

We Lift Up In Prayer

- ***Judy Allington** - (Friend of Pat Riecken, Grandmother of Austin & Kelli) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Delmar Anderson** - (Grandfather of Tiffany Harms) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Brad Bishop** - (Friend of the McCoy Family) - *Prayers for dealing with FTD disease*
- ***Dean Curtis** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Lee Doyon** - (Nephew of Jamie Wilson) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Leroy Drews** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Mike & Deb Foote** - (Friends of Rich & Teri Miller) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Malinda Farhart** - (Christy Luebbe's sister) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Trevor Fossler** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Kathy Freyer** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Sheri Gulbranson** - (Bob Luebbe's sister) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Bob & Judy Harden** - (Aunt & Uncle of Staci Jacobsen & Pat Craven) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Angie Harris** - (Friend of Washburn Family) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Kim Harryman** - (Friend of Jean Whiteaker) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Beverly Harter** - (Dee Barney's Friend) - *Prayers for peace and strength*
- ***Dianne Hasch** - (Friend of the Lindley Family) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Miller Heller** - (Friend of Doug Washburn Family) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Hardy Jenkins** - (Grandson of Marty and Shelly Martin) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Kaleb Johnson** - (Great Grandson of Dee Barney) - *Prayers for surgery and healing*
- ***Earlyne Kuhns** - (Friend of Janet Pike & Teri Miller)
- ***Jim Libal** - *Prayers for comfort and strength*
- ***Sue Lutton** - *Prayers during treatment and recovery*
- ***Cindy Lutz** - (Mother of Melissa Kasuske) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Nancy MacNeil** - (Friend of Deb Pike) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Rich Miller** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Nancy Peters** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Dick Pike** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Samantha Pritchett** - (Niece of Melissa Kasuske) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Mary Riecken** - *Prayers for dealing with PSP*
- ***Lyndsay Rupp** - (Friend of the Mumm Family) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Megan Schachtsiek** - (Dave & Shari Nygren's niece) - *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Don Spilker** - (Dean Spilker's Father) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Kelly Sullivan** - (Cousin of Matt Bendler) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Doug Washburn** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Sandra White** - (Aunt of Bob & Jean Whiteaker & Judy Goff) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Doris Williams** - (Friend of the Washburn Family) - *Prayers for healing & strength*
- ***Bev Ziegenbein** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Our Savior Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE** - *Prayers for continued blessings*
- ***All men and women serving in the Armed Forces**
- **Each week we light the white candle on the altar for the safety of American Troops*



First Sunday of Christmas
Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion
American Lutheran Church, Ashland, Nebraska
December 30, 2018

Faithfully Living, Loving, and Serving in God's Grace

Welcome! It is a joy to gather with you in prayer and praise on this day the Lord has made. May we rejoice in the promise of new life in Christ and take with you the good news that Jesus is alive, surprising you with his grace filled welcome every day of your life. If you are visiting with us this morning, please sign the guest book in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions or need help finding anything, please ask the greeters or ushers. We expect and want children in worship, but if needed, a kids' room (0-5 years old) is on the main floor, next to the kitchen.

Additional information about our mission can be found at www.alcashland.org. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/alcashland and follow us on Instagram: [alcashland](https://www.instagram.com/alcashland).

Announcements

- Sunday School resumes next Sunday, January 6th.
- Confirmation Classes resume on Wednesday, January 9th.
- Important information for the Annual Meeting is available in the Fellowship Hall.
- The 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on January 13th. Please join us as we celebrate what God has been up to in 2018 and look ahead to the coming year. The meeting will be held immediately following Worship.
- The church office will be closed on December 31st and January 1 for New Year's.

Happy New Year!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG.....“*Joy to the World*”.....Screen

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING.....Genesis 1:1–5, 14–18 (NRSV)

FIRST CAROL.....“*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*”.....ELW 282 vs. 1-2

SECOND READING.....Micah 5:2–5a (New Living Translation)

SECOND CAROL“*O Come All Ye Faithful*”.....Screen

THIRD READING.....Luke 1:26–35, 38 (Whirl Story Bible)

THIRD CAROL.....“*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*”.....ELW 270 vs. 1 & 3

FOURTH READING.....Matthew 1:18–25 (English Standard Version)

FOURTH CAROL.....“*Silent Night, Holy Night!*”.....ELW 281

FIFTH READING.....Luke 2:8–20 (The Message)

FIFTH CAROL.....“*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*”.....Screen

SIXTH READING.....Matthew 2:1–11 (New English Translation)

SIXTH CAROL.....“*What Child Is This*”..... ELW 296

OFFERING

OFFERTORY.....“*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*”..... ELW 884

SEVENTH READING.....John 1:1–14 (NRSV)

SEVENTH CAROL.....“*Only Grace*”.....Screen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

LITANY

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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 SONGS

“Now We Join in Celebration”.....ELW 462

“What Feast of Love”.....ELW 487

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”..... ELW 779

TABLE BLESSING

Response: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Response: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG“*Go Tell It on the Mountain*”.....ELW 290

SENDING Go in peace and share the good news! **Thanks be to God!**