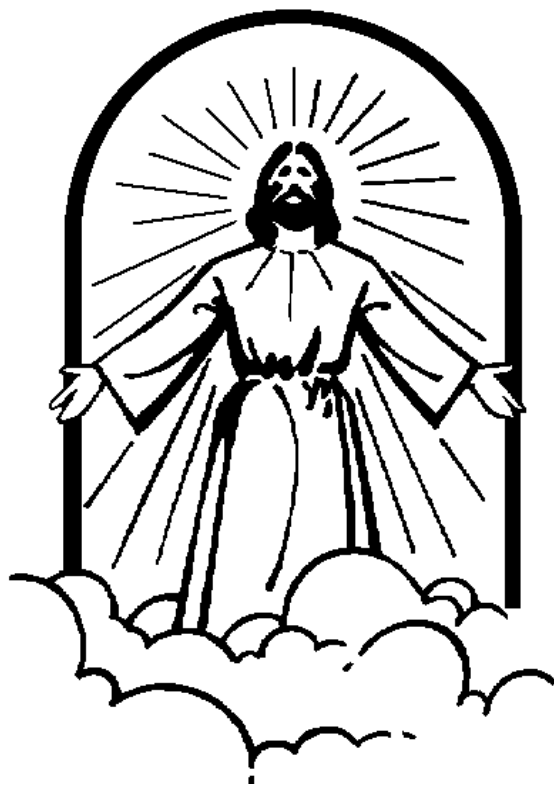


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

The First Sunday In Advent

“Holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession; He was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was in all His house.” (Hebrews 3:1-2)

VISITORS: It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today. We want you to be aware that because God’s Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Lord’s Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC to first meet with the pastor before coming to Communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you would like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of “Close Communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entryway. Thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 72 (page 138 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 62 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel”*

The Order Of The Confessional Service, pages 46-48 (The Lutheran Hymnal)

FIRST LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra – what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 24

L: The earth is the LORD’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.

C: FOR HE HAS FOUNDED IT UPON THE SEAS, AND ESTABLISHED IT UPON THE WATERS.

L: Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

C: HE WHO HAS CLEAN HANDS AND A PURE HEART, WHO HAS NOT LIFTED UP HIS SOUL TO AN IDOL, NOR SWORN DECEITFULLY.

L: He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

C: THIS IS JACOB, THE GENERATION OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM, WHO SEEK YOUR FACE.

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

C: WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY, THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE.

L: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.

C: WHO IS THIS KING OF GLORY? THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Luke 1:67-79 *rise*

⁶⁷ Now his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying: ⁶⁸ “Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, ⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, ⁷⁰ as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began, ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us, ⁷² to perform the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath which He swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Highest; for you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways, ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to His people by the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ through the tender mercy of our God, with which the Dayspring from on high has visited us; ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 98 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Of The Father’s Love Begotten*”

SERMON: Deuteronomy 18:15-19

THE SON OF GOD: LIKE, AND UNLIKE MOSES

¹⁵ **The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, ¹⁶ according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, “Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.” ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me: “What they have spoken is good. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. ¹⁹ And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him.”**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 91 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Let The Earth Now Praise The Lord*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 645 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Behold, A Branch Is Growing*”

WELCOME, VISITORS! We’re very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Tyler Louderman. After BIBLE STUDY we will DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.

WEDNESDAY: ADVENT SERVICE: 7:00 PM.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Bible study: 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

THE CHICAGO BIBLE STUDY will be on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, at 6:00 PM at the home of Nate and Beth Ude, 3343 N. Leavitt St., #3.

WEDDING SHOWER: There will be a WEDDING SHOWER for MOLLY KOMON on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, after our Bible study.

WE’RE ALL INVITED to the WEDDING of David Windsor and Molly Komon on Sunday, DECEMBER 31, at 4:00 PM here in our church.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College.

The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2018. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2017 (letters postmarked December 1, 2017) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.