

# Welcome to Ascension Lutheran Church!

**Guests and Visitors**, please sign your attendance in the red booklet found at the end of your pew. **Holy Communion** will be served today; for information about how we celebrate Holy Communion, please refer to the information inside the red booklet.

**To fully participate during worship**, you will need this leaflet, a *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) hymnal, and the Holy Bible. This leaflet is intended to be placed in the back of the LSB hymnal so that the right column protrudes and can be seen readily.

**Families with children are most welcome here!** Parents who participate joyfully will eventually find their children doing the same.



Our nursery is staffed during Sunday morning services for children thru age 3. Activity bags are available there as well.

If you must leave with you child, please return soon! What we do here promises to engage and shape your children powerfully and we are here to serve you and Jesus who said, “Let the little children come to me...”



**Assistive Listening Devices** are available for check-out from the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

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## Propers of the Day

### Collect of the Day

**L**et 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.



### Psalm 29 *All on Earth and All in Heaven (tune EBENEZER - Thy Strong Word)*

All on earth and all in heaven,  
Raise to God a song on high;  
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded,  
God alone we glorify.  
At God's voice the clouds assemble,  
Thunder roars and torrents fall;  
Earth shall quake before God's presence,  
Mountains tremble at His call.

1. Trees shall bow in awe and wonder,  
Bend their branches to the ground;  
From God's lips one word in anger  
Wreaks destruction all around.  
But the Word which sets in motion  
Such travails can make them cease;  
That same voice which tumult beckons  
In a gentler breath speaks peace.

## Order of Service

BROUGHT TOGETHER...

Entrance Hymn 605  
*Father Welcomes...*

Confession and Absolution 184  
Kyrie 186  
Gloria 187  
Salutation & Collect 189/Inset

...AROUND THE WORD...

Readings *Holy Bible*  
Genesis 1:1-5 p.1/1  
Psalm 29 Inset  
Romans 6:1-11 p.942/1199  
Alleluia and Verse LSB 190  
Mark 1:4-11 p.836/1063

Apostles' Creed 192

Hymn of the Day LSB 407; 1-2 all  
v.3 high voices  
*To Jordan Came the Christ...* v. 4 low voices  
v. 5-7 all

Sermon *Life on Earth as in Heaven*

...AND BLESSED

Offertory 192  
Prayers of the Church 193  
Service of the Sacrament 194

Communion Hymns  
*Baptized into Your Name* 590  
*O Blessed Spring* 595  
*Nunc Dimittis* 199

Benediction 202

Closing Hymn 394  
*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

## Ascension Lutheran Soup Kitchen

Tuesdays, 11:30AM-12:30PM  
in Luther Hall (Downstairs)

Join us between 7AM and  
10:30AM to volunteer, or  
contact Stu:  
stunichols865@gmail.com

Last week we served: Turkey  
& gravy, green beans, sweet  
potato soufflé, assorted  
desserts, bread, diced fruit,  
coffee, milk, and Butternut  
Squash Soup to 101 guests  
with the help of 37 volunteers.

Thank you to the Montessori  
students for volunteering.

Please keep our guests and  
volunteers in your prayers.

### Last Week's Attendance

12/31/2017

8:30am	91
11:00am	78

### Sunday School Classes

Preschool (3-K)	Rm. 111
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Rm. 107
3 <sup>rd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Rm. 105
Confirmation (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Rm. 1 (Taylor Hall)
H.S. Youth	Upper Room
Women's Bible Study	Boardroom (Taylor Hall)
Adult Bible Study	Luther Hall

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### Living Sacramentally in 2018

Need a **realistic** New Year's resolution? Try this: consider  
spending **more time with Jesus** in 2018.

**This Sunday, January 7**, we begin a new, 6-week **adult Bible  
study class** between services in Luther Hall. We will be studying  
portions of **1 Corinthians**.

This class will meet from 9:45 - 10:45 AM in Luther Hall, the church  
basement.

Please note children should report directly to their classroom today at  
9:45am for Sunday School.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP** 8:30AM/11:00AM

**Crucifer:** Lucy Jennings/Jason Spokas

**Acolytes:** Bryce Greeley, Kate Greeley/Andrew Kuechler,  
Kate Strout

**Readers:** Paul Domeier/Rainer Blessing

**Worship Leaders:** Ed Sielsky/Paul Spokas

**Worship Assistants:** Dave Burroughs, Carmin McDonald/

**Ushers:** Stu Nichols, Dave Rogers, Mike Gillen/Ron  
Priebe, Don Kendall, Mike Hanson

**Altar Guild:** Jackie Elam, Verna Cash, Marlys Sielsky,  
Barbara Suddreth, Lynnette Fine

**Greeters:** Tony & Nancy Byrum

# The Baptism of our Lord



Creation of Light

You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.

Mark 1:11



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January 7, 2018 ✠ 8:30am & 11:00am