Welcome! All of us here at Ascension Lutheran Church pray that your time in worship today will uplift and encourage you, offering you hope through the One who loves you the most: Jesus Christ.

Our Mission: Connect the Community to Christ

The study of God's Word and the joyful fellowship of Sunday School begins at 9:15 a.m. and is for all ages. Adults meet in the Fellowship Hall, youth meet in the large room across the hall from that, and children meet in the Sanctuary.

Join us for refreshments right after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall!

We believe that it is part of God's plan that families worship together! We encourage it! It is important, however, for parents to be sensitive to those around them in worship. If the movements and actions of your child seem to be distracting, please consider our adult-staffed nursery which is located down the main hallway. An usher would be glad to help.

The basic pattern of our worship is drawn from services used by Christians for many centuries all over the world. The parts of our order of service come from the Bible. They serve to focus our worship on God speaking to us through His Word and us responding to Him in faith.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

"Turn Up the Light"

January 17, 2010

As We Gather
Epiphany is about growing revelation—Jesus showing Himself as the Son of God in the waters of the Jordan River and in His first miracle. The light of Jesus shines! Jesus displays His glory and love in many ways (from the surprising miracle of water into wine to preaching, teaching, and healing). We too are called by God to shine with the light of Christ in our daily lives and in the various places where we live and work. The Holy Spirit gives us gifts and talents so that we might serve Him by shining with the light of Christ where ever we go.

Call to Worship (10:30) ***O Come and Sing to God, the Lord*** **Chancel Choir**
The Psalter, 1912
Arrangement by: Alexander R. Reingle

Hymn of Invocation ***Built on the Rock*** **Pew Hymnal 645**

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

Welcome
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And also with you

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Invocation & Opening Sentences
Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

Pastor: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
People: and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. *(Psalm 117:2)*
People: How precious is Your steadfast love, O God!
Pastor: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. *(Psalm 36:7)*

Confession & Absolution

Pastor: Bidden by His steadfast love, let us take refuge in the mercy of God, confessing our sins and rejoicing in His gift of forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(*Silence for reflection and examination*)

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
People: we confess to You that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; by our failure to do good and by the evil we have done. We have sinned and cannot free ourselves. Show us Your mercy, O Lord, and forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, whose obedient life and life-giving death has redeemed us. Restore us by Your Spirit that we may live holy and righteous lives, worthy of those who bear Your name by baptism and faith. Amen.
Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Philippians 1:6, adapt.)* The peace of the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us extend the hand of reconciliation and peace to one another.

(We 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 (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).)

Hymn of Praise ***Shine, Jesus, Shine*** **Make a Joyful Sound Songbook, # 48**

Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Let us pray…

All: ***Lord Jesus, you have showed your love and your salvation so clearly! Help us to reflect your light. Help us to work together, using the different abilities that you have given each of us, to show the light of your love to everyone whom you place near us. In your own name we pray. Amen.***

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The Old Testament **Isaiah 62:1–5**

(*God promises that salvation will shine like a blazing torch*.)

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her
righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. 2 The nations will
see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the
mouth of the LORD will bestow. 3 You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand, a
royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 No longer will they call you Deserted, or name
your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD
will take delight in you, and your land will be married. 5 As a young man marries a maiden,
so will your sons marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God
rejoice over you. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Hymn (8:00) ***O Happy Man, Whose Soul Is Filled*** **(LSB 342)**

O happy man, whose soul is filled
With zeal and reverent joy!
His lips to God their honors yield,
His life God's Word employs.

Your wife shall be a fruitful vine;
Your children round your board,
Each like a plant of honor shines
And learns to fear the Lord.

The Lord shall all your hopes fulfill
For all your life to come;
The Lord, who dwells on Zion's hill,
Shall send your blessings home.

The man is blest whose happy eyes
In faith his house increase;
For then the Church of God shall rise
And bring to all God's peace.

So bless with me the Father's name
And glorify His Son
And Holy Spirit, too, acclaim
Till all our days are done.

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The Epistle Reading **1 Corinthians 12:1–11**

(*The Holy Spirit brings us to confess that Jesus is Lord, and he gives each of us different gifts so that we may give witness to Jesus as Lord*.)

[1]Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. [2]You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. [3]Therefore I tell you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. [4]There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. [5]There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. [6]There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. [7]Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. [8]To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, [9]to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, [10]to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. [11]All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Alleluia Response (from John 6:68)

♫ ***Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?***
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel **John 2:1–11**

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.
People: ♫ Glory to You, O Lord.

(*The light of Jesus shines in his first miracle, where He turned water into wine*.)

[1]On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, [2]and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. [3]When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." [4]"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come." [5]His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." [6]Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. [7]Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. [8]Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, [9]and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside [10]and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." [11]This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him. *(NIV)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: ♫ Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn ***Listen, God is Calling*** **Pew Hymnal 833**

Sermon

The Prayers

After each prayer, we respond:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

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Our Thankoffering

Now we join Christians all over the world in worshipping God through our giving of our financial resources. If you are a first-time worshipper, you are our guest and we do not expect you to give an offering. For members and friends, the mission and ministry of this congregation are completely dependent upon your generous giving. Our offering is a significant act of worship and we now worship our God through our giving.

Choral Offertory (10:30 a.m.) ***Sign Of The Star*** **Chancel Choir**

By Larry Shackley & John Parker

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *(Colossians 3:1)*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *(Psalm 136)*

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, it is indeed good and right that we give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places, because you have given us the Light of the World, Jesus our Savior! We stand in awe that Jesus, true God, would come to our world and suffer for our failures and rise from the dead to give us eternal life. For this reason, together with believers of every race and nation, and together with all the angels of heaven, we praise your glorious name and sing:

Song of Praise ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** **Pew Hymnal 507, verse 4**

♫ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The Words of Our Lord

(Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: Recalling the innocent suffering and life-giving death of Jesus for our salvation, we offer You praise and thanksgiving—not as we ought but as we are able. Keep us in Christ that we may shine his light everywhere in this dark world.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name and with the words He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

Agnus Dei

♫ ***Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.***
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution of Hymns **Pew Hymnal**

Beautiful Savior	**Hymn 537**
On Galilee's High Mountain	**Hymn 835**
Take My Life and Let it Be	**Hymn 783**
Lord, Help Me Walk	**Hymn 857**

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord

♫ ***Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done.***
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Lord of Light, by the light of Christ we have seen Your glory and have confidence in Your mercy given in the body and blood of Jesus. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may be lights that reflect Jesus Christ to all people. Fill us with the joy of Your

presence as once You brought gladness to a wedding at Cana of Galilee of old; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Benediction

Recessional Hymn ***Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying*** **Pew Hymnal 826**

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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Postlude

Exit to Witness

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We acknowledge and appreciate their generosity in sharing these items with us as part of our praise and worship to Jesus Christ this day.

We believe that the same body and blood that won our salvation on the cross of Calvary is given here in the Lord's Supper to all who receive it; that it is neither a symbol nor a re-sacrifice.

In preparation for the Lord's Supper, please ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I repent of my sins? Am I truly sorry for my sins? Do I desire God's mercy? Do I desire the Holy Spirit's help to forsake sin, to forgive all who have sinned against me, and to follow Christ in all I think, say, and do?
- Do I trust in Jesus Christ alone as my personal Savior and Lord, as the One through whom I receive the forgiveness of my sins?
- Do I believe, though I may not fully understand, that Christ is truly personally present with His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine in Holy Communion?

Any time you participate in the Lord's Supper here at Ascension, we trust that it means that you have answered 'yes' with your mind and heart to these questions. *I Corinthians 11:26*: "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes."

If you are unsure about any of this, please speak to the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

We care enough to serve you properly and to remain faithful to the Word of God.

Please note: The individual communion cups at the center of each tray are filled with grape juice for those who cannot receive alcohol.

Ascension Reminders

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Ascension Day School

Ascension has a fully accredited Lutheran day school for children from two years old to pre-kindergarten. If you have a child of that age or know of someone who may be interested in attending Ascension Day School, please call 833-4849.

Ascension 2009 Theme

Christ in Our Hearts, Christ on Our Lips

Ascension is identifying and implementing events, activities, and opportunities for Jesus to grow in our hearts, so that His name may be on our lips and we may, then, Connect Our Community to Christ.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of Raul, Karissa and Issac Yturralde's birthdays, and also Rebecca Brady's birthday this month.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SUPPORT THE POSITION OF REV. SCHLAK AS DIRECTOR, YOU MAY MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO LCMS WORLD MISSION. Be sure to designate it for Schlak support, Acct. #50246 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. Checks can be sent to: Missionary Support LCMS World Missions, 1333 S. Kirkwood Road, St. Louis, MO 63122.

THE 2010 FLOWER CHART IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND READY FOR THE 2010 SIGN-UPS!!! The flower arrangements are $40 if one family is donating, $20 if two are donating. For special arrangements of colors please inform Terry Weber before Wednesday of each week. Flower orders are called in early Thursday morning.

NEED YOUR HELP - ***Captive Free*** a young adult mission group will be in El Paso. They need housing, Jan. 26th – 27th. The group will be leaving the morning of Jan. 28th. They will need a sack lunch for their trip. If you could house two or three young adults please call Bob Lambeth and he will get this process rolling. ***Captive Free*** will meet with our confirmation class Tuesday, Jan. 26th.

A "DOOR OFFERING" WILL BE TAKEN THIS MORNING FOR THE PEOPLE IN HAITI. The offering will go to *Lutheran World Relief* as they have had an on going presence in that island nation.

THE TRANSITION MEETING FOR THE MEMBER OF ALL ASCENSION BOARD AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL will be on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. the meeting will last until 8:00 p.m. At 8:00 p.m. the Church Council will have a brief meeting.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS JANUARY 20TH. Please submit your articles to the Staff. *Thank you!*

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING PULL TABS- There is still a glass vase in the kitchen next to the coffee maker. Think of the ***Ronald Mc Donald House*** or ***St. Jude's Children's Hospital*** next time you pop open a can of soda.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INSTITUTE'S TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LORD ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2010, AT 3:00 P.M. At this time we will celebrate the finishing of all the academic classes by Rosy Lira and hand out certificates to students for the classes that they have finished. Light refreshments to follow. It will be held at San Pablo Lutheran Church on the Ysleta Lutheran Mission campus at 301 S. Schutz Dr., El Paso, TX 79907.

Knee Mail

Those for whom we pray

If you would like to request a prayer for the prayer chain, please phone our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Olga Sullivan, at 581-1450. If you would like to put a name on our prayer list or request a prayer in the worship service, you may phone the church office at 833-1009.

Ongoing Prayers: Patsy Cox, John DeFusco, Tim Gamble, Linda Daw Hudson, Dan LaClair, Dawn Mapp, Jedidah Mapp, Sandra Jo Meitler, Ric Meloy, Chelsea Nabors, Maria Salazar, Deb Sullivan, and Virginia Weber.

Home bound: Edna Anderson, Gertrude Cave, Bea Corona and Mary Penoyer.

Our Deployed Troops: Cesar Barraza, Eric Bell, Chris Coleman, Joel Gamble, Brian Harris, Jerry Lasher, Matt Lobaugh, Rika Smith, and Kenny Walker.

Those Who Assist Us In Our Worship

	Today Sunday January 17th		Next Sunday January 24th
Greeters:	Kay McLeod	**8:00**	Mike & Charlene Radach
	Darwin & Gloria Voge	**10:30**	Leo & Wanda Melendez
Acolytes:	Natalie Warnock	**8:00**	Vincent Barnes
	Bailee Schmidt	**10:30**	Isaac Yturralde
Readers:	Dave Janowski	**8:00**	Russ DeWitt
	Ron & Barb Spott	**10:30**	Tom Silverthon
Elders:	Bob Lambeth/ Paul Miller	**8:00**	Rob Knight
	Bob Lambeth/ Steve Behl	**10:30**	Dave Tuchenhagen
Ushers:	Team 7	**8:00**	Team 8
	Team 3	**10:30**	Team 4
Trustees:	Marlon Goldsmith	**8:00**	Rich Overton
	Elliott Werner	**10:30**	Ray Southard
Refreshments:	Fellowship Board	**8:00**	Fellowship Board
	Fellowship Board	**10:30**	Fellowship Board
Altar Care:	Charlene Radach & Billie Meitler	**8:00**	Charlene Radach & Billie Meitler
10:30	Barb Spott & Kellie Lobaugh	**10:30**	Barb Spott & Kellie Lobaugh

This Week

SUNDAY:	**8:00 a.m.**	**Worship w/ Communion**
	9:15 a.m.	**Family Bible Hour**
	10:30 a.m.	**Worship w/ Communion**
MONDAY:		**Church Office Closed**
TUESDAY:	**11:30 a.m.**	**Men's Bible Study**
	6:45 p.m.	**Bible Study @ Kristal Wade's home**
	7:00 p.m.	**Boy Scouts**
	7:00 p.m.	**Church Council Transition Meeting**
WEDNESDAY:	**8:45 a.m.**	**Day School Chapel**
	10:00 a.m.	**Staff Devotion**
	10:00 a.m.	**Women's Bible Class**
	7:00 p.m.	**Chancel Choir Rehearsals**
THURSDAY:	**8:45 a.m.**	**Day School Chapel**
	9:45 a.m.	**Bible Study**
	6:30 p.m.	**TNT**
	6:30 p.m.	**Ladies' Night Out @ B.J's Brewery**
FRIDAY:		
SATURDAY:	**8:05 a.m.**	**Men's Fellowship & Breakfast**
SUNDAY:	**8:00 a.m.**	**Worship**
	9:15 a.m.	**Family Bible Hour**
	10:30 a.m.	**Worship**

Ascension Youth Group Happenings

Fundraising for the National Youth Conference

Valentine's Lollipops' Sale – Youth will get their lollipops to sell the week before Valentine's Day. Please support our effort by buying your valentine a 50 cent Lollipop!!!

Ascension Youth Group "Yard Sale", March 6—Please support the Youth Group fundraiser by donating the stuff you don't want! Details on pick-up or delivery of these items will be forthcoming. If you want to help organize or work the event, or know you have donations now, please contact Lounell at ***lounell@sbcglobal.net*** or call (evening) 833-3379.

Youth Social-- Lock-In

The (soon to be) annual youth lock-in will be Friday, February 12. We will meet at the church at 7 PM, then go to the Southard's for Hors D'oeuvres /Appetizers, then to Tanya's House for the main course, and then to the Miller's for dessert. We will then go back to the church for an evening of Bible study, games, and movie (and maybe some sleep).

Youth Community Service Event—April

The Youth Group will be supporting a community event in April. Details will be coming!!!