

Ascension Lutheran Church and School "A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone" January 09, 2022

### THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

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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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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: "Claimed and Proclaimed"

AS WE GATHER: Jesus begins His active earthly ministry taking His place right alongside us in the water of His Baptism. There He laid aside His own divine powers to take on our powerlessness so that, enabled by the Holy Spirit, He could take on our sin and death into Himself to destroy it by His atoning death on the cross and victorious resurrection. Now to all who are baptized in His name He gives the power of His holiness and gift of eternal life. The Spirit, the Word, and yes, the water is our connection with His life, and by faith in Him, we are already citizens of our heavenly home even before we get there in body and soul. What confidence is ours to live by God's power and grace.

### **PRELUDE**

### WELCOME

### HYMN

"To Jordan's River Came our Lord,"

(tune: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty")

To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized— The Son of God in flesh disguised— To stand beneath the Father's will And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood And John baptized the Lamb of God, The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, Descended on Him from above.

Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound Came God's own voice with words profound:

"This is My Son," was His decree,

"The one I love, who pleases Me."

### INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- With these words you are baptized into Christ and given the new birth of water and the Spirit.
- So shall we stand in faith without fear now and forever.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- Yet even as God's people in this world, when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find that we daily struggle against our weakness and sin that so easily entangles us. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.
- God our Father, though You have made us Your own possession by our Baptism into Christ, still we struggle to live as Your redeemed children in this fallen world. Therefore, we confess our sin and weakness to You and in repentance, we seek Your mercy to forgive our sins.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life 

  → everlasting.
- C Amen.

### **SALUTATION**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, Your voice proclaimed Him to be Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Set free from fear all who are baptized in His name that they may fearlessly make known Your words of life; through the same Jesus Christ, 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.
- And also with you.

MUSIC (11:00) "Be Not Afraid"

music by Craig Courtney (based on today's Old Testament reading)

Karon Keup, soloist

# **廿 THE WORD 廿**

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Isaiah 43:1-7 (ESV)

(Israel's only Savior)

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in My eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, give up, and to the south, do not withhold; bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the end of the earth, <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by My name, whom I created for My glory, whom I formed and made."

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

### **EPISTLE**

Romans 6:1-11 (ESV)

(Dead to sin, alive to God)

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. 8 Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup> For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. 11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

LAMBS' LESSON

Pr. Jim Sprengle

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 3:15-22 (ESV)

(The heavens were opened.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.
- <sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.
- <sup>19</sup> But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup> added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. <sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

# HYMN "Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy"

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure. O cast me not away forever If words and deeds become impure. Have mercy when I come defiled; Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

SERMON "CLAIMED AND PROCLAIMED" Romans 6:1-11
Pr. Jim Sprengle

### **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.)

(11:00) "My Son, The Beloved"

David Blackwell

Ascension Choir

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee
And was baptized by John in the Jordan.
And as He came out of the water,
He saw the heavens, the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending,
The Spirit descending, like a dove on Him.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are My Son, You are my Son, You are my Son,
My Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased"
"My Son, the Beloved."

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people, according to their need.

Gracious and merciful God, as the heavens were opened at the Baptism of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so You have opened the very heavens to us as Your baptized people. Give to us the confidence of faith and the power of Your love that we may live as Your children even now amid the changes of this fallen world, ever rejoicing in Your constant mercy and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

- hear our prayer.
- P Grant Your constant blessing upon Your whole Church. Give wisdom and confidence to all pastors and servants of Your Word and faithfulness and love to all Your people that Your truth may sound forth and prevail in our lives and through our service in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

- Preserve our nation in the ways of righteousness and peace.
  Guide the leaders of all nations to pursue justice and peace.
  Guard and protect all who serve in the armed forces of our country, and those who protect us in our land. Grant to all faithfulness in their service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Comfort and help all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, adversity, or to whom death draws near, especially...Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- Thank You, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on our brothers and sisters, who will be celebrating this week...Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.
- 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 Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

(8:30 service, please turn to page 14 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 not drink alcohol, and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

### **PREFACE**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

### **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

### "Father Welcomes"

# (Chorus)

Father welcomes all His children, To His fam'ly through His Son. Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

Little children, come to me, For My kingdom is of these. Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **(chorus)** 

In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured. Those who are baptized and believe, Shall be born again. **(chorus)** 

Let us daily die to sin, Let us daily rise with Him Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. (chorus)

# "You Called Me by Name" (Isaiah 43:1 – today's OT text)

When I consider the work of Your fingers,
The sun and the stars, the land and the sea,
I start to wonder, Almighty Creator,
Just why You would ever take thought of me.

# (Chorus)

For You have called me by name;
You are acquainted with all of my ways
Bought by Your blood, drawn by Your love,
I am Your dwelling place.
For You have called me Your friend,
Showing me favor again and again.
I'm set apart, dear to Your heart You called me by name.

All of creation was made for Your pleasure, The sun and the stars, The land and the sea; But by Your grace You have given me favor -With You I will reign for eternity. **(chorus)** 

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray.

All who are baptized into Christ, dear Father, You have made partakers in the very body and blood with which Your Son has redeemed us, taking away our sins. Keep us, Your sons and daughters, firm in faith and constant 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.

### **BENEDICTION** Romans 6:3–4

- P Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.
- Walk in the newness of life you have been given by the Father, who has called you by name and made you His own in Jesus Christ!

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### HYMN "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, He broke its fearful hold, and our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death.
Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!

### DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

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### **† 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!

### † 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.)

# † MILESTONES

# **BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS:**

Kayla Driessner 1/15

# **BIRTHDAYS**

Noel Ernst 1/14 Gina Kreps 1/14

Peyton Fogarty 1/15

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: None

### **† 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 9

8:30am 11:00am

Elder: Dave Oswald Bob Ritchie

Acolytes:

Ushers: Marcus Young Matthias McInaney

> **NEEDED** Eric Kreps

Evan Kreps Johnnie Driessner

Audio/Visual: Teresa Osgood Rebecca Williamson (Sound)

PowerPoint: **Taylor Osgood** Rebecca Williamson Sue Lewis Julie Williamson Greeters:

Heather Gulde

Readers: Travis Osgood Julie Williamson Altar Circle: Debbie Rekdahl **Both Services Both Services** Flowers: No Volunteer

Counters: **Both Services** Bob and Elaina Ritchie

# ASSISTING IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30am 11:00am Herb Hoefer John Hazen Elder:

**Acolytes:** Jaden Mundo

Ushers: Marcus Young Joshua Mundo Bob Rekdahl Jonathan Mundo

> Jim Eckart Stan Chapulis

Audio/Visual: Rebecca Williamson Wyatt Brown

(Sound Only)

Rebecca Williamson PowerPoint: Jessica Brown Norma Dillon Margaret Hubbard Greeters:

Esperanza Gutierrez

Jim Eckart Michele Sprengle Readers: Wendy Hazen Altar Circle: **Both Services** Flowers: **Both Services** No Volunteer **Bonnie Webber** Counters: **Both Services** 

Rebecca Williamson

# **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ASCENSION**

THIS WEEK – Sunday, Jan. 9 – Saturday, Jan. 15			
Sunday, Jan. 9	8:30am	Worship	
	9:45am	Education Hour	
	11:00am	Worship with Communion	
	6:00pm	Online Worship Posted	
Tuesday Jan. 11	6:00pm	Council Meeting	
Wednesday, Jan. 12	7:00pm	Online Bible Study Posted	
Thursday, Jan. 13	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Friday, Jan. 14	6:30pm	Noche Familiar	
	7:00pm	Confirmation	
Saturday, Jan. 15	8:00am	Church Clean-up	

NEXT 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



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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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