

Ascension Lutheran Church Livestream Worship
January 17- 9:15am

Welcome! A few pointers to make this worship service meaningful:

- Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle.
- Join us as for communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.
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Prelude **“Beautiful Savior” arr. Gregory Hamilton** **Organ Solo**

Announcements

Call to Worship **“He Comes to Us as One Unknown” arr. Robert J. Powell** **Organ Solo**

+ Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection.)

Loving God,

we confess that we have turned from you to follow our own ways.

Forgive us

**for the times we’ve acted too quickly and the times we haven’t acted at all,
for the hurt**

we’ve caused those closest to us and those we don’t even know,

for the ways we’ve denied grace for others and the ways we’ve denied your grace for us.

Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown (737)



1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and



heard; as though with-in a heart of stone, or shriv-eled seed in
 part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
 foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
 birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
 cross the sky of night with-in the heart, of night with-in the heart.
 tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
 sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.

Greeting

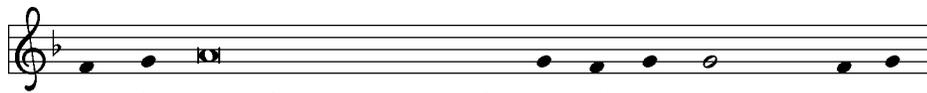
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



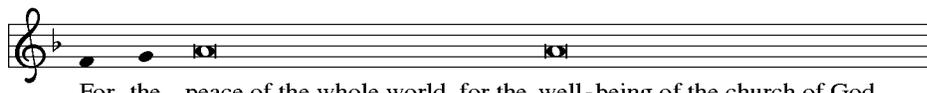
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



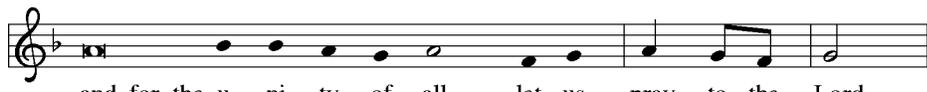
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



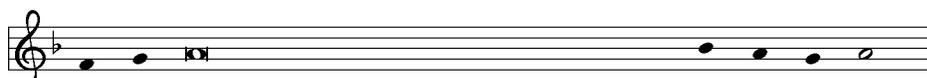
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



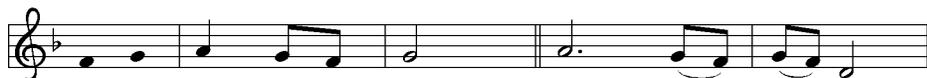
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



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

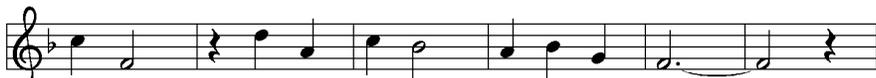


A - men.

Hymn of Praise



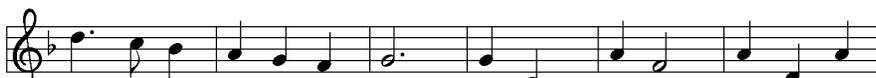
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

God of the nations,

show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all races and creeds: those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.

Special Music

“The Call” by Herbert and Williams

Vocal Solo: Dan Miller

Reading: Jonah 3:10-4:4

When God saw what the Ninevites did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, ‘O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.’ And the LORD said, ‘Is it right for you to be angry?’

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-30

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.

They said, ‘Is not this Joseph’s son?’ He said to them, ‘Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Doctor, cure yourself!” And you will say, “Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.”’ And he said, ‘Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.’ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Smith

+ Hymn of the Day

Rise, Shine, You People! (665)



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Prayers

*Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.
(a brief silence)*

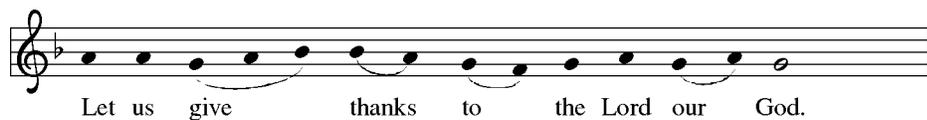
After each petition:

*Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

Those remembered in prayer this week ...

Teresa Allen, Beth Ayen, Allen Brooks, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Susan Curtis at the death of her cousin Alan, Penny Foster, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Jack Kagarise, Daniela Mannerberg, Pam Landry, Rick & Joan Leiting, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Connie Schneider, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Warren Slagle, Janice Snow Castle, Betty Snow, Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Jan & Steve Tompkins, Wanda Wade, Lucille Walker, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

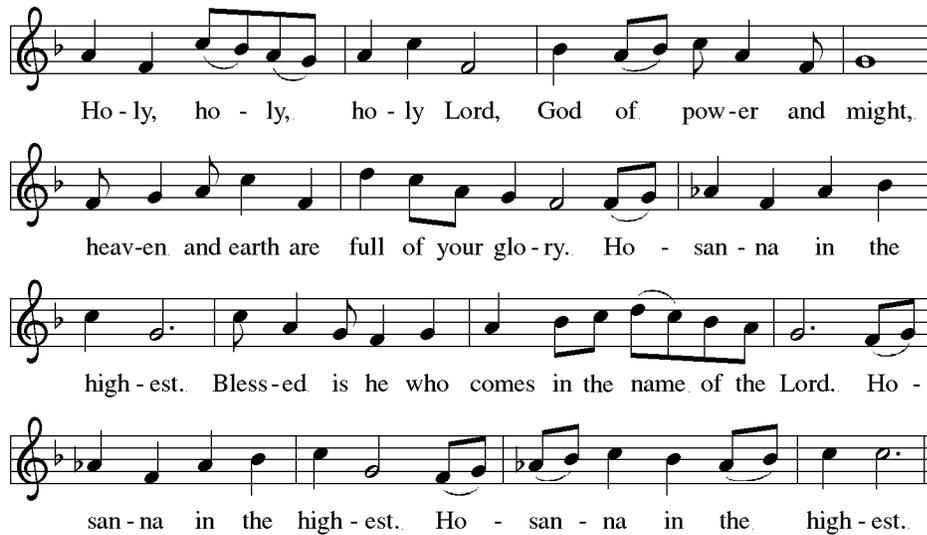
The Great Thanksgiving



The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name.

*Pouring out love, you made a covenant with Israel,
forming a people loved and called to love.*

*Pouring out love, you transformed the covenant through Jesus,
who fed the hungry and cured the sick,
whose baptism and teaching revealed the kingdom of heaven,
who broke into our world with unexpected joy,
who died and rose that we might live.
Pouring out love, you renew the covenant with us again today,
through this meal of mercy and grace.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

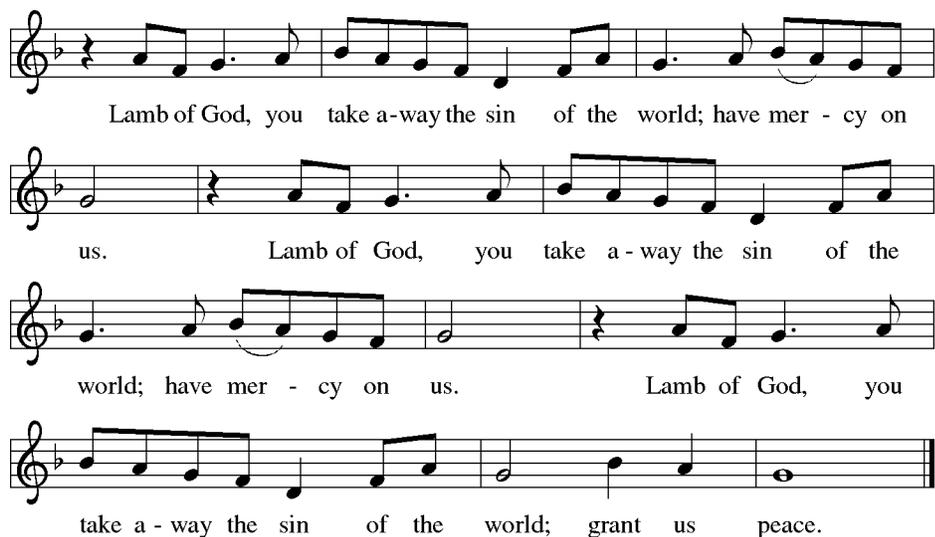
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

We encourage you to have your bread and wine/grape juice ready. When the pastor says "The body of Christ given for you" and "The blood of Christ shed for you", eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshiping with others, one may give the bread and wine to the rest offering those same words. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

The Blessing Amen.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God,

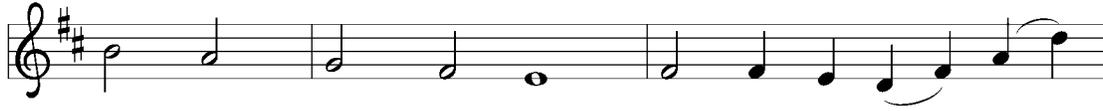
that you have fed us at your table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign (434)



- 1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
- 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
- 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
- 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es -
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.

Blessing
Amen.

Sending
Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude **“O God Beyond All Praising” arr. David Cherwien** **Organ Solo**

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Calendar- January 17-24

<u>SUNDAY 1/17</u>	9:15 AM	Online Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship Hour via Zoom
	10:15 AM	Choir Rehearsal via Zoom
<u>TUESDAY</u>	10:30 AM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Board Meeting via Zoom
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting via Zoom
	6:30 PM	Confirmation via Zoom
<u>THURSDAY</u>	12:00 PM	SUP-What I Wish I Knew via Zoom
	6:00 PM	Women’s Handbell Ensemble
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	10:15 AM	Fellowship Hour via Zoom
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