

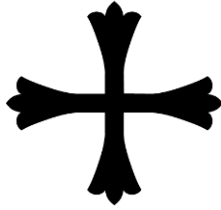
Divine Service

ST. TITUS, PASTOR AND CONFESSOR



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

JANUARY 26, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00A.M.



Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Lord God, Now Open Wide Thy Heaven

Johann Sebastian Bach

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 650

“Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination:

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

Standing

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You called Titus to the work of pastor and teacher. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

FIRST READING

Acts 20:28-35

A The First Reading for St. Titus is from Acts, chapter 20.

[Paul to the elders at Ephesus:] ²⁸ "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹ I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰ and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. ³² And now I

commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴ You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵ In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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** In you, O LORD, do I take | refuge;*
let me never be | put to shame!
- C** In your righteousness deliver me and | rescue me;*
incline your ear to me, and | save me!
- L** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come;*
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.
- C** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the | wicked,*
from the grasp of the unjust and | cruel man.
- L** For you, O LORD, | are my hope,*
my trust, O LORD, | from my youth.
- C** Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me
from my | mother's womb.*
My praise is continually | of you.



- L** I have been as a portent to | many,*
but you are my strong | refuge.
- C** **My mouth is filled | with your praise,*
and with your glory | all the day.**
- L** Do not cast me off in the time of | old age;*
forsake me not when my | strength is spent.
- C** **For my enemies speak con- | cerning me;*
those who watch for my life consult together and say, "God has for- | saken him;
pursue and | seize him,*
for there is none to de- | liver him."**
- C** **O God, be not | far from me;*
O my God, make haste to | help me!**
- L** May my accusers be put to shame | and consumed;*
with scorn and disgrace may they be covered who | seek my hurt.
- C** **But I will hope con- | tinually*
and will praise you yet | more and more.**
- L** O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*
and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.
- 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

Titus 1:1-9

- A** The Epistle is from Titus, chapter one.

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, ²in hope of eternal life, which God, who never

lies, promised before the ages began ³and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

A ⁴To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

⁵This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— ⁶if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or

insubordination. ⁷For an overseer, as God's steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, ⁸but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. ⁹He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 517 (stanzas 1 & 11)

"By All Your Saints in Warfare"

1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For
2 All praise for faith - ful pas - tors, Who
all Your saints at rest, Your ho - ly name, O
preached and taught Your Word; For Tim - o - thy and
Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest! For
Ti - tus, True ser - vants of their Lord. Lord,
You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the
help Your pas - tors nour - ish The souls with - in their
crown; And now that they shine in glo - ry
care, So that Your Church may flour - ish
Re - flect - ed from Your throne.
And all Your bless - ings share.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P ¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. ² And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one

on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'"

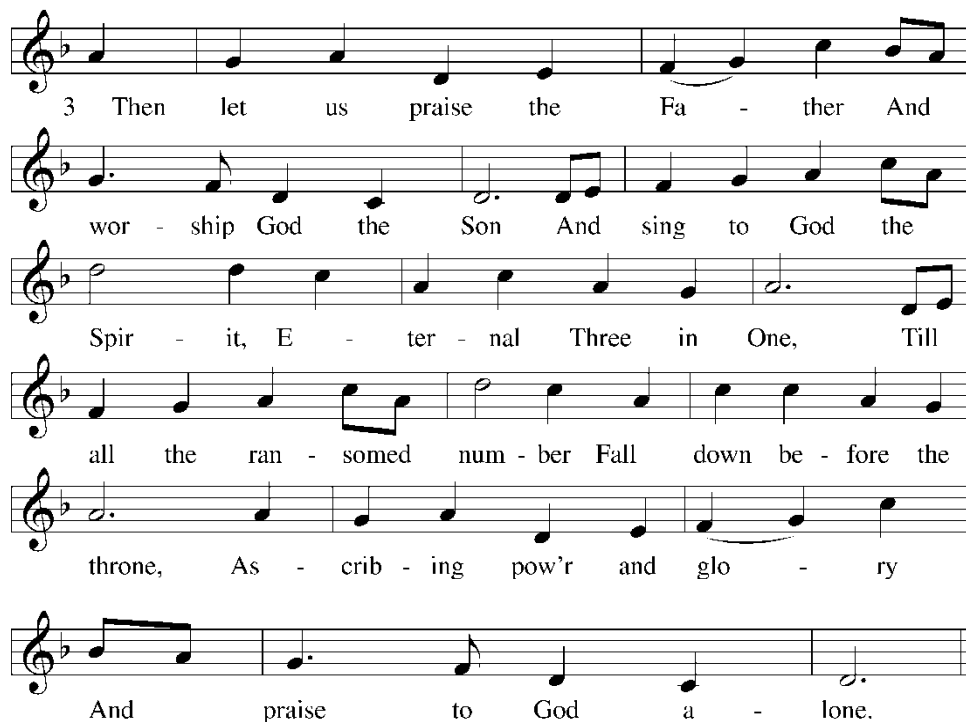
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Lutheran Service Book 517 (stanza 3)

"By All Your Saints in Warfare"



3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther And
wor - ship God the Son And sing to God the
Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One, Till
all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the
throne, As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry
And praise to God a - lone.

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Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 857

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

SERMON

Standing

NICENE CREED

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 one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*

the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*

begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*

God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*

very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*

begotten, not made, *John 1:2*

being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*

by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*

Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*

came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*

and was made man; *John 1:14*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*

He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*

and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*

and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*

And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*

to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*

Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*

the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*

Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*

and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

and the life of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

Sitting

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS TO THE OPEN ARMS BOARD

P Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are to serve our Lord as officers of Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center. Hear what Holy Scripture has to say about those who serve in the Church:

Let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. For each will have to bear his own load. Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. *Galatians 6:4-5, 9-10*

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*

P In the presence of God and of this congregation, I install you as officers of Open Arms Lutheran Child Development Center in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Standing

P Let us pray.
O Lord God, visit these new officers with Your love and favor. Enlighten their minds with the light of Your Gospel. Place in their hearts a love of the truth, and increase in them true faith. Nourish them with Your goodness and, of Your great mercy, keep them in Your love that they may be faithful in their service; 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.

*Bekah Beckman, Vice President of Open Arms Board
Darlene Beckman, Member at Large of Open Arms Board
Isaac Beckman, Secretary of Open Arms Board
Caitlin East, President of Open Arms Board
Greg Ison, Treasurer of Open Arms Board*

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.

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

The Seasons: Adagio

Jessica Luhrs, clarinet

Vivaldi/arr. for clarinet and organ by S. Drummond Wolff

MEDITATION

Matt. 4:20 – "Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown and their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship and the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is that we know that all we have is the Lord's to be used for His purpose, and we are His disciples, ready to follow where He leads.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 a - dored;
 Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
 Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
 Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

You once proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets of Israel, and by the apostles and evangelists You published the good news of Your saving promise fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Grant that we, being instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists, may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood and declare His salvation to all the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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 Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \dagger body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \dagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

- P** The \dagger peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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 Corinthians 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.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 639

"Wide Open Stand the Gates"

Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God. *[Psalm 103:1]*
- 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. *Numbers 6:24-26*
- C** Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 829

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

POSTLUDE

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Johann Sebastian Bach

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

Altar Assistant(s)

Brian Beckman, *President*

Edie Durden, *Acolyte*

Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Musician(s)

Jessica Luhrs, *Cantor /clarinet*

Altar Guild

Jeni Miller/Jean Meyers

Usher(s)

Grayson Beckman/Martin Kunkel

Greeter(s)

Tom & Judy Russell

SERVING NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister

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Usher(s)

Greg Ison/Justin Ledford

Greeter(s)

Tom Lawton & Linda Rathje

Fellowship Host(s)

Greg & Judy Ison

Life Together

CALENDAR		
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
Monday 1/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 1/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Adult Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:45 – 11:45 AM
Wednesday 1/29	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 1/30	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 1/31	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 2/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Ascension Night at Atlanta Gladiators	Closed Closed 7:05 PM
Sunday 2/2	The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: The Book of Hebrews Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Super Bowl Party	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship 3:30 PM

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 17

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 eleventh chapter of Jeffrey Hemmer's book, *Man Up!*

Day & Time: Saturday, February 22 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✝ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Details coming soon.

Day & Time: 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 Morr's (address in directory)

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ Fred Durden, 1/31

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ Jean Meyers, 2/1

✝ Clara Smith, 2/1

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ Linda Rathje, 1/26

✝ Nancy Grossberg, 2/1

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 East), for health and healing.

✝ Rev. David R. Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA), for sustained health.

✝ Kerstin Margareta Popescu (mother of Adrian Popescu), for health and healing.

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens), for safety during military deployment.

✝ Madison Tasker (daughter of Brian Beckman's boss), for health and healing.

✝ Jeff Wells (nephew of Darlene Beckman), for safety during military deployment.

✝ Joseph Yates (brother of Mori Garcia), for health and healing.

✝ Members of Open Arms Board, in gratitude to them and for faithfulness in their service.

✝ Persecuted Christians in Uganda, where Christian converts who leave Islam also lose their families.

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.*