

Ascension Lutheran Church

1st Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 27, 2020

WELCOME

PRELUDE

On Christmas Night (Sussex Carol) (Michael Burkhardt)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear (v. 1, 2, 4)

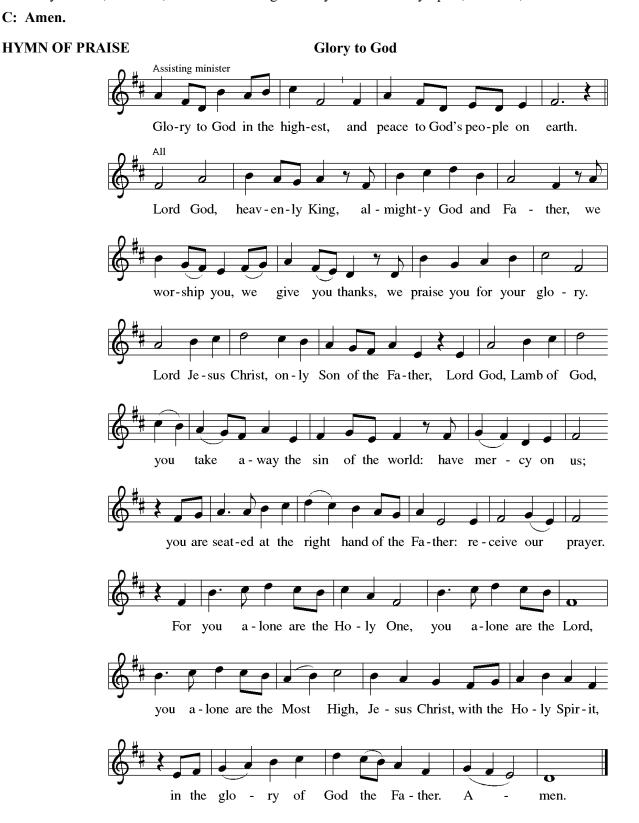
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PRAYER

Let us pray... Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully re A: stored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



GOSPEL READING Luke 2:22-40

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentile and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Tony

MUSICAL OFFERING

Make Room (Hall/Maher)

Family hiding from the storm Found no place at the keeper's door It was for this a Child was born To save a world so cold and hollow

The sleeping town did not know That lying in a manger low A Savior King who had no home Has come to heal our sorrows

Is there room in your heart Is there room in your heart Is there room in your heart For God to write His story

Shepherds counting sheep in the night Do not fear the glory light You are precious in His sight God has come to raise the lowly

You can come as you are But it may set you apart When you make room in your heart And trade your dreams for His glory Make room in your heart Make room in your heart

Mother holds the Promise tight
Every wrong will be made right
The road is straight and the burden's light
For in His hands He holds tomorrow (chorus)

You can come as you are But it may set you apart When you make room in your heart And trade your dreams for His glory

Make room in your heart Make room in your heart Make room in your heart Make room in your heart

PRAYERS & MUSIC

Make Room (Hall/Maher)

Please sing after each petition:

Is there room in your heart Is there room in your heart Is there room in your heart For God to write His story

MUSICAL OFFERING

Noel (Tomlin/Cash/Redman)

Love incarnate, love divine Star and angels gave the sign Bow to babe on bended knee The Savior of humanity Unto us a Child is born He shall reign forevermore Son of God and Son of man
There before the world began
Born to suffer, born to save
Born to raise us from the grave
Christ the everlasting Lord
He shall reign forevermore (Chorus)

Noel, Noel Come and see what God has done Noel, Noel The story of amazing love The light of the world, given for us Noel

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in remembrance of me.

Again, 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 in remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

A reminder that when you receive the bread and wine you may say to yourself or others in your home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Lamb of God

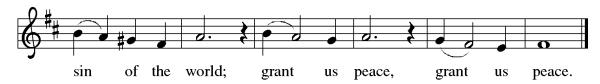


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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Go Tell It on the Mountain (African American Spiritual)

Don Malchow

COMMUNION BLESSING

MUSICAL OFFERING

O Lord, Now Let your Servant

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BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The First Noel (V. 1, 2, 4)



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Join us as we connect as a church in new ways.

Donate Today or Give By Text or Online

- Text 262-214-3681 with the amount to donate
- Online: tinyurl.com/DonateAscension

Coffee: Email Donna Aschenbrenner, <u>wra@wi.rr.com</u> to order coffee, including of the new Makumira Holiday Blend (\$19/bag); the high quality Peaberry coffee; or flavored or regular coffees. Regular/decaf coffee for a 12 oz bag is \$10. Peaberry coffee for a 12 oz. bag is \$15.

COLLECTIONS & COMMUNITY CARE

Children's Coat Collection: Hawthorne Elementary School is one of our newest partners. A large number of the students at the school are low income. The school is in need of new or gently used jackets and boots. The children are 4K through 5th grade. Place your donation in the barrels in the Donation Center.

Food Pantry: Target is offering a way to vote for how they donate money to non-profits. If you are a Target Circle Member and make purchases, you receive votes for local nonprofits. Now through Dec. 31, you can vote for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County whenever you shop at Target. See the Target website for more info.

The Blessing Box is being filled several times a week. We are especially in need of foods to make a meal. Examples: cereal, instant oatmeal, canned pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, cleaning supplies, etc. Place your donations directly in the BB or drop off at church during office hours.

Community Outreach: Please follow Ascension, Ascension Mission Outreach, and Ministerio Latino de Ascensión Waukesha on Facebook. "Like" "Love", Comment or share posts to help promote Ascension's ministries in the community. While we can't do our normal outreach, we can spread the word via electronic media and reach a broad population.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of Christmas week and next week. The church building will be open for donation drop-off next week Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Submit a Prayer

Submit a prayer request online <u>ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers</u>), by email to <u>Tamie@ ascensionelca.org</u>, or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

Healing

Edwin Aparicio, covid Natalie Mustapich, covid Sandy Sadowski, fractured pelvis Steve Spieker's brother, Tim, COPD

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