

**January 4, 2026**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**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**

***"Angels We Have Heard on High"***

*Hymn #71*

**Prayer of the Day - Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, 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:**

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

Psalms 119:97-104

Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel Lesson:**

Mark 1:1-8

**Message**

*by Pastor Sabin*

**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**

***"Star of the East"***

**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><u>January 4, 2026</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> |                | <b><u>January 11, 2026</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> |                 |
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| Communion:                                                      | Carrie Daoust  | Communion:                                                       | Denelle Daniels |
| Reader:                                                         | Toni Klemp     | Reader:                                                          | Nathan Schley   |
| Money Counter:                                                  | Ruthann Meiers | Money Counter:                                                   | Glen Peebles    |
| Altar Care:                                                     | Jean Conradt   | Altar Care:                                                      | Jean Conradt    |

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

## **January 4 - 11, 2026 Announcements**

### **TODAY, JANUARY 4**

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

### **JANUARY 5 (Mon.)**

6:30 pm Bible Study  
NO Dartball



### **JANUARY 6 (Tues.)**

9:00 am Bible Study

### **JANUARY 7 (Wed.)**

6:30 pm Confirmation and  
Church School

### **JANUARY 11 (Sun.)**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
After Worship - Tree  
Un-Trimming  
Fellowship Meal - Sub  
Sandwiches



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

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ **Sunday, January 11, 2026 -**
  - Tree Un-trimming after worship
- ❖ **Sunday, January 18, 2026 -**
  - Annual Meeting and Potluck after worship
- ❖ **Saturday, January 31, 2026 -**
  - Pizza Making & Sale
- ❖ **Friday, March 27, 2026 -**
  - Fish Fry

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### **Pizza Making & Sale**

There are sign-up sheets on the back table to volunteer and to place your order. We're looking for help with set-up on Friday, January 30, and pizza assemble and clean-up on Saturday, January 31. The deadline for all orders is January 18, 2026.

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### **Attention Committee Chairs**

All committee reports for the Annual Meeting need to be emailed to Denise in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2026. Thank you!

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***Ascension Lutheran  
Church***

**2026 Annual Meeting  
and Potluck**

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

*There will be a potluck  
immediately following the 9:30 am  
Worship Service. Please sign up to  
bring a dish to pass. The meeting  
will begin shortly thereafter.*

## PIZZA SALE

**Orders Due:  
January 18,  
2026**

**Pick Up:**  
 → Saturday, 1/31/2026  
12-2 pm  
 → Sunday, 2/1/2026  
After worship

**Choices:**  
 ★ Cheese (\$9)  
 ★ Sausage (\$11)  
 ★ Pepperoni (\$11)  
 ★ Combo (\$12)  
 ★ Gluten Free (Additional \$2/pizza)

**Order:** Cash or check prepayment preferred. Checks can be dropped off or mailed to: Ascension Lutheran, W6106 Navarino Road, Shiocton, WI 54170  
[ascensionavarino@gmail.com](mailto:ascensionavarino@gmail.com) ~ 715-758-8312

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 Proceeds support Ascension Lutheran Special Projects fund.  
 A Thrivent Team Action Fundraiser

**Birthday Sundays** are changing to the first Sunday of each month starting in January 2026.



### **SCRIP Cards**

As we begin a new year, many of us are thinking about fresh starts, better habits, and wise budgeting. One easy way to make your everyday spending count in the year ahead is by using **scrip gift cards**. When you purchase scrip for groceries, gas, dining, or other regular expenses, you receive the full value of the card—and our church earns a percentage back from the retailer. Using scrip is a simple New Year habit that can make a lasting impact.



### **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 January**

**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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**Website:**    [www.ascensionavarino.com](http://www.ascensionavarino.com)

**Pastor Mark Sabin:**    Cell: 715-340-3670    Home Phone: 715-445-2097

**Visitation Pastor Marcia Sabin**    Cell: 715-340-595

**Church Office Hours:**

**Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm**

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