



**Baptism of Our Lord**

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### Welcome to Worship...

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community, communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know  
a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.

#### Introduction

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

## Welcome to Worship

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**All Amen.**

*P* If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

**All We give you thanks, holy and gracious God,  
for you created the waters of the earth:  
wide oceans, rushing streams, clear lakes, mighty rivers.**

*P* You led your people through the sea  
and called them to life in covenant with you.  
Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us.  
You pour out your Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

**All Through this water remind us of the gift of baptism.  
Renew us in your promise so that we may serve this world  
in all its need.**

*P* Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit  
and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## Opening Song

# Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down.  
Here I am to say that You're my God.  
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me

Verse 2

King of all days, oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.  
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## Greeting

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

**All And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

*P* Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son.

**All** Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Isaiah, the 43<sup>rd</sup> chapter

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

L Word of God, Word of Light.

**All** Thanks be to God

## A Responsive Reading from Psalm 29

*Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm. Leader will read the light print while the congregation responds with the bold.*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD  
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD<sup>1</sup> shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## A Reading from Acts, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and

prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*Acts 8:14-17*

*L* Word of God, Word of Life.

**All Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as you are able.*

♪ ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? ♪ ♪  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

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Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

**Pr. Debra Jimenez**

Hymn of the Day

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

## You Are Mine

- 1 "I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here."
- 2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me."

*Refrain*

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."

- 3 "I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name."

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

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## Nicene Creed

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith  
with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## Prayers of the People

*L* Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*♪ ♪ O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you;  
O Lord, hear our prayer. ♪ ♪*

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*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* God of grace...      *All:* You hear our prayer.

## Sharing the Peace

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by "speaking" that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become Peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

## Offering

### *You may be Seated*

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

*♪ ♪ All that we have and all that we offer ♪ ♪  
comes from a heart both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now and give what we need,  
all done in your name.*

Text: Gary Ault

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## Offertory Prayer

*P* Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.  
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

***All* Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,  
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,  
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Holy One be with you

***All* And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts

***All* We lift them up to our God.**

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

***All* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*P* Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, 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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

Verse 1 (Presider)

♪ ♪ On the night You were betrayed You took the bread. ♪ ♪  
After giving thanks You broke it and said,  
“This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.  
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.”

Verse 2 (Presider)

On the night You were betrayed You held the cup.  
After giving thanks You lifted it up  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

Verse 3 (All)

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
    You gave Your body You shed Your blood.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
    You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

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## The Lord's Prayer

*P* As we kneel in awe at the manger of Love,  
let us approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

***All* 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 Invitation

*P* Come to God's table.  
There is a place for you and enough for all.

## Communion Songs

### Spirit Of The Living God

Chorus

Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me  
Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me  
Spirit of the Living God fall fresh on me

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### It Is Well with My Soul

1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul,)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;  
even so it is well with my soul. Refrain

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## Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**All Amen**

*P* We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

**All Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## *Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements*

### Benediction

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

*P* God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,  
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,  
✝ bless your going out and your coming in,  
today and forever.

**All Amen**

## Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

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### Dismissal

*P* Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday,  
January 16<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 62:1-5

**Psalm:**

Psalm 36:5-10

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Gospel:**

John 2:1-11

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