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**Ascension Lutheran Church**

Landover Hills, Md

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## Fifth Sunday After The Epiphany

February 9, 2025

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Prelude*

“Locus iste”

Anton Brückner, arr. Valentin Saric

#### *Welcome and Notices*

#### *(Stand) Greeting*

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

L: In the beginning was the Word,

**C: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.**

L: In the Word was life,

**C: And the life was the light of all people.**

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C: And we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.**

#### *Gathering Hymn*

ELW 414

“Holy God We Praise Your Name”

"Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900

Music: Katholisches Gesangbuch, Vienna, 1774"

- 1. Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.**

2. **Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy, Lord!”**
  
3. **Lo the apostolic train  
Join your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun  
Through the Church the song goes on.**
  
4. **Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you,  
Though in essence only one;  
Undivided God we claim you  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.**

***Salutation and Prayer of the Day***

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**L:** Let us pray:

**C:** **O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

**R:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Second Lesson*

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. <sup>13</sup>Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. <sup>14</sup>For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup>What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. <sup>16</sup>Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say “Amen” to your thanksgiving when he does

not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup>For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. <sup>18</sup>I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. <sup>19</sup>Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>20</sup>Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand) *Alleluia Verse*

“Alleluia”



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Gospel Lesson*

Luke 5:1-11

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, <sup>2</sup>and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their

nets. <sup>3</sup>Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. <sup>4</sup>And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup>And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. <sup>7</sup>They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup>But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." <sup>9</sup>For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." <sup>11</sup>And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit) Message*

*(Stand) Hymn*  
ELW 575

**"Here I Am Lord"**

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- 1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them,? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain:*   **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

***The Nicene Creed:***

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from  
the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**



**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Kneel/Sit) Prayers*

ELW 691

“Accept O Lord, The Gifts We Bring”

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Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord,

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by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

**L:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and  
for all people according to their needs:

*(After each portion of the prayers:)*

**L:** Lord, in your mercy.

**C:** Hear our prayer.

*(The prayers conclude:)*

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,  
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord

**C: Amen.**

*(Stand) **Sharing of the Peace***

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another with a word of peace.*

*“Peace be with you”... “God bless you”... “God loves you”*

*(Sit) **The Gathering of Gifts***

*Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.*

(Stand) **Presenting Our Gifts**

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“Give Thanks”

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Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,  
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

*Last time*

## *Offering Prayer*

L: Let us pray. God, our Creator,

**C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## *Benediction*

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

1. **"Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"**
  
2. **"Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"**
  
3. **"Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"**

4. **"Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"**
5. **Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

***Sending***

**L:** Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

***Postlude***

**"I Know that My Redeemer Liveth ("Messiah")**

G.F. Handel, arr. Henry Coleman

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

<b>Assistant</b>	Annette Singletary
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Message</b>	Andy House
<b>Reader</b>	Andy House
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara & David Thom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Townsend, Carolyn Plue, Mary Tipton, Bose Osho
<b>Ushers</b>	Calvin Lee, Ronnie Townsend, Cris Bonner
<b>Counters</b>	Andy House, Adam Kampia, Dwight Mitchell

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## *Prayer List*

In order to keep the prayer list current the Board of Elders will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson @ 301-442-6253

[marjorienilsson@hotmail.com](mailto:marjorienilsson@hotmail.com)

## *Sunday @6*

To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

**The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601**

**Sunday @ 6**

**Enter this code:773-431-475 #**

For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!



## ***Adult Bible Study***

*Adult Bible study began again on September 1<sup>st</sup>. All participants are meeting in the music room following service.*

*We are studying the book of Esther. If you are awaiting a miracle that has not come, feel inadequate, threatened, or pushed into overpowering situations, this is the study for you. We will explore the history of the Persian empire, the diaspora, and the plight of Israel during this period. We will look at other scriptures in both the old and new testaments that support and expand our understanding of Esther's story. We will learn how Esther's story has contemporary applications for our lives today. To include the most people possible, we will be meeting on Sundays when choir is not in rehearsal.*

### ***Adult Bible Study Schedule -Esther***

February 16; March 2,16  
April 13; May 4,18; June 1,15



We request your prayers  
and presence with us for

## **The Order of Installation.**

**By the Grace of God,**

**The Reverend Paul Christian Agne**

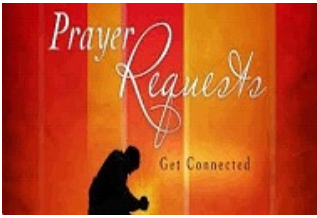
will be installed as the  
Pastor of Ascension Lutheran Church.

The Eighth Sunday after Epiphany,  
March 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

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**Reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Clergy are invited to vest and process.  
Red is the color of the day.**



***Ascension Lutheran Church  
Prayer Request***

*Please put your prayer requests in the  
Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so  
we can add your need to our prayers.*

Pastor Gary Pomrenke and wife Tracie, prayers for comfort and healing.

Ed Neibling, son-in-law of Russ and Ruth Ford, prayers for healing

Ginny Raft, former Ascension teacher, missionary and Daughter of  
former members Ruth and Russell Ford.

The Ojurongbe /Osho Family, upon the recent passing of Abidemi  
“Demi” Ojurongbe

Ernestine Hayes, Prayers for healing.

Jannie Goldston, prayers for healing.

Bonnie Garrett, Sister-In-Law, of Rob Garrett, prayers for healing

Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

***Ascension Homebound:***

*John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming;*

*Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.*

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## Information & Notices

Feb. 9, 2025

### Services

#### Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

**Holy Communion** is celebrated in most services.

#### Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

#### Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

### Please Note

**Adult Bible Study:** Bible study meets on Sundays after worship, at 10:30 am.

#### Staff:

Gwen Neal      Office Mgr.  
Ben Harris Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30  
Closed Holidays.

Please allow us to share Church News with you via email. Send your **email address** to the Church Office at [office@alutheranchurch.com](mailto:office@alutheranchurch.com)

**Sunday, February 9**

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Worship

Sunday @ 6

**Epiphany VI**

**Sunday, February 16**

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Worship

Bible Study

Sunday @ 6

**Epiphany VI**



**Altar Flowers Presented By**

*Please Note* that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.



**Altar Flowers**

***Altar Flowers***      **\$50.00**  
***Sanctuary Lights***    **\$ 5.00**

## **Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring Servants who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people**

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January 30, 2025

Greetings Ascension Members,

We are writing to express our sincere gratitude for your generous giving, volunteer service and prayers for our ministry! Your faithfulness is a true reflection of your love for God and His church.

As it says in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, “*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*” Through your giving, we have been able to support our ministry, provide for those in need, and spread the love of Christ to those around us. For instance, since last October, your giving has made the following possible:

1. Fellowship hall refurbished;
2. Repairs to the water heater;
3. Maintenance to pumps for heat;
4. Air conditioning repairs to church;
5. Parking lot stripped;
6. 2nd floor women’s bathroom refurbished;
7. Along with normal cost to maintain the operations.

And because of your support, we ended the year with a \$25,000 surplus! *THANK YOU!*

We are so grateful for your faithful stewardship which allows us to continue our mission of “*Becoming caring servants who extend life in Christ to diverse people.*” We look forward to a wonderful year to come.

Again, thank you, and may God bless you.

With heartfelt thanks,

*Church Council*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



**Eric Belkengren, Virginia DeMaio,  
Yolanda Hamzaoui**

**Keith & Kathy Greer**



### **SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Feb. 16**

<b>Pastor</b>	Jon Diefenthaler
<b>Assistant</b>	Adam Kampia
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Annette Singletary
<b>Greeters</b>	Agnes Jones
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Agnes Jones, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
<b>Ushers</b>	Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill