



For in one Spirit we were all
baptized into one body ...

1 Corinthians 12:13, ESV

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"

January 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

For those wishing to commune at the Lord's Table with us today: The Lutheran practice of close Communion attempts to prevent a person from eating and drinking judgment on himself (1 Corinthians 11:23–30). Thus, attendance at the Lord's Supper implies a four-level commitment to Christ. We believe that communicants must: (1) be baptized Christians; (2) accept the real presence of Christ's body in the bread and His blood in the wine; (3) confess and repent of one's sins and trust that God offers complete forgiveness of those sins in this Sacrament; and (4) share oneness of faith, doctrine and practice among those who commune. Those wishing to commune with us today who have not done so previously, please see the pastor or an elder before the service begins. (*Grape juice is available for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

Para aquellos que desean participar en la Santa Cena con nosotros hoy: *La práctica luterana de la comunión intenta evitar que una persona coma y beba el juicio de Dios sobre sí mismo (1 Corintios 11:23–30). Por lo tanto, la asistencia a la Cena del Señor implica un compromiso de cuatro niveles con Cristo. Creemos que los comulgantes deben: (1) ser bautizados como cristianos; (2) aceptar la presencia real del cuerpo de Cristo en el pan y Su sangre en el vino; (3) confesar y arrepentirse de sus pecados y confiar en que Dios ofrece el perdón completo de esos pecados en este Sacramento; y (4) compartir la unidad de fe, doctrina y práctica entre los que comulgan. Aquellos que desean comulgan con nosotros hoy que no lo han hecho anteriormente, por favor vean al pastor o un anciano antes de que comience el servicio. (El jugo de uva está disponible para aquellos que no beben alcohol, y hostias libres de gluten están disponibles bajo petición.)*

(**P** = Pastor, **C** = Congregation, **A** = Reader/Assisting)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Theme: “The Work of One through the Many”

AS WE GATHER: Every year, the Epiphany of Our Lord is announced by the coming of the Magi from the East (on January 6) and the Baptism of Our Lord on the following Sunday. Likewise, every year on the next Sunday, John summarizes the significance of what we will hear concerning the earthly ministry of Jesus leading to the glory of His cross. Jesus enacts His first sign or miracle at a wedding in Cana. Turning water into wine signifies more than the joy of the marriage of God to His people. To Christians, it instantly calls to mind the Means by which God literally pours the new life of forgiveness into us through the blood of the cross of Christ. As the Bride of Christ, the Holy Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit to live a life of the reverent worship of God and loving service of one another and the world. The one Spirit works through the many members of the Body of Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise;
 Manifested by the star To the sages from afar,
 Branch of royal David’s stem In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
 Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan’s stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
 And at Cana wedding guest In Thy God-head manifest;
 Manifest in pow’r divine, Changing water into wine;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Present in Thy Holy Word;
 Grace to imitate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;
 That we might become like Thee At Thy great epiphany,
 And may praise Thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5–7

- P** God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.
- C** **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** Let us therefore confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Merciful God, we confess that we live surrounded by the darkness of sin. Our lives are spent in the darkness of the fallen world by our own sin in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done as well as the good we have failed to do. Deliver us from this darkness and grant us Your forgiveness by the light of Your Son’s saving death on the cross and the power of His resurrection. Amen.**
- P** Jesus Christ, the light of the world, opens heaven before us and brings us life again. By the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

RESPONSE (sung)

“I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light”

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The Star of my life is Jesus.

**In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, who sent Your Son to establish a new creation, by the forgiveness won in the glory of His cross and resurrection, renew our lives by the breath of the Holy Spirit empowering us to worship You in purity and serve one another in love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

✠ THE WORD ✠

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:1–11 (ESV)

(The work of the Spirit in everyday Christian life)

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. ⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

LAMBS' LESSON

Pastor Herb Hoefler

HOLY GOSPEL

John 2:1–11 (ESV)

(The wedding at Cana)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with His disciples. ³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." ⁶Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸And He said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory. And His disciples believed in Him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN “Come, Join In Cana’s Feast”

Come, join in Cana’s feast Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.

The old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.

Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied
By Him who is both guest and host For us, the crucified.

△(stand)

For now He lives and reigns Through all eternity
With Father, Spirit, Three in One, The glorious Trinity.

SERMON

“SU CASA ES MI CASA”

John 2:1–11

Pastor Herb Hoefler

APOSTLES’ CREED

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and spiritually.)

(8:30)

“Let Light Shine Out Of Darkness”

John A. Behnke
Ascension Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Lord God, merciful Father, we praise and thank You for Your gift of life, especially the new life You give us in the water of Holy Baptism and for teaching us to be Your new creation by Your Holy Word. Having given us this new life by Your Holy Spirit, cause us to live in Your love actively, faithfully caring for and serving our neighbor. Give us confidence in Your never-failing love and help. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P As Your Son brought blessing and joy to the wedding at Cana, so You have made us to be His Bride, Your Holy Church. Help us to be faithful to You as You are to us, that we may demonstrate the beauty of Your love, which You bestow on the whole world. Bless all pastors and leaders in the Church to proclaim faithfully Your glorious salvation to all and bind us in one mission of love and service to one another and to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We here remember before You all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, *especially...*By Your Spirit, calm their fears, grant healing and especially steadfastness and confidence of faith in Your never-ending kindness and power to help. Be with all to whom death draws near. Grant Your compassion and skill to all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P We also remember and rejoice with those who are celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

P 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **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.**

(11:00am service, please turn to page 11 for the Benediction)

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe in the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. Here our Lord offers to us the forgiveness of all our sins.

(Grape juice is available in the center of the trays for those who do not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

(Latin for "Peace of the Lord"—the response is "Amen!" or "So be it!")

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Beautiful Savior”

(contemporary)

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness You heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

(Chorus)

**Beautiful Savior, Wonderful Counselor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You’re the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You’re the Risen One, Heaven’s Champion
And You reign, You reign over all.**

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of ‘worthy’ will honor the Lamb! **(chorus)**

“Worthy Is The Lamb”

Thank You for the cross, Lord. Thank You for the price You paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame,
In love You came and gave amazing grace.

Thank You for this love, Lord. Thank You for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in Your cleansing flow,
Now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

**Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne.
Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious.
High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God.
The Darling of heaven, crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.**

(repeat from beginning)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have made us glad and increased our joy, making us to share in the glory of Your Son's cross and resurrection by Means of His very body and blood given and shed for us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to be His love and light in our world; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please read the FYI in your bulletin for additional announcements and information.)

SONG **“Shine, Jesus, Shine”**

**Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory,
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire!
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me, shine on me. **(chorus)**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here, may our lives tell Your story,
Shine on me, shine on me. **(chorus)**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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JANUARY 16, 2022

† MANY THANKS TO OUR ASCENSION FAMILY

Your Ascension Staff would like to give you our heartfelt thanks for the amazing Christmas gift! Your support and generosity come through year-round, but we are especially aware of it during Thanksgiving and Christmastime. All of the warm wishes, cards and gifts are so appreciated! The Lord has blessed us through you, and we give thanks to Him for all the ways you care for us! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May 2022 be our best year together yet!

† VOTERS ASSEMBLY SUNDAY JANUARY 30

The Voter's Assembly will be after the 11am service.

† NETWORK DISCOVERY SESSIONS ARE COMING!

- † 2 Saturdays—January 29 and February 5
- † From 9:30am until no later than 3:00pm
- † Refreshments and lunch are provided
- † Discovery tools and assessments will teach you to evaluate your spiritual gifts, personality, and passions for ministry
- † Maybe you have already taken Network! You can take it again.

Contact Pr. Jim if you want to attend, as books need to be ordered (\$8.99 plus shipping if you wish to donate the cost.)

† PRAYER NEEDS?

Contact the church office with any requests e-mail:
office@alcportland.org

† PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

The Family of Bill Ritchie, Bob Rekdahl, Fred Greco, Ray Brown, Mike Hatley, Lorraine Haggard, Larry Hart, Esperanza Gutierrez, Rich Zahursky, Judy Blubaum, Antonia Martinez (mother of Esperanza Gutierrez), Ava Wentela (Sue Wentela's granddaughter), Carol Santorufo (sister of Sue Wentela), *Barbara Schrader, *Dale Porath. *Home Bound.

† PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY:

Marie Cassetty Brown, Air Force — Little Rock, Arkansas (sister-in-law of Wanda Cassetty);
Dakota Saunders, US Navy — Based in Cecilia Italy (godson of Carrie Graham);
Alex Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Washington (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Michael Williamson, Air Force, Reserve — Texas (grandson of Rebecca Williamson);
Jamie Wong-Lopez, Marines — Annapolis MD (nephew of Kevin and Merci McInaney);
Clayton Wright, Air Force — Yokota AFB Japan (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Colton Wright, Navy — Assigned to USS Harry S. Truman (grandson of Virginia Jacobs);
Tyler Young, Navy — Deployed (nephew of Karen Arronson).

ASSISTING IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30am

11:00am

Elder:	NEED	John Hazen
Acolytes:		Jaden Mundo
Ushers:	Marcus Young Bob Rekdahl Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis	Joshua Mundo Jonathan Mundo
Audio/Visual:	Rebecca Williamson (Sound Only)	Wyatt Brown
PowerPoint:	Rebecca Williamson	Jessica Brown
Greeters:	Norma Dillon Esperanza Gutierrez	Margaret Hubbard
Readers:	Jim Eckart	Virginia Jacobs
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Wendy Hazen
Flowers:	Both Services	No Volunteer
Counters:	Both Services	Bonnie Webber Rebecca Williamson

ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

	8:30am	11:00am
Elder:	Randy Bryant	Herb Hoefler
Acolytes:		
Ushers:	Marcus Young Jim Eckart	Matthias McInaney Bob Freeman James Freeman Wyatt Brown
Audio/Visual:	Stan Chapulis	Laura Potter
PowerPoint:	Wanda Cassetty	Rebecca Williamson
Greeters:	Karla Deal	Christian Freeman
Readers:	Randy Bryant	Julie Williamson
Altar Circle:	Both Services	Margo Bachhuber
Flowers:	Both Services	No Volunteer
Counters:	Both Services	Karon Keup and Sheryl Maier

† MILESTONES

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:

Peyton Fogarty	1/21	Any Haase	1/21
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BIRTHDAYS

Virginia Hunt	1/17	Ethan Fogarty	1/18
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George Maier	1/19	Richard Robertson	1/19
Joe Cassetty	1/20	Norka Soledad	1/20

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:

Dan and Kathy Parshall Jan. 21, 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION

THIS WEEK – Sunday, Jan. 16 – Saturday, Jan. 22

Sunday, Jan. 16	8:30am	Worship with Communion
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Monday, Jan. 17	11:30am	Altar Guild Lunch Meeting
Tuesday Jan. 18	6:00pm	3:10 Group
Wednesday, Jan. 19	11:00am	CareConnect
	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Jan. 20	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Jan. 21	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation

NEXT WEEK – Sunday, Jan. 23 – Saturday, Jan. 29

Sunday, Jan. 23	8:30am	Worship
	9:45am	Education Hour
	11:00am	Worship with Communion
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted
Tuesday Jan. 25		Newsletter Items Due
Wednesday, Jan. 26	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted
Thursday, Jan. 27	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, Jan. 28	6:30pm	Noche Familiar
	7:00pm	Confirmation
Saturday, Jan. 29	9:30am	Network Part 1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 5	9:30am	Network Part 2
Wednesday Mar. 22	3:30pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
	7:00pm	Ash Wednesday Worship

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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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