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Ascension Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday After The Epiphany

January 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

Composer: Timothy Albrecht

(Stand) Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen

L: 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)

L: 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.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he gives power to become children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. They who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Greeting

L: 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.

L: In the beginning was the Word,

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

L: In the Word was life,

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

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

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

Gathering Hymn

ELW 661

“I Love To Tell The Story”

CCLI Song # 29413

Arabella Catherine Hankey | William Gustavus Fischer
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**1. I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.**

Refrain: **I Love to tell the story;
I’ll sing this theme in glory
And tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

**2. I love to tell the story;
How pleasant to repeat
And seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
The message of salvation
from God’s own holy Word. *Refrain***

3. **I love to tell the story;
for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story,
that I have loved so long. *Refrain***

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

¹Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand) Alleluia Verse

Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14–20

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.” ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat

mending the nets.²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit) Message

(Stand) Hymn

ELW 696

“Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult”

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-1895

1. Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":
3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

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.**

We come to you god- with op -en heart: pray ing To ask for your heal ing and

bless -ing a bound. We pray to you knee ling with heads bowed in -

wit ness the glo - ry of your pow - er and un bound less love.

Text: Ben Harris
Music: KREMSER, A Valerius, Nederlanatsch Gedenckelanc, 1626

(Kneel/Sit) **Prayers**

L: 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:)

L: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude:)

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

C: Amen.

(Stand) **Sharing of the Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a word of peace.

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

Anthem
Senior Choir

“Standing on the Promises”
Words and music by R. Kelso Carter
Arr by Stan Pethe

(Sit) 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 worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

(Stand) Presenting Our Gifts “As with Gladness Men of Old”
ELW 302 Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

- 1. As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.**
- 2. As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.**
- 3. As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heav'nly king.**
- 4. Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.**

5. In the heav'nly country bright
need they no created light;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
alleluias to our king.

Offering Prayer

L: 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.

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach 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.

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

ELW 540

“Go, Make Disciples”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Tune: Go, Make Disciples

**"Go, make disciples,
baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples,
for I am with you till the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth.
Go, be the light for the world.
Go, be a city on a hill,
so all can see that you're serving me.
Go, make disciples."**

Sending

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Composer: Rick Seaton

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Assistant	Andy House
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Stephany Sims
Greeters	Dianne McGill
Altar Guild	Agnes Jones, Agnes Brown, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
Ushers	Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston
Counters	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill

Adult Bible Study

We are happy to announce that Ascension will be offering a new in- person adult Bible Study class. Jenny DeMaio will be teaching and Annette Singletary has graciously agreed to be the substitute if needed. The class will be focused on the book of Matthew. Our text will be Life Lessons from Matthew by Max Lucado. Themes in the study include: 1. The Birth and Preparation of the Messiah 2. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee 3. Jesus' Last Days on Earth. The series is divided into twelve lessons. Ascension will be purchasing books for those interested in joining us.

Class will be held on Sunday mornings following church service the weeks that choir is not rehearsing. That will allow those who participate in choir to join. Based upon the current choir schedule, Bible Study will meet on the following weeks in 2024:

January 21; February 11 and 18; March 10 and 24
April 14 and 28; May 12 and 26; June 9 and 30

Ascension has purchased the texts for Bible class. Donations of \$10.00 to cover the costs of books would be appreciated. Please earmark checks for Bible study materials payable to Ascension.

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### **Prayer List**

*In order to keep the prayer list current the **Board of Elders** will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson.*

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Sunday @6

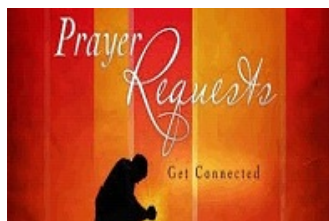
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601

Sunday @ 6

Enter this code:773-431-475 #

For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!



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.*

Family of Robin Sands, Upon her recent passing

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Ernestine Bivins, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Lewis Powell, Prayers for healing

Agnes Brown, Prayers for healing and recovery.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Ludie Sims, Prayers for healing.

*Jessica & Germond Oatneal, prayers for a healthy
pregnancy journey.*

Maria Doakes, Prayers for continued healing.

Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Ascension Shut-Ins:

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming; Samuel Malachi,

Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.

Ascension Weekly

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Information & Notices

Jan. 21, 2024

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

Adult Bible Study: Bible
study meets on Sundays
after worship, at 10:30 am.

Staff:

Gwen Neal Office Mgr.
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Closed Holidays.

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to the Church Office at
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Sunday, January 21

9:00 am
10:30 am
6:00 pm

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Worship
Bible Study
Sunday @ 6

Sunday, January 28

9:00 am
6:00 pm

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Worship
Sunday @ 6



Altar Flowers 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 who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people**

Call Committee Prayer Vigil:

Our designated prayer time for the Call process is 7 pm. Please remember to set some kind of an alarm for this time daily for the remainder of the call process. I know many of us are already praying, so let's have this one time daily when we do it all together.

For the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates, please pray for...

*The Lord's Guidance

*The Lord's Discernment

This is not an exhaustive list so please add any other prayer that comes to mind

Thank you!

Ascension Board of Elders

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



**Calvin Lee, Aaron Waithe,
Kathy Garrett, Marcus Fulford**



SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Jan. 28

Assistant	Morris Hymes, Jr.
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Doakes Family
Greeters	Gloria Malachi
Altar Guild	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White Barbara Thom
Ushers	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
Counters	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill