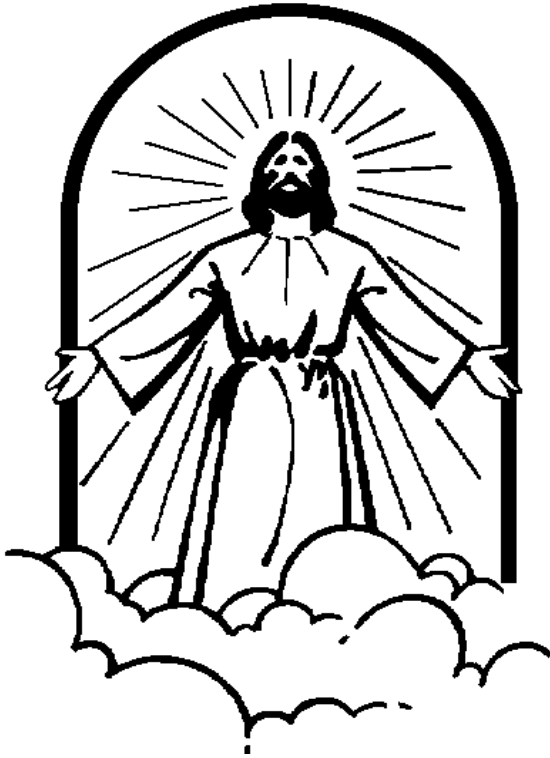


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

Transfiguration Sunday

“And so we have the prophetic Word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (1 Peter 1:19)

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the RED book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

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 103 (pp. 145-146 in TLH)

HYMN 284 (TLH) *“Father Of Mercies, In Thy Word”*

INVOCATION (page 12, WS)

Matthew 28:19

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Kyrie sung (page 13, WS)

Mark 10:47

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis* Luke 2:14; Rev. 5:8-14

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high;
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

¹ "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴ He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands shall wait for His law." ⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens

and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: ⁶ “I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, as a light to the Gentiles, ⁷ to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. ⁸ I *am* the LORD, that *is* My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to carved images. ⁹ Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spread forth I tell you of them.”

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 36

M: Your mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens;

C: Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

M: Your righteousness is like the great mountains;

C: Your judgments are a great deep; O LORD, You preserve man and beast.

M: How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God!

C: Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

M: They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house,

C: and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

M: For with You is the fountain of life;

C: In Your light we see light.

M: Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You,

C: And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 1:16-21 *rise*

¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic Word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Alleluia (sung) (page 14, WS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written
that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, WS)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins,

**And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen**

HYMN 657 (TLH) *“Beautiful Savior”*

SERMON: Mark 9:2-10

THE COMFORT IN JESUS' TRANSFIGURATION

² Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up on a high mountain apart by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. ³ His clothes became shining, exceedingly white, like snow, such as no launderer on earth can whiten them. ⁴ And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and let us make three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” – ⁶ because he did not know what to say, for they were greatly afraid. ⁷ And a cloud came and overshadowed them; and a voice *Him!*” ⁸ Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves. ⁹ Now as they came down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no one the things they had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept this word to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philip. 4:7

OFFERTORY *sung* (page 16, WS)

Psalm 51:10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 341 *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
THE 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;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, WS)



M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

(the appropriate Preface is read)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Sanctus (sung) (p. 18, WS) Is. 6:3; Mt. 21:9

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;

Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;

Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt. 26; Mk. 14; Lk. 22; 1 Cor. 11

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He

broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei* sung (page 19, WS)

John 1:29

**O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

M: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

M: Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis* sung
(page 20, WS)

Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let You servant depart in heavn'ly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

M: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING (page 21, WS) sung

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

My heart has now become Your dwelling,

**O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 53 “*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*”

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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 is a Communion Sunday. Our USHER is Glenn Libby. Following our church service instead of our Bible Study we have our ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING.

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

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Greg Suwanski. The NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE is at 3:00 PM, and the BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE is at 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's offering was \$291.00, and our attendance was 12.

AVA ROSE ESERHUT, daughter of Dave and Laurie Eserhut, was baptized by our pastor in her home this past Tuesday, January 31. There will be an affirmation of Ava's baptism during one of our upcoming Sunday morning services. Jesus tells us, "Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16, ESV). "When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." (Titus 2:4-7)

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS Pastor David Baker, trying to recover from serious liver and kidney problems; Derek Windsor (David Windsor's brother), with blood problems; and Janice Starkey, the wife of Pastor Ed Starkey, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 inflammatory breast cancer. A secondary bone cancer is in her sternum. Janice is receiving treatment at the Corpus Christi Cancer Center. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." (Psalm 46:1)

CLC NEWS: Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran Church, Cape Coral, FL, received and returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI. St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor Edward Starkey of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX. Brandan Heinze has accepted the call to teach Mathematics at Immanuel Lutheran School in

Mankato, MN. St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mt. View, CA, has called Heidi Radtke to be the second teacher in its school.