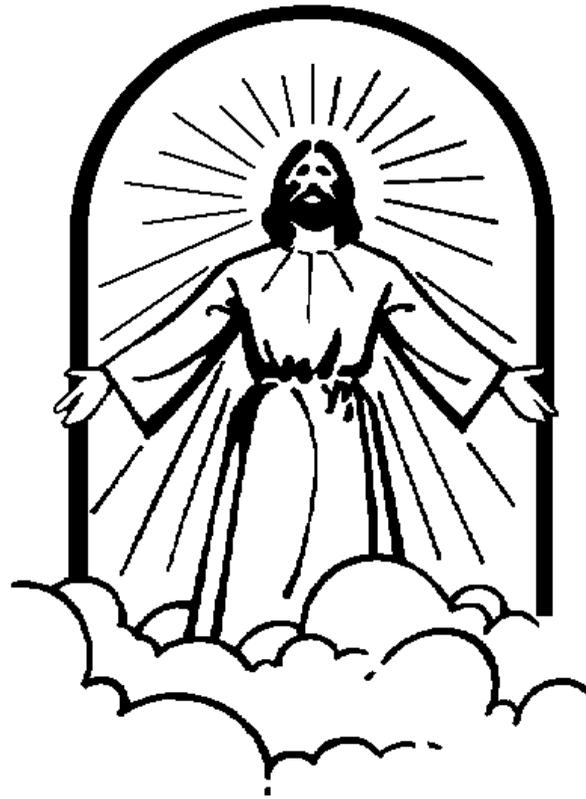


## The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

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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

*“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 25 (page 128, The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 42** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“O Thou Love Unbounded”*

**The Order Of The Holy Communion** (page 15, The Lutheran Hymnal)

**FIRST LESSON:** Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: <sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup> Then said I: “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me: “Do not say, ‘I *am* a youth,’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of their faces, for I *am* with you to deliver you,” says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup> See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

**GRADUAL** (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 – the Gospel:** Luke 4:21-32 *rise*

<sup>21</sup> And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “You will surely say this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.’” <sup>24</sup> Then He said, “Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. <sup>25</sup> But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; <sup>26</sup> but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region* of Sidon,

to a woman *who was* a widow. <sup>27</sup> And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup> So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, <sup>29</sup> and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.<sup>30</sup> Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way. <sup>31</sup> Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. <sup>32</sup> And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

THE NICENE CREED (page 22, The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 351 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*”

SERMON: 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13

### LOVE AS GOD LOVES

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed these in the Church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. <sup>29</sup> *Are* all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? *Are* all workers of miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. <sup>13:1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. <sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just

**as I also am known. <sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.**

OFFERTORY (page 22, The Lutheran Hymnal)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 361 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*”

THE GENERAL PRAYER

THE PREFACE (page 24, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE SANCTUS (page 26, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (page 27, The Lutheran Hymnal)

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (page 29, The Lutheran Hymnal)

Luke 2:29-32

HYMN 50 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*”

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WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Rick Louderman. In our Bible Study we’re on Revelation 11:4.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:10 AM.

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER

SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,221.46 (needed each week: \$1,100.00); and our attendance was 15. Our general fund balance as of last Sunday was \$189.00. Our bills are currently all paid.

MCKENNEY FAMILY AID: St. Paul writes in Galatians 6:10: “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Recently, the Lord in His mercy called our brother in faith, Pastor Kevin McKenney, home to glory. His family is facing major financial challenges due to funeral costs, as well as ongoing expenses. President Eichstadt has authorized a synod-wide offering to help the family. Gifts may be sent to the General Business Office at ILC (501 Grover Rd., Eau Claire, WI 54701), with checks made out to: Church of the Lutheran Confession and a memo line: “McKenney Family Aid.” Funds from congregations could also be included in the regular monthly remittance.

ILC AFTER BANQUET PARTY: The ILHS Parent Committee is preparing for this year’s

After Banquet party which will be held May 4, 2019. They are looking for a variety of donations to help with this effort. Questions can be directed to Joanna Gamble via email – jsoannagamble@hotmail.com or phone/text 651-253-3050.