


# *Divine Service*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



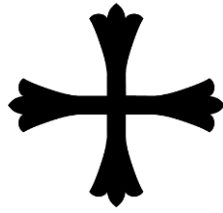
 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ASCENSION

JANUARY 17, 2021 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

## ABOUT TODAY'S THEME – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### ***Jesus' First Miracle Reveals God's Glory***

*The coming of the Messianic kingdom means the restoration of creation. The sign of this restoration is that “the mountains shall drip sweet wine” (Amos 9:11–15). When the elements of a fallen creation fail and run short at a wedding feast, our Lord Jesus steps in to restore creation and miraculously changes water into an abundance of the very best wine (John 2:1–11). With this sign, Christ manifests His glory. The “back” of God (Ex. 33:12–23) is revealed to those who believe. The hour will come when Jesus will again manifest His glory by taking creation’s curse into His own body to release us from its power. The Bridegroom will give His life for the Bride (Eph. 5:22–32), and from His side will flow water and blood, the holy sacraments by which she is cleansed and made one with Him. Through this sacrificial love of Christ we are enabled to “love one another with brotherly affection . . .” and to “outdo one another in showing honor” (Rom. 12:6–16).*



## PRELUDE

*Ciacona*

Georg Muffat

## WELCOME

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

**Lutheran Service Book 394**

**“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”**



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Sun and moon shall dark-ened be, Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Christ will then like light - ning shine, All will see His glo - rious sign;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
All will then the trum - pet hear, All will see the Judge ap - pear;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
Thou by all wilt be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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# 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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Kneeling or sitting forward*

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

## **The Second Commandment**

*You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Second Commandment:**

- *Does the Gospel adorn my daily speech and conduct, or do I curse, speak carelessly, or misuse God's name?*
- *Have I kept all the vows I have made in the Lord's name?*
- *Am I diligent and sincere in my prayers, or have I been lazy, bored, or distracted? Do I trust that the Lord God will answer them according to His good and gracious will?*

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

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** 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*

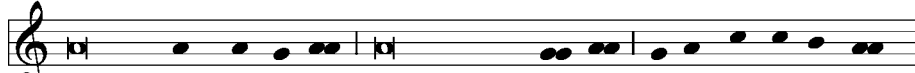
Mark 10:47



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



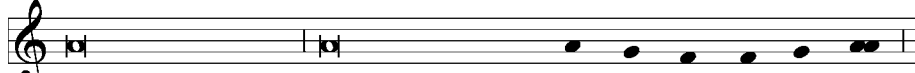
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



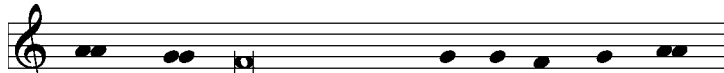
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

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

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we

praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You

take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a -

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

“Christ did not only want to change water into wine 1900 years ago; He repeats the miracle in our presence as He effects a present transformation on a higher plane of being. “In fact, we may even go further and say that our Lord wrought miracles not primarily for the sake of His earthly ministry as such, but with a view to the future. All His miracles, indeed His whole life, should serve as a reflection of His activity in the Church; for the end and purpose of all His work on earth was mankind’s salvation.”

Dr. Pius Parsch  
*The Church’s Year of Grace, Vol. 1*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**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 READING**

**Exodus 33:12-23**

**A** The Old Testament Reading for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany is from Exodus, chapter 33.

**A** <sup>12</sup> Moses said to the LORD, "See, you say to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." <sup>14</sup> And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." <sup>15</sup> And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. <sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

<sup>18</sup> Moses said, "Please show me your glory." <sup>19</sup> And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The LORD.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

<sup>20</sup> But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." <sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, <sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. <sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

**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** May God be gracious to us and | bless us\*  
and make his face to shine up- | on us,
- C** that your way may be | known on earth,\*  
your saving power among all | nations.
- L** Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!
- C** Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,\*  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations up- | on earth.





- L** Let the peoples praise you, | O God;\*  
let all the peoples | praise you!
- C** The earth has yielded its | increase;\*  
God, our God, shall | bless us.
- L** God shall | bless us;\*  
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!
- 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

## Ephesians 5:22-33

**A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter five.

**A** <sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy

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and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

John 6:68

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

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

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

**P** <sup>1</sup>On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup>When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."  
<sup>6</sup>Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to

the brim. <sup>8</sup>And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When 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 <sup>10</sup>and 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." <sup>11</sup>This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## Fifth Part of the Sacrament of the Altar

**P** Who receives this Sacrament [of the Altar] worthily?

**C** Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

*Sitting*



# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 402

"The Only Son from Heaven"



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,  
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!  
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,  
Δ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.  
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,  
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly  
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -  
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en  
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.  
fore us And bring us life a - gain.  
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.  
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Δ = Please stand for doxological stanza

## SERMON

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

*Brief silence*

**P** Lord, You have manifested Your glory in the sign given at Cana. You have restored creation through the shedding of Christ's blood and now give us Your grace in abundance. Give us joy and gladness in the revelation of Your truth in the Person of Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of glory, You have gathered Your Church and sanctified us in Your truth. Guide and direct Matthew, our Synod president; Jamison, our district president; and David, our circuit visitor. Preserve all vacant congregations, send laborers into Your harvest and sustain those whom You have sent. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lord of glory, You blessed the wedding at Cana with Your presence and honored it with Your first miracle. Strengthen and give Your gladness to all married couples and their families. Be present in our homes and lives with Your free and abundant forgiveness, and preserve us in the true faith from each generation to the next. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of glory, preserve in wisdom our nation and our leaders, especially Joseph, our president-elect; Kamala, our vice-president-elect; Brian our governor; and all public servants, including our armed forces, police and first responders. Send peace in our time. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of glory, You are the Great Physician of body and soul. Give rest, healing and relief to all who are sick or in any need [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Be with all expectant mothers and their children [*especially \_\_\_\_\_*]. Invite them and us to cast all anxiety on You, and so live in the certainty of Your steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of glory, as You manifested Yourself by the sign at Cana, transforming water into wine, so manifest Yourself to us here, transforming bread and wine to be Your very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, and make us fit partakers in repentance and faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that of Your grace You have instituted holy matrimony, in which You keep us from unchastity and other offenses. We beseech You to send Your blessing upon every husband and wife, that they may not provoke each other to anger and strife, but live peaceably together in love and godliness, receive Your gracious help in all temptations, and rear their children in accordance with Your will; grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, to put all our trust in You, and to lead such lives on earth, that in the world to come we may have everlasting life; 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*

## OFFERING

MUSIC

*Pastorale*

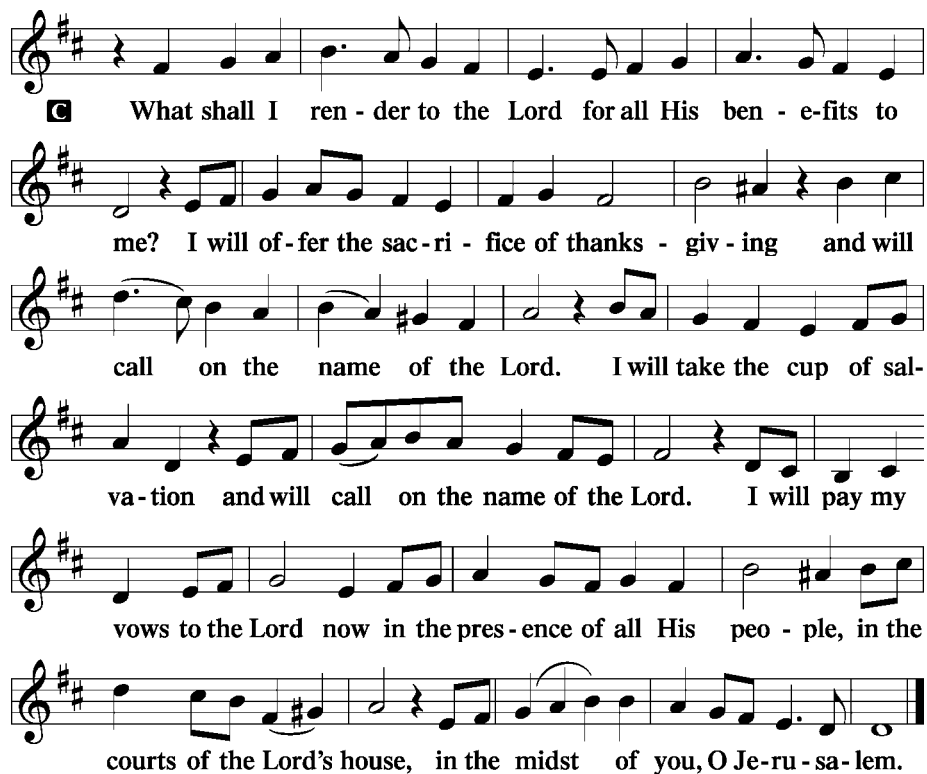
Johann Sebastian Bach

MEDITATION

*John 2:5 – “His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” What must Mary have thought when Jesus replied, “What does this have to do with Me?” But she knew whatever her Son said to do would be a blessing, so she knows what advice to give to the servants: Do whatever He tells you! That’s still good advice for us in every aspect of our lives, including in our generosity toward the Lord’s work in the Church.*

# OFFERTORY

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

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



**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And al-so with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them 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 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, 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, Lord God of  
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## 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

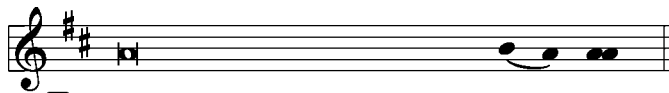
Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  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*

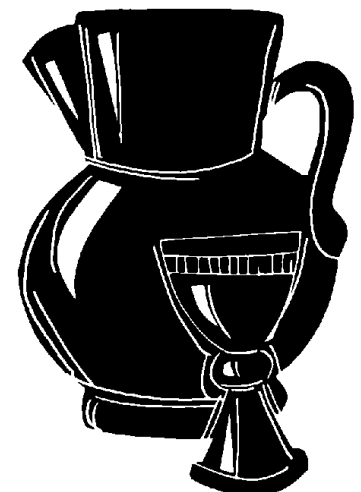
John 20:19



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



**C** A - men.





# AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29

**C** 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, grant us peace.

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.)

## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 408

"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"

1 Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where Christ is hon - ored guest.  
 2 The old wine now is gone From jars that stand a - part.  
 3 But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids wa - ter turn to wine.  
 4 Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine sup - plied  
 5 For now He lives and reigns Through all e - ter - ni - ty

He wel - comes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.  
 No long - er can it sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.  
 He fills our emp - ty cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.  
 By Him who is both guest and host—For us, the cru - ci - fied.  
 With Fa - ther, Spir - it, Three in One, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



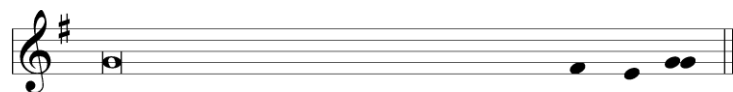
**C** Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -  
 veal You to the na - tions and the glo - ry of Your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26



- 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.



**C** A - men.

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 409

"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach Your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, Your grace pos - sess - ing, In Your  
sa - cred throne, In Your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed, Rec - on -  
of - f' rings bring, In Your tem - ples seek Your fa - vor, Je - sus



courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be - fore You,  
ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern sa - ges,  
Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and spir - it,



In Your Church re - joice to live, See Your glo - ry  
See the Star of Mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid in  
Live de - vot - ed to Your praise, Glo - rious realms of



and a - dore You, Thank - ful for the grace You give.  
for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

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## POSTLUDE

*Dialogue sur les grands jeux*

Francois Couperin

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## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

J.P. Morr, *Head Elder*

Eddie Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

### **Altar Guild**

Jeni Miller/Lucie Woolery

### **Usher(s)**

Brian Beckman/Grayson Beckman

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

Brian & Darlene Beckman

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

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Penny Durden, *Acolyte*

### **Organist**

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### **Altar Guild**

Jill Drachenberg/Linda Rathje

### **Usher(s)**

Richard Drachenberg/Isaac Beckman

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

Greg & Judy Ison

# Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 1/17	<b>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Paul's Epistle to the Romans</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 1/18	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Tuesday 1/19	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 1/20	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 1/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 1/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 1/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 1/24	<b>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Paul's Epistle to the Romans</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Annual Congregational Meeting Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Following meeting

# Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

## ✦ **Adult Bible Study: *Paul's Epistle to the Romans***

Theme: Law and Gospel. Judgment and grace. Freedom and bondage. These are just a few of the powerful themes St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Christians at Rome. Masterfully, he uses such images to paint a vivid portrait of salvation in Christ Jesus. Come, uncover the beautiful picture of what life now looks like on account of your Savior.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning January 10

Location: Church fellowship hall

## ✦ **Women's Group Bible Study: *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions***

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 A.M.

Location: The Millers  
(Address in directory)

## ✝ **Subscribe to *The Lutheran Witness***

Theme: *The Lutheran Witness* is the official monthly magazine of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. It contains stories about the work of the LCMS, church teachings and customs, current events, and a letter from the LCMS president. If you are interested in purchasing a subscription to *The Lutheran Witness* for 2021, please:

- Make your check payable to Lutheran Church of the Ascension in the amount of \$10.80.
- Mark your check “LW Subscription.”
- Include your mailing address (if not already on your check).
- Leave your check in the offering plate (or mail it to LCA).

Checks must be submitted no later than Sunday, January 17. Contact Pastor Miller if you have any questions.

*Goodness* ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

## ✝ **A BIG Thank you!**

Dear friends and family of Ascension,

A big thank you for all the gracious contributions you made to the staff Christmas bonuses this year. Because of your deep generosity, we feel both honored and encouraged. What you have done for us is much appreciated and will never be forgotten. You are a living reminder of our giving-God, who gave His only Son, and whose Son gave His life, to give us eternal salvation. It is our prayer that we may give of ourselves to you as you have given to us. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Gratefully,  
The LCA Staff

## ✝ **1-1-1 Mission Campaign**

Theme: 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district’s mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

## ✝ Annual Congregational Meeting

Theme: Our congregation's annual meeting is coming up! Please attend, and take part in the important business of the church. We need your input as we go over the 2021 budget. Also, stay up to date by hearing from each of our Church Board members. Since this meeting comes only once-a-year, you won't want to miss it. In the narthex, you may pick up an agenda of the meeting, as well as an appeal for the restoration of windows.

Day & Time: Sunday, January 24 immediately following Divine Service

Location: Church sanctuary

## ✝ Super Bowl Party

Theme: This year's Super Bowl Party will be graciously hosted by the Schoellen family. Not only do they have a sweet setup for viewing the big game, but they always know how to throw a killer shindig. While plenty will be provided, you're still welcome to bring drinks and snacks to share. Everyone loves this event!

Day & Time: Sunday, February 7 at 5:00 P.M.

Location: The Schoellens  
(Address in directory)



# LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

## **Birthdays**

✝ None this week

## **Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)**

✝ Arlene Kateen, 1/22

## **Wedding Anniversaries**

✝ None this week

## **Membership Anniversaries**

✝ None this week

## **In Need**

### **Recent Requests**

*For persecuted Christians:*

✝ Myanmar

*For comfort, health, and healing:*

- ✝ Edith Bohannon (mother of Caitlin East's friend)
- ✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ The unborn child of Lauren and J.P. Morr
- ✝ Lauren Pasco (friend of Greg Ison)
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ The unborn child of Luke Voss (former neighbor of the Schoellens)
- ✝ All impacted by COVID-19

*Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:*

✝ Anna Marie Gonzalez (grandmother of Caitlin East's friend)

### **Ongoing Requests**

*For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden
- ✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)
- ✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)

*For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials







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