



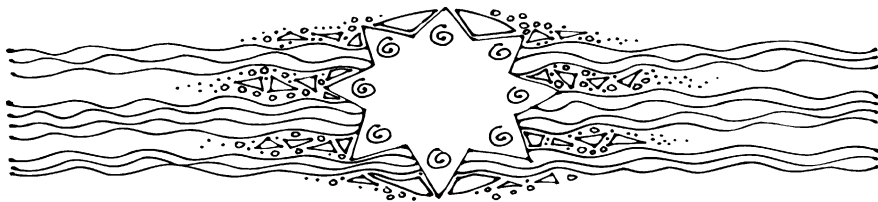
“Let justice roll down
like waters and righteousness
like an ever flowing stream.”

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Second Sunday After The Epiphany

January 16, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Notices

Organ Prelude

"Laissez Paitre vos Betes"
Jacques-Claude Adolphe Mine

(Stand) Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Sit/kneel)

P: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: In the beginning was the Word,

C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

P: In the Word was life,

C: And the life was the light of all people.

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.

Entrance Hymn
ELW841

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

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**1. Lift ev-'ry voice and sing
till earth and heav-en ring,
ring with the har-mo-nies of lib-er-ty.
Let our re-joic-ing rise
high as the lis-t'ning skies,
let it re-sound loud as the roll-ing sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
Sing a song full of the hope that the pres-ent has brought us;
fac-ing the ris-ing sun of our new day be-gun,
let us march on till vic-to-ry is won.**

2. Ston-y the road we trod,
bit-ter the chas-t'ning rod,
felt in the days when hope un-born had died;
yet with a stead-y beat, have not our wea-ry feet
come to the place for which our par-ents sighed?
We have come o-ver a way that with tears has been
wa-tered;
we have come, tread-ing our path through the blood of
the slaugh-tered,
out from the gloom-y past,
till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our wear-y years,
God of our si-lent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us in-to the light,
keep us for-ev-er in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the pla-ces,
our God, where we met thee;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,
we for-get thee;
shad-owed be-neath thy hand,
may we for-ev-er stand,
true to our God,
true to our na-tive land.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit) The First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1–5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ²The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand) *Alleluia Verse* “Alleluia (Your Words Are Sweet)”

Music by Marty Haugen

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia. Your words are sweet to our taste, sweet-er than hon - ey

to our mouth. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel Lesson

John 2.1-11

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” ⁴And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” ⁵His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not

know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit) Sermon

(Stand) Hymn of the Day

ELW526

“God Is Here”

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- 1. God is here! As we your people
Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure
What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
All our varied skills and arts.
Wait the coming of the Spirit
Into open minds and hearts.**
- 2. Here are symbols to remind us
Of our lifelong need of grace;
Here are table, font, and pulpit;
Here the cross has central place.**

**Here in honesty of preaching,
Here in silence, as in speech,
Here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.**

**3. Here our children find a welcome
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;
Here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
Seek in worship to explore
What it means in daily living
To believe and to adore.**

**4. Lord of all, of Church and kingdom,
In an age of change and doubt
Keep us faithful to the Gospel;
Help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
All we have to give, receive;
We, who cannot live without you,
We adore you! We believe!**

Confessor: I give thanks to God for ...
and ask you to join me in confessing our faith:

The Nicene Creed:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

(Kneel/Sit) Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

(After each portion of the prayers:)

A: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude:)

A: On the eve of the holiday that commemorates the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr., we remember his hope that “dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty.” Therefore, we pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ’s people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be empowered by God to seek Dr. King’s dream of justice for all people. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

(Stand) Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a sign of peace.

“Peace be with you”... “God bless you”... “God loves you”

The Gathering of Gifts

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

Organ Interlude

"Es ist Ein Ros' Entsprungen"
Carl Sattler

(Stand) Offering Hymn
ELW294-v3

"What Can I Give Him"
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**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shep-herd I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise [one] I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him -- give my heart.**

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary ... and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. *Fine*
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. *L. O. G. in fine*

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The Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for forgiveness of sin.

Do this in remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he returns.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

(Sit) Communion Distribution

Lutherans believe that in Holy Communion we are offered the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Baptized adults who share this belief with us are welcome to come forward to receive Holy Communion. Children who are members of other congregations who have been baptized and take communion at their church are welcome to commune with us. Others, including children, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Those communing may receive the wafer in their hand and you may receive the wine by individual cup. The ushers will direct you to communion.

Communion Hymns

ELW liturgical resources,

“Lamb Of God”
setting #3

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW 768

Doris Akers

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Refrain: **Lead me, guide me, a-long the way;
for if you lead me, I can-not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
to help me o-ver my weak-est hour.
Help me through the dark-ness thy face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

- 2. Help me tread in the paths of righ-teous-ness,
be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press.
I am put-ting all my trust in thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

- 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind with-out thy light to see.
Lord, just al-ways let me thy ser-vant be.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

“Open Our Eyes”

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**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, Help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

(Stand) Post Communion Blessing

P: May this, the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, keeping you steadfast in your faith for life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Song

Song of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing to your
word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre - pared
be - fore the face of all peo - ple, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple is - ra - el.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men

Post Communion Prayer

A: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you ...

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn

“We Shall Overcome”

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1. **We shall o-ver-come, we shall o-ver-come,
We shall o-ver-come some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do be-lieve
We shall o-ver-come some day.**

2. **We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do be-lieve
We'll walk hand in hand some day.**

3. **We will live in peace, we will live in peace,
We will live in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do be-lieve
We will live in peace some day.**

4. **Mar-tin Lu-ther King, ac-ti-vist in-deed, was
Shot in '68 -- sad day.
Oh, he dream'd what is true: Black Lives Mat-ter too.
He look'd for a bet-ter way.**

5. **We are not a-fraid, we are not a-fraid,
We are not a-fraid to-day.
Oh, deep in my heart I do be-lieve
We shall o-ver-come some day!**

Sending

A: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Organ Postlude

"Quand Jesus Naquit"
Claude-Benigne Balbastre

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Presiding	Rudy Kampia, Pastor
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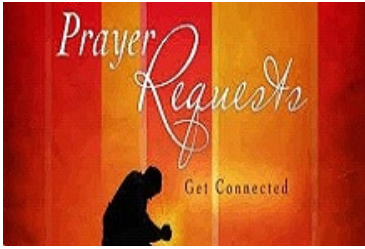
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Ascension Lutheran Church Prayer Request

Please put your prayer requests in the **Prayer Diary** at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.

Pastor Fred Hedt, Undergoing shoulder surgery on January 20th, prayers for healing.

Kalel Shackelford, prayers for healing

Louvenia Morehead hospitalized with COVID-19 and pneumonia. Prayers for healing.

Terry Hymes & The Hymes Family prayers for comfort upon the passing of Morris Hymes, Sr.

Alice Gaither & Family upon the recent death of Sylvia Addison

Georgianna Lambert prayers for healing.

Susie Nilsson, prayers for healing

Helen Riley, Prayers for continued healing.

Olivia Powell, Prayers for continued healing.

Dolores Prather, Prayers for healing

Robin Sands, Prayers for healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Amy Jordan-Dawson, Undergoing chemotherapy

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Mary West, Prayers for healing.

Ascension Shut-Ins:

*Laura Brooks; John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming;
Samuel Malachi, Georgianna Lambert; Olivia Powell;
Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.*

Ascension Weekly

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Information & Notices

Jan 9, 2022

Services

Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is celebrated in most services.

Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

Please Note

Bible Hour: Bible classes for all ages meet on Sundays after worship, except during summer. For information contact Dianne Yohe or Jenny DeMaio.

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**“Becoming Caring Servants Who Extend Life in Christ
To Diverse People”**

This Week at Ascension

Sunday, January 16

Epiphany II

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Youth Group Bible Study
6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King Holiday

Offices Closed

Sunday, January 23

Epiphany III

9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Youth Group Bible Study
6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

Altar Flowers Are Presented By



Altar Flowers

Please Note that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.

Altar Flowers **\$50.00**
Sanctuary Lights **\$ 5.00**

**Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring Servants
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Coming Events

Youth Gathering Stock Exchange Kickoff

Our 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering STOCK EXCHANGE IS NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS! For a donation of \$25, you will receive a Stock Certificate to help support one of our three SONRAYS (Kevin, Leyla and Sage) who will be attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas next summer. Your share will entitle you to a special "Thank You" plus a postcard, text message and/or photos from Minneapolis. Look for the Stock Exchange flyer/form for more information. Thanks for your support and prayers for our youth!

Peace and blessings,
Dawn Doakes

Dear Sunday Morning Bible Class Members,

I am very sad to inform you that I will be canceling our Sunday morning Bible class until further notice. With the latest county COVID numbers rising dramatically, I do not feel safe holding class at this time. I will be happy to resume when the numbers reach a level where I feel the risk is acceptable for my family and me. I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and pray for all to remain safe and healthy.

Your sister in Christ,
Jenny DeMaio

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



Annette Singletary



SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Jan. 23

Pastor	Rudy Kampia, Pastor
Assistant	Lois Fulford
Acolyte	Michael Pineda
Reader	Mike Walker
Altar Guild	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White, Barbara Thom Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
Ushers	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
Counters	John Geisler