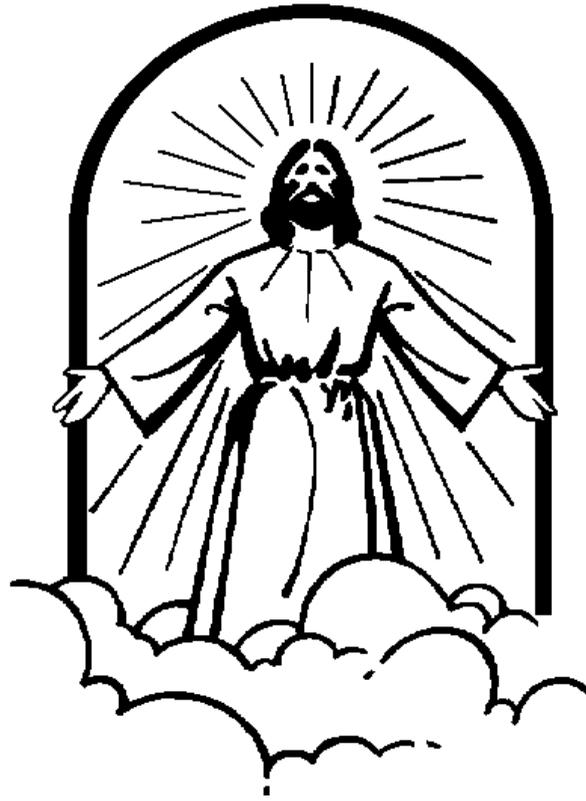


The Second Sunday After Epiphany

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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

“If the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 67 (page 137, The Lutheran Hymnal)

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

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

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-6

¹ “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*; ² to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, ³ to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” ⁴ And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. ⁵ Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner *shall be* your plowmen and your vinedressers. ⁶ But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 19

L: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

C: THE STATUTES OF THE LORD ARE TRUSTWORTHY, MAKING WISE THE SIMPLE.

L: The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

C: THE COMMANDS OF THE LORD ARE RADIANT, GIVING LIGHT TO THE EYES.

L: The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

C: THE ORDINANCES OF THE LORD ARE SURE AND ALTOGETHER RIGHTEOUS.

L: They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;

C: THEY ARE SWEETER THAN HONEY, THAN HONEY FROM THE COMB.

L: By them is Your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

C: WHO CAN DISCERN HIS ERRORS? FORGIVE MY HIDDEN FAULTS.

L: Keep Your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

C: MAY THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT, O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27 *rise*

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – whether Jews or

Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where *would be* the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body be? ²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ... ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 657 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Beautiful Savior*”

SERMON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27

JESUS SETS US FREE!

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. ¹⁵ And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to *the* poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to *the* captives and recovery of sight to *the* blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.” ²⁰ Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”



OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 761 (Worship Supplement) “*In You Is Gladness*”

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 777 (Worship Supplement) “*Amazing Grace – How Sweet The Sound*”

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

TODAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. In our Bible Study we’re on Revelation 11:1.

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 Glenn Libby. Our ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING is immediately following our morning service. There will be Sunday School, but not Bible Study. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,311.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); and our attendance was 16. Our

General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$1,475.00. Our bills are all paid and up to date.

PARKING LOT: This spring the cracks in our parking lot will need to be sealed, the surface recoated, and the lines repainted. The total cost is \$1,300.00. It would help with our budget if we can start setting aside donations for that purpose.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: COUNCIL: April 7, VOTERS: May 5.

UPCOMING SERVICES: ASH WEDNESDAY: March 6, MAUNDY THURSDAY: April 18, GOOD FRIDAY: April 19, EASTER: April 21.

WOMAN’S RETREAT: “Just Passing Through” (Christian Women Living In A Non-Christian World) is the theme for the woman’s retreat on March 22-24 at the Riverport Inn, 900 Bruski Dr., Winona, MN, (hotel phone number: 507-454-0606). Deadline to register and to reserve a room in the block is February 22 (\$25.00 late registration fee). Please see the poster on the table in the narthex. Online registration and all additional information can be found at: ladiesretrat.clclutheran.net.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: The 34th annual Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, March 8-10, 2019 (Friday-Sunday). Teams are co-ed, and will all be composed of 5th-8th graders.