

# SIX STONE JARS



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The Economy of Jesus

*2nd Sunday after the Epiphany*  
*January 19, 2025*



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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 the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is available**  
**for parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

### *Introduction*

We live in a time of anxiety... especially about our wellbeing and sustenance.

The rhetoric of late has highlighted that fear reigns and many are living in an attitude of "taking care of our own."

But time and again we are reminded that in the Kin-dom of God, who we should consider "our own" crosses many perceived boundaries.

We are called by Jesus to take care of ***all in need, especially those most vulnerable.***

The Gospel readings for this season after the Epiphany point to the topsy-turvy way that Jesus proclaims an "economy" in which wealth is redistributed for the good of all.

# Welcome to Worship

P A miscalculation has occurred.  
The wedding guests have drunk all the wine before the party is over.  
At times life can feel like we're "running out" of so much and scarcity is shutting down the party.  
In these moments, we are invited to turn to the currency and economy of Jesus. But in the economy of Jesus, the true measure of abundance is fullness for the entire community, not just for some.  
Let us build the Kingdom of God by drawing from jars of  
Hope, Purpose, Healing, Meaning, Vision, and Grace for all people.

## Opening Song

## Gather Us In

1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

## Greeting

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

**All** And also with you.

## Confession and Forgiveness

*Please stand in body or*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life

**All** Amen.

*P* Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

Merciful God,

**All** you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act  
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**

**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;**

**we assume the worst about one another.**

**All**      **Cleanse us from our faults  
          and release us from their grasp.  
Show us your lovingkindness.  
Restore our hearts and repair your world,  
          that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

**P**      God proclaims these words of assurance:  
          "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
          I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
          live anew as beloved children of God.

**All**      **Amen.**

### *Prayer for This Day*

*You may be Seated*

**P**      God of Abundance,  
we come to you today, lifting to you our emptiness,  
our longing, our hoping for a better world.

**All**      **In the midst of our fear,  
          remind us of your transforming and overflowing love  
and the jars of plenty out of which we can live abundantly  
          in service to all people, especially those who are struggling in body,  
mind, and spirit. Amen.**

### *A Reading from Isaiah, the 62<sup>nd</sup> chapter*

*The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.*

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn

and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your vindication and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

<sup>3</sup> You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her and your land Married,  
for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

L Word of God, Word of Hope.

**All Thanks be to God!**

### *A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God's Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the

discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

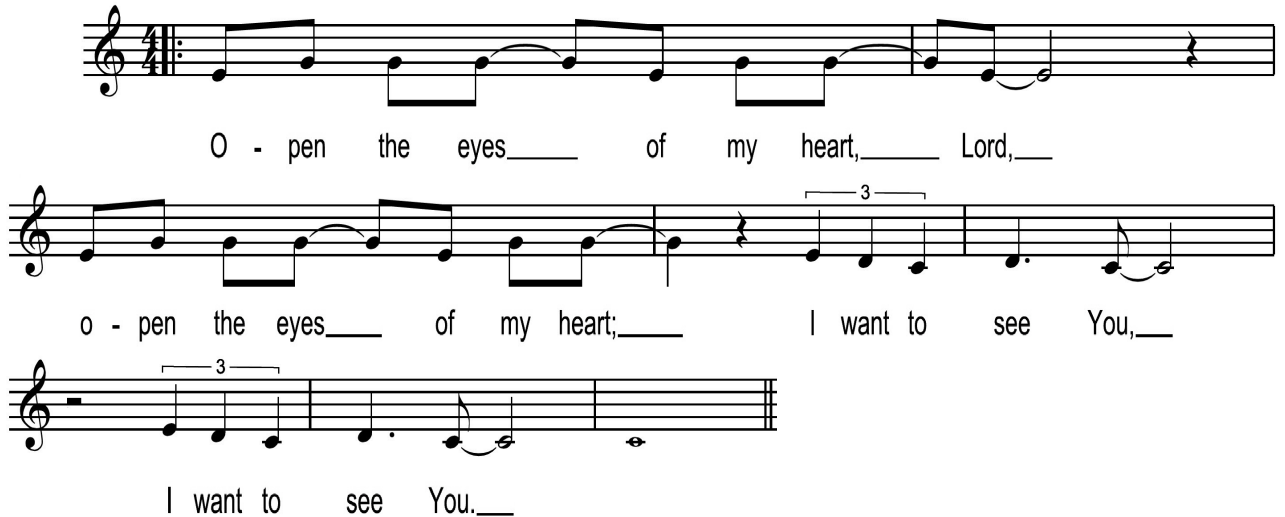
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**L** Word of God, Word of Life.

**All** Thanks be to God!

### Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
o - pen the eyes of my heart; I want to see You,  
I want to see You.

### Gospel Reading

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus

said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1-11

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

*All* Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

## *Children’s Sermon & Noisy Offering*

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make “hope” tangible.*

*In recent years, our Noisy Offering has fed 10 children for an entire year through Food for the Poor.*

*The Noisy Offering has helped families by providing:  
4 goats; 2 hens; 12 chicks; 2 piglets; mosquito netting;  
honeybees and a vegetable garden.*

*You’ve provided a Farmer’s Field School, 3 fruit tree seedlings, seeds,  
and gardening tools.*

*We can’t wait to see how the children will choose to share next!*

*Message*

**Pr. Debra Jimenez**



# Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

## All I have and all I am

Nathan & Lou Fellingham  
& busbee

Verse

(Build this house)



1. All I have and all I am is Yours: there's  
2. So ea - sy to de - sire what oth - ers have, In -



no - thing that I have on earth that does - n't come from You. I  
- stead of see - ing all the gifts that You have gi - ven me So



lay a - side my pride and world - ly worth: to  
help me fan the flame which You be - gan, And



Chorus

serve You is the grea - test thing that I could e - ver do. For un -  
burn in me a love for You that all will clear - ly see.



-less You build this house, I am buil - ding it in vain. Un -



less the work is Yours, there is no - thing to be gained. I want



some - thing that will stand when Your ho - ly fi - re comes;

some-thing that will last, and to hear You say 'well done', gi-ving  
glo - ry to You, Lord, glo - ry to You, Lord.

1. 2.  
2. So

## *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.**

WA In the economy of Jesus, we are saved from the expense of a “this for that” accounting. We are freely given so much love that it overflows and surpasses our need. And so we come to God in prayer that we might give back from the surplus of that saving grace.



WA In this pause, O God, we ponder the many gifts you have given us. Our gratitude never seems enough for the plenty you provide. We call to mind the gifts of creation, of relationships, of sustenance.

*Silence for reflection*

In this pause, Christ Jesus, we ponder the ways your love is still at work in the world. Our awe and wonder at the goodness of others is profound. We call to mind acts of kindness, generosity, and selflessness.

*Silence for reflection*

In this pause, Holy Spirit, we come asking you for strength. The temptation to live by the economics of not-enough is so strong in us. We ask for revelation in our thinking and doing, so that we might live with hope in the house.

*Silence for reflection*

**WA** Loving God, Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit, we are yours. In this pause, we bring to you the concerns of our day, our communities, and the world. We know you are always present, already working to bring about comfort and healing.

*Silence for reflection*

We lift before you all those on our prayer list. We pray for places and peoples on this earth ravaged by war. We pray for those affected by the wildfires in California. We pray for those who've lost all their worldly goods; for those who've died and those who mourn. We pray for the firefighters, and all those who work to bring healing to the injured.

*Silence for reflection*

Be with President-elect Trump and his chosen administration. We pray you will give him the wisdom to know what is best for our nation and the courage to do what is right. Be with leaders of nations across this world. Guide them to seek peace, prosperity, and justice for all your beloved people.

*Silence for reflection*

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray trusting in your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All Amen**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*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** Jesus 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.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the  
liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me,  
fill me, use me. Spir - it of the  
liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

## Offertory Prayer

*P* God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

**All** Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*P* When we grow afraid and weary and cannot fathom your care,  
hoarding resources for ourselves and “our kind,”  
your love remains steadfast.

You deliver us from captivity to worldly illusions of security,  
make covenant again and again to be our Sustenance,  
and you continue to speak to us through your prophets  
who proclaim abundance for all people.

**All** **Come, Holy Spirit, come to us again.**

*WA* Come, Holy Spirit,  
renew the hearts of all gathered for praise and prayer.  
Create in us a desire for justice, peace, and liberation for all people.

*P* In the night in which he was betrayed  
our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;  
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Let us together approach the throne of grace  
as we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of abundance.

**Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.**

*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

## Communion Songs

### You may be Seated

### Give Thanks



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

# All That We Have

*Refrain*



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 your name.



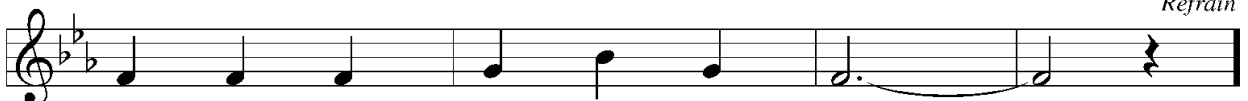
- 1 Some would re - ly on their pow - er,
- 2 Some - times the road may be lone - some,
- 3 Some - times when trou - bles are man - y,



oth - ers put trust in their gold.  
of - ten we may lose our way. Take  
life can seem emp - ty, it's true. But



Some have on - ly their Sav - ior, whose  
cour - age and al - ways re - mem - ber  
look at the life of the Mas - ter, who



faith - ful - ness nev - er grows old.  
love is - n't just for a day.  
lov - ing - ly suf - fered for you.

*Refrain*

Text: Gary Ault

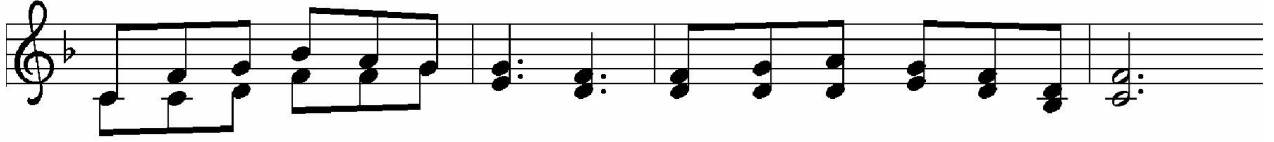
Music: ALL THAT WE HAVE, Gary Ault



# Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

## *Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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

**All Amen**

*P* Let us pray,  
Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.

**All Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

*You may be Seated*

# Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

## Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P

The jars are full in the Kingdom of God.  
The house is full of the hope we need  
and the hope we are called to give away.

Transformed by the economy of Jesus,  
to bear witness to God's grace,  
may we go out to invest in the transformation of our communities  
with the help of God, ✚  
the guidance of Jesus,  
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen



# Sending

## CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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### Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. *(to verse 2)*
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice. *(to refrain)*
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed. *(to verse 4)*
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone. *(to refrain)*
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come. *(to refrain)*

### Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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## Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Live in hope.

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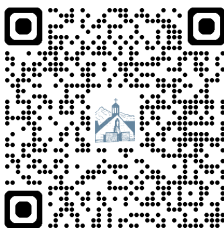
Readings for next Sunday,  
January 26<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:** Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

**Psalm:** Psalm 19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

**Gospel:** Luke 4:14-21



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