

February 1, 2026  
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
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



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

**"What An Awesome God"**

**Prayer of the Day - Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Bible Lessons:

Deuteronomy 4:1-8

Psalm 15

Romans 2:12-16

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 1:29-39

**Message**

by Pastor Sabin

**Song of Praise**

***“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”***

**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: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness. For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. (Psalm 138:1-3)

***“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 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

**“I’m So Blessed”**

### 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 collection plate at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

<b>February 1, 2026</b>
<b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b>

Communion: Carrie Daoust  
Reader: Chris Schley  
Money Counter: Ruthann Meiers  
Altar Care: Jean Conradt

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<b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b>

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## **February 1 - 8, 2026 Announcements**

### **TODAY, FEBRUARY 1**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Birthday Sunday

### **FEBRUARY 2 (Mon.)**

6:00 pm Bible Study  
7:30 pm Dartball at  
Ascension

### **FEBRUARY 3 (Tues.)**

9:00 am Bible Study

### **FEBRUARY 4 (Wed.)**

6:30 pm Confirmation and  
Church School

### **FEBRUARY 8 (Sun.)**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Fellowship Meal - Scalloped  
Potatoes & Ham

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

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

# *Cheryl's Old Fashioned* **Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 27, 2026**  
**11:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

6th  
Annual

#### **Menu:**

Deep-fried fish (Pollock)  
Baked Potato or Potato Salad  
Coleslaw  
Fresh Baked Rye Bread  
Dessert

**\$15 per plate**

*A Thrivent Team Action Fundraiser*



**Dine-In or Take-Out  
Pre-orders Preferred**

*Call to order by 3/16/26*

**Ascension Lutheran Church**  
W6106 Navarino Rd., Shiocton  
Corner of 156 & McDonald Rd

Call in or Email (IN ADVANCE) your order:  
Church Office: 715-758-8312 / [ascensionavarino@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionavarino@gmail.com)  
Cheryl Wilkinson: 920-340-0410  
"Day of" call-in orders accepted while supplies last.

## SCRIP Cards

February is a month focused on love, kindness, and caring for others—and scrip is a simple way to put those values into action. When you purchase scrip gift cards for groceries, gas, dining, or everyday shopping, you receive the full value of the card while our church receives a portion back from the retailer. Scrip is perfect for Valentine's Day gifts, winter dining out, or simply covering your regular monthly expenses—all while supporting our church's ministries and mission work.



### 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



### 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 February

**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 Wetzel, 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**