

January 5, 2025
Epiphany of Our Lord

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

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



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 **"We Three Kings"** vs 1-3

Prayer of the Day - O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Bible Lessons: **Exodus 13:3-10**
 Psalm 72:1-7
 Hebrews 1:1-12
Gospel Lesson **Matthew 2:13-23**

Message

by Pastor Sabin

Song of Praise

"The First Noel"

LBW 56 vs 1,3,5

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!

Offering - Please place your offering in the basket in the narthex as you enter or exit.

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: 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 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 [All] - 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!

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.****

<u>Sunday, January 5, 2025</u> 9:30 AM Worship Service		<u>Sunday, January 12, 2025</u> 9:30 AM Worship Service	
Communion:	Pastor Marcia	Communion:	Carrie Daoust
Reader:	Denise Klemp	Reader:	Darrel Klemp
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 5 - 12, 2024 Announcements

TODAY, January 5

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

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

9:00 am - Bible Study

Wed, January 8

6:30 pm - Confirmation and
Church School

Sunday, January 12

8:30 am - Bible Study
8:30 am - Sunday School
9:30 am - Worship Service
After Worship - Tree
Un-trimming
After Worship - Fellowship
Meal: Pizza

Welcome to all visitors!

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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- ❖ **January 12, 2025 -**
 - Tree Un-Trimming after Worship
- ❖ **January 19, 2025 -**
 - Annual Meeting and Potluck after worship
- ❖ **February 1, 2025 -**
 - Pizza Making starting at 8:00 am
 - Pick-up at 12:30 pm
- ❖ **March 14, 2025 -**
 - Fish Fry



Life's Milestones Donations

Received Christmas Eve and last Sunday for Special Projects:

- Loud offering - \$71.69
- Member Donation - \$150.00



SCRIP Cards

There are sheets on the table in the back of church listing the gift cards available. Current stock is based on the top selling cards, however, anything on the sheet can be obtained in two weeks or less. Just fill out the sheet and let Carrie Daoust or Denise in the office know what you would like and an order will be placed. Cards can be purchased Sundays after church or anytime during office hours.



**** ANNOUNCING: A NEW FUNDRAISER ****

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

*Give a little, give a lot,
Give for our new parking lot!*

January Question:

What is the total of your birth year numbers added up?

(For example: If I was born in 1971, I would add up the numbers - - 1+9+7+1=18. Therefore I would give \$18.)

There is a container on the table in the gathering space for your donation. Thank you for supporting our Special Projects fund!



Did you know...?

The money collected each week from the "Loud Offering" cans really adds up? Received from Loud Offering alone in 2024 was over \$1,300!! Thank you to those of you who empty your change from your pockets each week. You are making a difference! All money received as Loud Offering goes towards Special Projects.



**HAPPY
New Year**



Prayer List

Alice Mueller, Dave & Sally Richter,
Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes,
Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler,
Linda Ogi, Kevin Conradt
The Family of Connie Rohrer (Dave & Lois Rohrer's
Daughter-in-law)

***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.

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, Kevin Conradt, Layla Houdek, Jacob Mitchler
- Wednesday:** Alice Mueller, Steve Kienast, Kyle Olson, Patty Lorenz, Carrie Daoust, Erin Schley
- 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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Church Office Hours:
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