


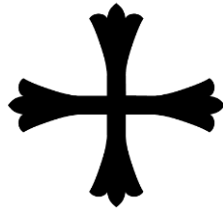
Divine Service

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

JANUARY 19, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



As you arrive, please take a moment to fill out the Record of Fellowship which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Pastorale

Philip Hayes

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 606

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*
- C** Amen.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



P Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 49:1-7

A The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from Isaiah, chapter 49.

¹ “Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother he named my name.

² He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
he made me a polished arrow;
in his quiver he hid me away.

³ And he said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴ But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”

⁵ And now the LORD says,
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶ he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

A ⁷ Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:
“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GRADUAL

Psalm 40:1-11; antiphon: Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

Antiphon

Composer: Jonathan Mueller

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation sings second time:

Praise the Lord, all
na - tions! Ex - tol him, all peo - ples! For
great is his stead-fast love toward us, and the faith - ful - ness of the
Lord en - dures for - ev - er. As - cribe to the Lord the
glory due his name; bring an of fer-ing, and come in-to his courts!



- L** I waited patiently | for the LORD;*
he inclined to me and | heard my cry.
- C** He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the | miry bog,*
and set my feet upon a rock, making my | steps secure.
- L** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God.*
Many will see and fear, and put their trust | in the LORD.
- C** Blessèd is the man who makes the | LORD his trust,*
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray af- | ter a lie!
- L** You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can com- | pare with you!*
- I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than | can be told.
- C** Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an | open ear.*
Burnt offering and sin offering you have | not required.
- L** Then I said, "Behold, | I have come;*"
in the scroll of the book it is writ- | ten of me:
- C** I desire to do your will, | O my God;*
your law is with- | in my heart."
- L** I have told the glad news of deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your sal- | vation;*
- I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great
congre- | gation.
- C** As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mer- | cy from me;*
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever pre- | serve me!
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- C** *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter one.

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that

was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Standing

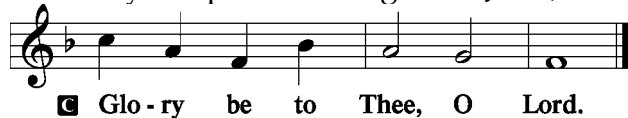
ALLELUIA



HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-42a

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.



P ²⁹ The next day [John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him, and he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³² And John bore

witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

P ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come

and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

[Matthew 10:32]

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.**

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 547

"The Lamb"

SERMON

Standing

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10–12



■ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

Air

Henry Purcell

MEDITATION

John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? Did they understand that God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never outgive God, for all that we have is His.

RECOGNITION OF SERVANTS OF THE CONGREGATION

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, these men and women have served our Lord faithfully as congregational officers. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-8

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3:15-17

Standing

P Let us pray.

Gracious Father, You direct Your people to use their gifts in service to others. Receive our thanks and praise for the faithful service of these men and women. Bless Your Word, that they may continue to serve with gladness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

1 Corinthians 15:58

C Amen.

Sitting

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Clara Smith, Chair of Properties/President of Open Arms Board*

INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

- P** Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture admonishes us that “all things should be done decently and in good order.”

1 Corinthians 14:40

To that end, the constitution and bylaws of this congregation establish various offices to which men and women are elected and appointed to serve. In so doing, the Church follows the example of the Early Christian Church as described in Acts, chapter six:

The twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

Acts 6:2-4

The apostle Peter writes in his first epistle:

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:10-11

- P** You have been chosen to fill specific offices and positions of responsibility at Lutheran Church of the Ascension. You are to work with the pastor, that our life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight.

You are to see that the services of God’s house are held at the proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained.

You are to see that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of this congregation. You are to assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

While holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that you, as office-bearers in His Church, show yourselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

In the presence of God and of this congregation, I therefore ask you: Do you accept the offices entrusted to you, and do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? If so, then answer: I do.

- R** *I do.*

The pastor then addresses the congregation:

P Beloved in the Lord, you have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women whom you have selected to serve as officers of Lutheran Church of the Ascension. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? If so, then answer: We do.

C We do.

Standing

P Let us pray.
Gracious Father, You direct Your people to use their gifts in service to others. Receive our thanks and praise for the faithful service of these men and women. Bless Your Word, that they may continue to serve with gladness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. *1 Corinthians 15:58*

C Amen.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My bod-y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al-so
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you al-ways.
A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

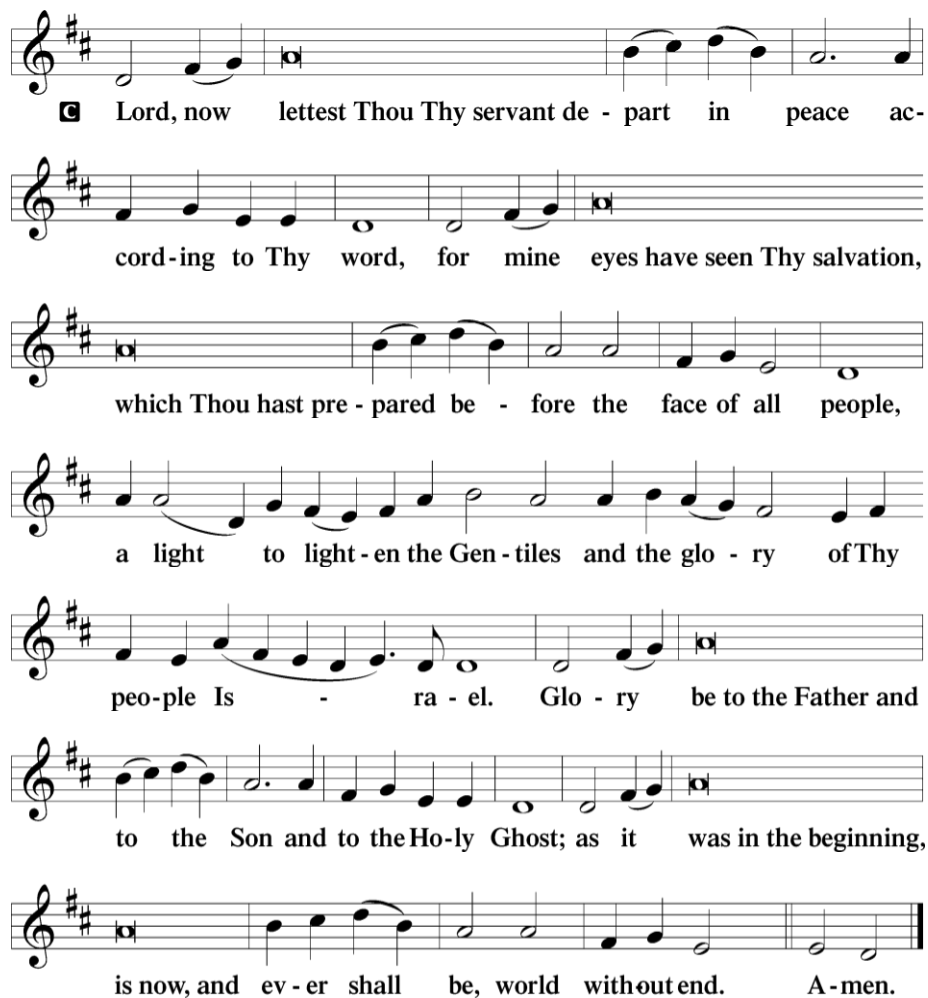
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Lutheran Service Book 540

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

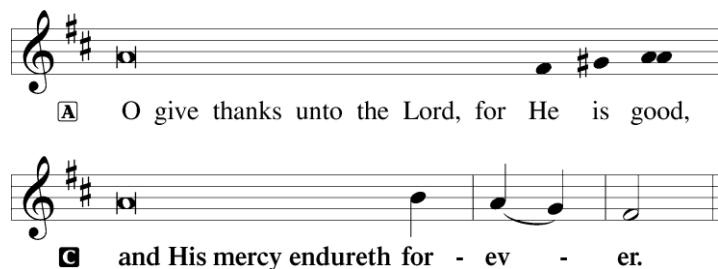
Luke 2:29-32



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 822

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D

David Johnson

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

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Musician(s)

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Altar Guild

Anne Bigelow/Caitlin East

Usher(s)

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Greeter(s)

Lauren Morr

Fellowship Host(s)

The Beckman family

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Grayson Beckman/Martin Kunkel

Greeter(s)

Tom & Judy Russell



CALENDAR		
Sunday 1/19	Second Sunday after the Epiphany Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following fellowship
Monday 1/20	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 1/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 1/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday 1/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 1/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 1/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Men's Group Bible Study	Closed Closed 9:30 AM
Sunday 1/26	St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews Divine Service with Holy Communion Congregational Luncheon	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship

GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ The Book of Hebrews

Theme: What does the New Testament have to do with the Old Testament? How has Christ fulfilled the Law? Why don't we still follow the ceremonial customs of Moses anymore? Explore these questions and many more with this nine-part Bible study on the Book of Hebrews. To get the most out of this study and to be best prepared for each class, copies of the Hebrews Study Guide from the LifeLight series will be available for \$12. See Pastor Miller for more details.

Days & Times: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from January 12 – March 8
Tuesdays at 10:45 A.M., from January 14 – March 10

Location: Sundays in church fellowship hall
Tuesdays in church overflow room

✝ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! Mark your calendar for the last Saturday of each month for a regular time of prayer, fellowship, and study of God's Word together. At this next meeting, we will be covering the tenth chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, January 25 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✝ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Details coming soon.

Day & Time: No meeting in January.
Next meeting: Saturday, February 22 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

SERVING IN HIS NAME

✝ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbuck's, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

FELLOWSHIPING WITH THE SAINTS

✝ Congregational Luncheon

Theme: Join your brothers and sisters in Christ after church every fourth Sunday of the month for a family meal! You're welcome to bring either a hot or a cold dish to share. If you'd like to bring a particular beverage, you may also do so. Plates, napkins, cups, and cutlery will be provided. Bon appétit!

Day & Time: Sunday, January 26 following Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ Ascension Night at Atlanta Gladiators

Theme: All are invited for a night of family fun at the Infinite Energy Arena to see the Atlanta Gladiators play hockey. Discounted tickets on center ice are available for \$17 each, which is nearly a \$10 savings after fees! Whether you're a hockey fanatic or just enjoy spending time with your Ascension family, this is a can't-miss event!

Day & Time: Saturday, February 1 at 7:05 P.M.

Location: Infinite Energy Arena
6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy
Duluth, GA 30097

✦ Super Bowl Party

Theme: What are your Super Bowl plans? We hope you'll spend it with us this year! J.P. and Lauren have been kind enough to open up their home for another fun-filled Super Bowl party. Burgers, sausages, and beer will be provided. But they also welcome any appetizer or favorite Super Bowl dish to share. Game on!

Day & Time: Sunday, February 2 at 3:30 P.M. (kickoff at 6:30 P.M.)

Location: The Morriss (address in directory)

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

- ✝ Ruth Henry, 1/25

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

- ✝ Justin & Julie Ledford, 1/24

Membership Anniversaries

- ✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

- ✝ Colton Batt (Open Arms student), for health and healing.
- ✝ Hunter Chase (brother of J.P. Morr's friend), for health and healing.
- ✝ David Dickensheets (husband of Debbie Dickensheets), for blessed recovery after surgery.
- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin Barnett), for health and healing.
- ✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman), for safety during military deployment.
- ✝ Joseph Yates (brother of Mori Garcia), for health and healing.
- ✝ Congregational Officers, in gratitude to them and for faithfulness in their service.
- ✝ Persecuted Christians in Nigeria, where militant Fulani herdsman attacked two Christian villages in one night, murdering 13 and kidnapping four.

Ongoing Requests

- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden, for growth and development.
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr), for health and healing.
- ✝ Tom & Adi Murphy (former neighbors of the Beckmans), for health and healing.
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith), for health and healing.
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to the Dominican Republic, & all synodically deployed missionaries.
- ✝ Lutheran Church of the Ascension & Pastor David Miller
- ✝ Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center & Director, Barbara Collins
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located to the right of the church entrance, down the hallway. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

NURSERY

Children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship! For those who need it, however, we have a staffed nursery located down the hallway in the preschool. It is intended for children from birth to age 5. Hours of operation are 8:30 – 11:30 A.M.

BABY CHANGING STATION

For your convenience, a baby changing station is located in both the men's and women's restrooms on this level, just down the hall. For further privacy, a mother-infant station, which includes a rocking chair and changing table, is available in the enclosed lounge of the women's restroom downstairs.

BUSY BAGS

Each Sunday your child may pick up a "busy bag" from the stand in the Narthex. Each busy bag has different books and activities for your child to keep them busy during the Divine Service when they are unable to focus. Please return the pouch and its contents to the stand in the Narthex at the end of the service. This way the pouches will be clean and ready for the next Sunday's service.

PRINT RESOURCES

Resources for personal devotions as well as understanding Lutheran faith and worship, are available gratis in the narthex by the bulletins:

- *Brief Counsel for the Suffering & Afflicted*: Words of wisdom from the Rev. Wilhelm Loehe (1808-1872) for those who face trials and temptations.
- *I Love to Live the Story: A Guide to Understanding & Celebrating the Christian Church Year*
- *Portals of Prayer*: Quarterly devotional resource for private prayer.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Christian Faith*: Luther's Small Catechism in convenient booklet form.
- *A Simple Explanation of the Church Service*: Easy to understand guide to Sunday's liturgy in the Divine Service.
- *What About . . . Fellowship in the Lord's Supper*: An explanation of one of the Lutheran church's most misunderstood doctrines. Learn more about the biblical, historic, and loving practice of closed Communion.