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YOU ARE  
MY DELIGHT



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# Ascension Lutheran Church

Becoming Caring Servants Who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse People

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## The Baptism Of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

### Welcome

#### As We Gather

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Such a day is also a good time to remember our own Baptism. In Baptism, we are buried with Christ. We are united with Him in a death like His. In Baptism, we are also raised to new life as re-creations. As we are united to Christ in death, we will also be united with Him in resurrection when He returns and raises the dead.

#### Prelude: Bicinium on "Sleepers, Wake" ~ John Barr

#### Opening Sentences

- P** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.  
**C** And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.
- P** And God said, "Let there be light."  
**C** The voice of the Lord is over the waters.
- P** The voice of the Lord is powerful.  
**C** The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
- P** The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.  
**C** The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.

# Confession and Absolution

## Hymn of Invocation: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

sts. 1-3, 5



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor-dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak-ing whole Pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord, Pres - ent in Thy ho - ly Word—



Man - i - fest-ed by the star To the sa - ges from a - far,  
And at Ca - na wed - ding guest In Thy God-head man - i - fest;  
Man - i - fest in val - iant fight, Quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
Grace to im - i - tate Thee now And be pure, as pure art Thou;



Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In Thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
Man - i - fest in gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
That we might be - come like Thee At Thy great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
An - thems be to Thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
And may praise Thee, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

LSB 167

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession and Absolution

- P** In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in newness of life. 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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

Kyrie

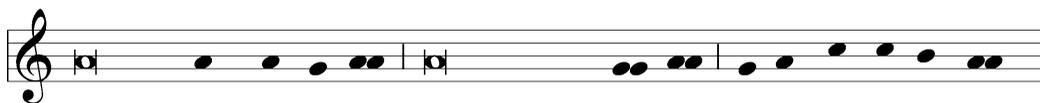
LSB 168



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



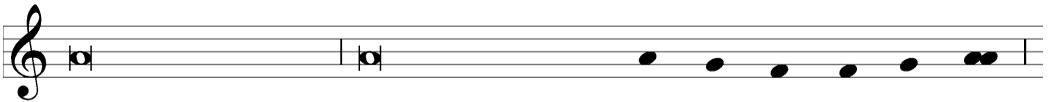
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



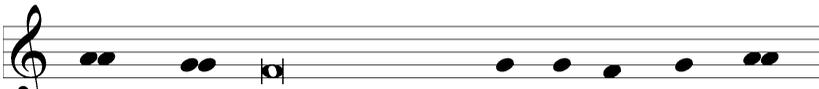
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 170



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -



lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Genesis 1:1–5*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 1.

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 6:1-11

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 6.

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>4</sup>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.

<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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



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



## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:4-11*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>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.



## Hymn: You Are Beloved in the Lord

Tune: 765



1 You are be - lov - èd in the Lord And  
 2 Re - nounce the dev - il's works and ways; His  
 3 God goes be - hind you as a shield Pro -  
 4 God goes be - side you as a friend To



in His name bap - tized; You have, ac - cord - ing  
 prom - is - es are lies. He tempts God's peo - ple  
 tect - ing you from harm; To Him each dead - ly  
 strength - en you when faint; On Him you al - ways



to His Word, Been taught and cat - e - chized.  
 all their days, To faith - less com - pro - mise.  
 foe must yield Be - fore His might - y arm.  
 can de - pend To hear your soul's com - plaint.

5 God goes before you and He leads  
 And guides you day by day.  
 God knows your hurts and deepest needs;  
 He hears you when you pray.

6 Dear child of God, your cares commit  
 To God, the Lord of all;  
 He will sustain and not permit  
 His righteous ones to fall.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

### Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

*Sit*

## Offering: "Andante" ~ Herbert Leslie Wright

*Though we cannot meet in person at this time, please consider submitting your tithes and offerings on-line or by sending them to the Church office. Thank you!*

Stand

## Offertory: What Shall We Bring to the Lord



1 What shall we bring to the Lord for  
2 What shall we sing to the Lord for  
3 What shall we bring to the Lord for



faith - ful - ly bless - ing our days? We will  
lov - ing - ly watch - ing our ways? We will  
gra - cious - ly bless - ing our days? We will



bring Him the best of our gifts and our-selves As our  
sing Him the best of our words and our tunes As our  
bring Him the best of our gifts, songs, and lives As our



of - f'rings of love, thanks, and praise.  
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## Lord's Prayer

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

### Concluding Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

### Benediction

*LSB 183*

- 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.

# Hymn to Depart: 784 Take My Life

sts. 1-5



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry  
long - er mine; Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
be Thy roy - al throne, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.

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## Congregational News and Announcements

### Postlude: Meditation on "Cranham" ~ Lawrence A. James

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# Local Food Distribution

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION

1. Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 4915 St. Barnabus Road, in Temple Hills, MD will be giving away fresh produce and groceries every Friday 5:30-7 from 8/28 to 9/25. Starting 10/2, on the first and third Fridays of the month, they will be giving away groceries 5:30-7.
2. PG County will be giving out groceries to go on Fridays at 12:30 while supplies last. Please stay in your car. 1 box of groceries will be given per car. These groceries will be distributed at the following locations:
  - Ebenezer AME Church, 7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744.
  - St. Paul Church, 6419 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD 20747
  - Turner AME Church, 7201 16th Place, Hyattsville, MD 20783
  - Beltsville Seventh Day Adventist, 4220 Ammendale Road, Beltsville, MD 20705
  - The First Baptist Church of District Heights, 7234 Lansdale Street, District Heights, MD 20747
3. St. Matthew's Baptist Church, at 2001 Brooks Drive, District Heights, MD 20747, will be giving away food bags on 9/19 at 10am. Foodstuffs will be distributed while supplies last. 1 bag will be given per car. Please stay in the car with your mask on. If you arrive via other transportation, a volunteer will direct you.
4. Changing Lives Food Pantry Pop Up Market at Victory Christian Ministries International (located at 3911 St. Barnabus Road, Suitland, MD) will be giving out an array of foods every Wednesday from 3 until supplies run out.

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# *Ascension Weekly*

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## **Divine Worship**

Sunday at 9:00 am  
Bible Group @ 10:15am

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

## **Holy Baptism**

Arrangements for Baptism can be made  
with the Pastor.

## **Weddings**

Weddings for active Ascension  
members are arranged with the Pastor.

## **Bible Study:**

**Adult:** Meets online at 10:15 am for  
more information see website.

**Youth Group:** Youth Bible Study  
meets online at 4:00 pm. For  
information contact Dianne Yohe.

## **Staff:**

Rev. Richard Cox	Pastor
Gwen Neal	Office Mgr.
Ken Kepler	Church Musician

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## Ascension Members

It is important at this time that you keep your giving to Ascension current. If you have fallen behind, please consider making an attempt to get current within the next couple of months.

Thank You  
Finance Committee

### *Serving Us In Worship January 10, 2021*

*Assistant:* Adam Kambia,  
*Acolyte:* Kate Kambia  
*Altar Guild:* Cheryl Townsend, Carolyn Plue, Mary Tipton, Bose Osho  
*Readers:* Mike Walker  
*Ushers:* Calvin Lee, Ronnie Townsend, Chris Bonner,  
*Counters:* Andy House, Dwight Mitchell, Adam Kambia

### ***TAKE THEM A MEAL!***

Our dear sisters Alice Gaither and Dolores Prather have serious health issues. The Elders would like to have a meal brought to them once a week. If you are willing to help, please go to the website: [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.com) and sign up. The account is under "Gaither" and the password is Ascension. The rest is self explanatory. Please note the listed food restrictions. Please take the time to do this. Please feel free to contact me at 301-577-6088 if you have a question.

Thanks so much!  
Marj Nilsson

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# Weekly Calendar of Events

## Sunday, January 10

The Baptism of Our Lord

- 9:00 am Divine Service with Communion
- 10:15 am Bible Group (On Campus & Virtual)
- 4:00 pm Zoom For Youth
- 6:00 pm Sunday @ 6

## Tuesday, January 12

- 7:00 pm Virtual Fellowship

## Thursday, January 14

- 7:00 pm Confirmation

## Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday After The Epiphany

- 9:00 am Divine Service with Communion
- 10:15 am Bible Group (On Campus & Virtual)
- 4:00 pm Zoom For Youth
- 6:00 pm Sunday @ 6



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week*

Carolyn Plue,

## *Serving Us In Worship January 17, 2021*

- Assistant:* Morris Hymes, Jr.,
- Acolyte:* Ellie Cox
- Altar Guild:* Agnes Jones, Agnes Brown, Helen Jones, Diane Yohe
- Readers:* Diane Yohe
- Ushers:* John Geisler, Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston
- Counters:* Rebecca Mitchell, Pat Broady

## **Adult Sunday School Reminder**

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We're making some changes. Beginning with the November/December edition, the Ascension Express will be distributed via mail. Ascension members will also have access to the newsletter content on the Church Website and can be found at ([Alutheranchurch.com](http://Alutheranchurch.com)), found under "more" and scroll down to "members".

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## **OTHER NEWS & NOTES**