



# Ascension Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday After the Epiphany

Sunday, January 17, 2021

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** (*Paul Manz*)

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### MUSICAL OFFERING

#### **God Is With Us Now** (*Walker Beach*)

Everyone who longs for truth  
Needing hope and strength renewed  
Come and meet the Savior of the world  
Everyone who longs inside  
Desperate for the words of life  
Come and meet the Savior of your soul

**God is with us now  
His love rains down, His love reigns now  
Saved by grace and power  
His love rains down, His love reigns now  
God is with us now**

### PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray...Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

**Pastor Chris**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Will You Come and Follow Me (v. 1, 3)

ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## GOSPEL READING

John 1:43-51

P: The Holy Gospel for this day comes from the book of St. John, the 1st chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Chris

## MUSICAL OFFERING

I Speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

**('Cause) Your Name is power**  
**Your Name is healing, Your Name is life**  
**Break ev'ry stronghold**  
**Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus

Shout Jesus from the mountains  
Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy  
Jesus for my fam'ly  
I speak the holy Name Jesus (*Chorus*)

## PRAYERS &amp; MUSIC

*Please sing after each petition:*

He Reigns (Furler/Taylor)

**It's all God's children singing**  
**Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**  
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**Glory, glory, hallelujah He reigns**

## OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

## 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.

**LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God** (from *Missa St. Andrew*) Michael Burkhardt

**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 MEDITATION**

**Be Thou My Vision**  
(setting by Anne Krentz Organ)

**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.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** (v. 1, 4)

ELW 310

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 weak-ened bod - y, faint-ing soul;  
4 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;  
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:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,  
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

**SENDING**

P: People of God. Be at peace. God is with you. Have courage. You are loved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**Rigaudon** (*André Campra*)

## FAITH CONNECTION

*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](https://tinyurl.com/DonateAscension)

**Offering Envelopes:** 2021 offering envelopes are available for those who use them. You can pick them up at church Monday-Thursday, 10a-3p and Friday, 10a-noon. We will mail whatever isn't picked up.

**New Year, New Commitment:** If you haven't yet turned in your 2021 pledge card, you still have time. Please drop off or mail to church soon.

**Earn Money for Ascension With AmazonSmile**

If you shop using Amazon, you can use [AmazonSmile](#) and earn money for your charity of choice. Select Ascension Lutheran Church in Waukesha, WI as your charity of choice and 0.5% of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases will go to Ascension.

**Do you have a set of Christmas lights that don't work?** We will be collecting used Christmas lights until the end of the month. These lights are not bio-degradable and will not decompose in a landfill. Do your part to look after God's creation by putting them in the box at church for proper disposal.

**Blessing Box:** As we have more very cold days, please be aware of putting things in the box that might freeze and containers break. We check the box several times a week so that we can monitor that food is fresh and safe. On very cold days, dry products such as cereal, snacks, most canned goods are a good choice. Plastic or glass may break. Fresh produce or bakery will freeze quickly.

**Hawthorne School Partnership:** Thank you to those of you who have already donated jackets, boots and accessories for the Hawthorne School project. We will continue the collection until the end of January.

**Blessing Bags:** We are putting together another delivery of Blessing Bags for the homeless men that pick up their take-out breakfast and lunch at the Hope Center. The Blessing Bags will greatly help them have some of their very basic needs met. See the January newsletter for details on what to put in the bags.

**Submit a Prayer**

Submit a prayer request online [ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers](https://ascensionelca.org/spiritual-growth/prayers)), by email to [Tamie@ascensionelca.org](mailto:Tamie@ascensionelca.org), or phone message to the church office. Please pray:

**Healing**

- Becky Murray, beginning chemo after a long battle with covid
- Brian Reagles, surgery
- Gail Simon, surgery

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