



*Gathered and gifted
to celebrate and share
the love of Jesus*



2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

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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 worshipping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;
however please know a nursery space is available for
parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

Introduction

Today’s gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus’ baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

[Please stand as you are able.](#)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

All Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin

Silence is kept for reflection.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

**All we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

**For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare."

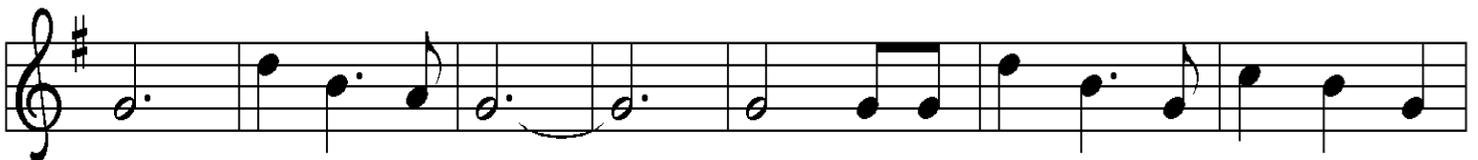
God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior.

All Amen.

Opening Song

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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 Holy God, our strength and our redeemer,

All by your Spirit hold us forever,
 that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you,
 follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ,
 our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Isaiah, the 49th chapter

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

²He 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.

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

⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God."

⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in 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 sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,

"Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Isaiah 49:1-7

L Word of God, Word of Light.

All Thanks be to God

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 1st chapter

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

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

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

L Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

Last time Fine



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

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

John the Baptist's witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel."³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples,³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!"³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed).⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

John 1:29-42

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Lamb Of God

Words and Music by
Twila Paris



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide; But You have
 2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied; They laughed and
 (3. I was so) lost I should have died; But You have



sent _____ Him from Your _____ side, _____ to walk up -
 scorned _____ Him as He _____ died. _____ The hum - ble
 brought _____ me to Your _____ side _____ to be led



on _____ this guilt - y sod, _____ and to be - come the Lamb of
 King _____ they named a fraud, _____ and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of
 by _____ Your staff and rod, _____ and to be called a lamb of



God. 2 Your gift of God. Oh Lamb of



God, _____ sweet Lamb of God. _____ I love the ho - ly Lamb of

2nd time to Coda ☩

God. Oh, wash me in His precious blood, my Je - sus

D.S. al Coda

Christ, the Lamb of God. 31 was so

☩ Coda

blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Apostles' Creed

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

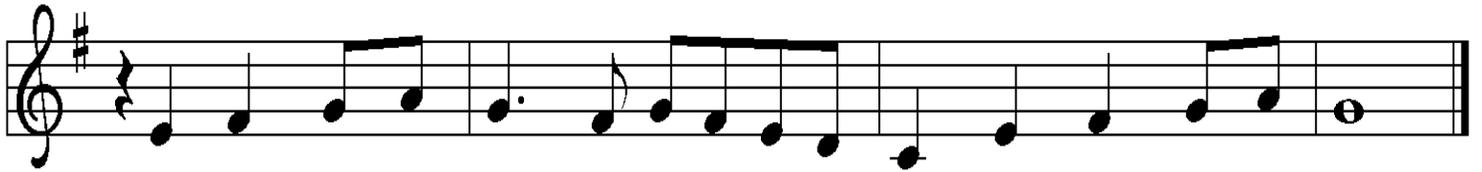
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

L Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Merciful God...

All: receive 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 of - fer _____



comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. _____



Take what we bring now and give what we need; _____



All done in His name. _____

Offertory Prayer

P Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free.

All Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, 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.



All: On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread; ___ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks, ___ You broke it and said, "This is My ___

bod - y, bro - ken for__ you, and as you
 eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My__
 bod - y bro - ken for__ you, and as you
 eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the
 night You were__ be - trayed__ You held the cup;__ Af - ter
 giv - ing thanks,__ You lift - ed it up. "This is My__
 blood, poured out for__ you, and as you drink__ it, re - mem - ber
 Me; This is My__ blood, poured out for__ you, and as you
 drink__ it, re - mem - ber__ Me." 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 re -
 mem - ber Your won - drous__ love, You gave Your
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

The Lord's Prayer

P 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

You Are My All In All Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan



1 You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2 Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me



up; Jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

You Are My Hiding Place Words and Music by Michael Ledner



You are my hid - ing place, You al - ways



fill my heart with songs of _____ de - liv - er - ance; When -

Fine



ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in You.

I will trust in You. Let the weak say,
D.C. al Fine

"I am strong in the strength of the Lord!"

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 Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.

All Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

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

P The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod
✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

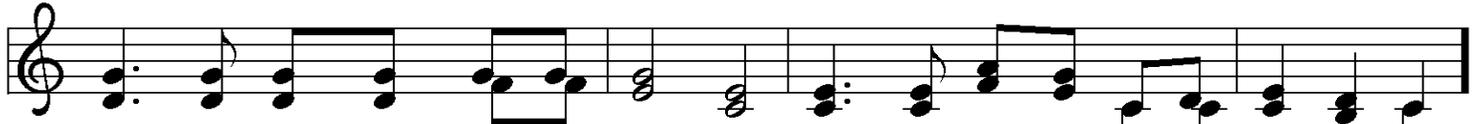
All Amen

Sending Song

God Be with You Till We Meet Again



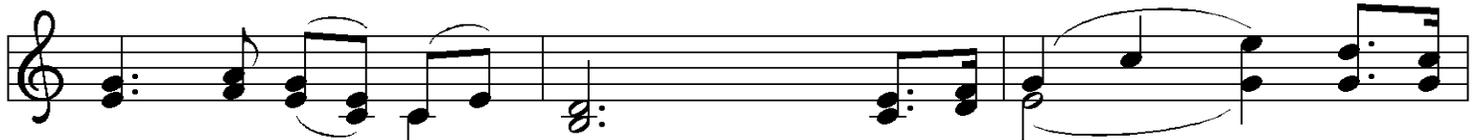
1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;



Till we meet, till we meet, till we



meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we



meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

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