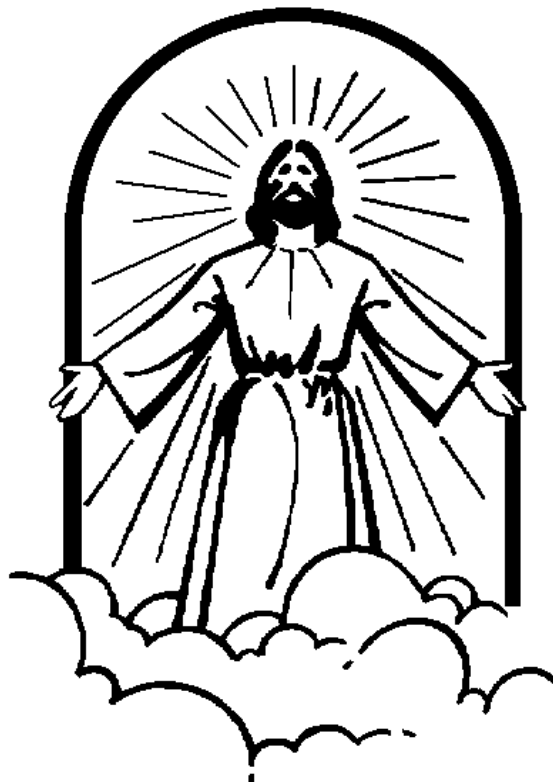


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

The Second Sunday In Epiphany

“You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Matthew 16:16)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 2 (page 123 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 126 (Worship Supplement) *“Arise And Shine In Splendor”*

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. ⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. ⁶ The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and incense, and they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 86

L: Among the gods there is none like You, O Lord; nor are there any works like Your works.

C: ALL NATIONS WHOM YOU HAVE MADE SHALL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, O LORD, AND SHALL GLORIFY YOUR NAME.

L: For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God.

C: TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD; I WILL WALK IN YOUR TRUTH;

L: give me an undivided heart to fear Your name.

C: I WILL PRAISE YOU, O LORD MY GOD, WITH ALL MY HEART, AND I WILL GLORIFY YOUR NAME FOREVERMORE.

L: For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

C: YOU, O LORD, ARE A GOD FULL OF COMPASSION, AND GRACIOUS, LONGSUFFERING AND ABUNDANT IN MERCY AND TRUTH.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 10:38-43 *rise*

³⁸ “...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰ Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, ⁴¹ not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. ⁴² And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge

of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”

The Apostle’s Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 343:1-2, 4-5, 7 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“How Lovely Shines The Morning Star”*

SERMON: Matthew 14:22-36

TRULY YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD!

²² Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. ²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” ²⁹ So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!” ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” ³⁴ When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. ³⁵ And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, ³⁶ and begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched *it* were made perfectly well.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 134 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 352 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“O Savior, Precious Savior”*

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 Rick Louderman. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE

CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. Our ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING HAS

BEEN RESCHEDULED TO NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21,

immediately following our church service.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$851.00 (needed each week:

\$1,200.00); our attendance was 15.

THE DECEMBER CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary: Paul Naumann and Steven

Sippert. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2020. All

comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received

by March 15, 2018 (postmarked by March 1), to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.;

Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

ILC TOUR CHOIR HERE: The Immanuel Lutheran College Tour Choir is tentatively

scheduled to give a concert here at Ascension on Tuesday, March

13, at 7:00 PM. They would be staying overnight and leaving the next morning at 9:00 AM. If

we want the Tour Choir here, we need to provide housing for them for about 30 people on

Tuesday night. For those of you who are about 30 minutes away or closer who can provide

housing, if you can’t drive the choir members back to church on Wednesday morning, the

Kestersons can lend one or both of their cars for the choir members to drive themselves. Along

with housing choir members in our homes, we could also have some stay at a hotel. We need

to decide ASAP if we’re going to have the Tour Choir here or not. If we do, we need to

determine who can house choir members, and how many you can house. Then we’ll know

how many hotel rooms we would also have to get. We can have a special collection to cover

the cost of the hotel rooms. Please SIGN UP on the sheet in the narthex if you can help.