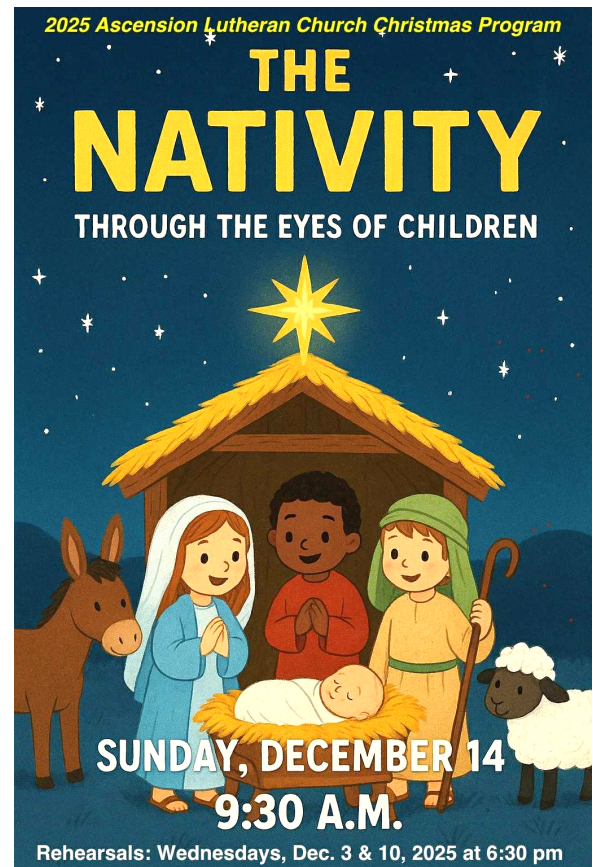
Ascension Budget

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

YTD Income received: \$64,770.00
(\$4,325.46 below budgeted income)
Expenses paid out: \$71,403.46
Expenses Exceeding Income: \$ 6,633.46

2025 Christmas Program

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



SCRIP Cards

Holiday gift-giving is fast approaching. This year, consider giving prepaid Scrip cards as gifts and you'll be earning money for Ascension while you, your family and friends shop. All proceeds go to the Special Projects Fund. Thank you for supporting this program. You are making a difference!



Prayer List

Alice Mueller, Dave Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes,
Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Dave Rohrer, Linda Ogi, Scott Wollenberg,
Jen Erb, The Family of Sally Richter



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.

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, Layla Houdek, Jacob Mitchler, Dawson Stedjee

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

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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