



**Baptism of Our Lord
Service of Holy Communion
January 10, 2021
(Zoom & Facebook Live)**

American Lutheran Church
1941 Silver Street • Ashland, Nebraska 68003

Faithfully Living, Loving, and Serving in God's Grace

Welcome! It is a joy to gather with you in prayer and praise on this day the Lord has made. May you rejoice in the promise of new life in Christ and keep with you the good news that Jesus is alive, surprising you with his grace-filled welcome every day of your life.

Additional information about our mission can be found at www.alcashland.org. Be sure to "Like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/alcashland and follow us on Instagram: [alcashland](https://www.instagram.com/alcashland).

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Announcements

◆ **Annual Meeting** - All ALC mission partners are invited and encouraged to join us for our annual congregational meeting on **January 24 at 10:45 am**. We will reflect on what God has been up to in the previous year, and dream a little about what the Spirit might do in and through the people of ALC in 2021. **Because of the pandemic, this meeting will be administered remotely.** Please watch for more instruction on how you can participate in the 2021 annual meeting.

◆ **Blessed to Bless** - Each Sunday during worship, we will give you a blessing to focus on for the week. All ALC mission partners, young and old, are invited to participate.

ALC Blessed to Bless

12/20	Cook & Share a Special Meal as a Family
12/27	Send a Card to Someone in Assist. Living/Care Center
1/3	Phone Conversation or Video Chat with Someone
1/10	Let Someone Go Ahead of You While Waiting in Line

Opportunities to Serve, Witness, and Worship

Today: 9:30 am - Service of Holy Communion (Zoom & Facebook Live)
Wednesday: 4:30 pm - The Closet
6:30 pm - Confirmation
Thursday: 5:00 pm - Kids' Cupboard
Saturday: 9:00 am - The Closet
Sunday: 9:30 am - Service of Holy Communion (Zoom & Facebook Live)

Serving in Worship Today

Clergy..... Pastor Steve
Pianist..... Andrew Loges
Counters..... Linda Adams & Jean Whiteaker
Zoom Admin..... Emerson Lindley



Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Psalm 29)

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

O Lord, give strength to your people;

give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. Amen.

Gathering Song*Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*.....ELW 458

Verse One

Praise and thanksgiving be to God
Our maker, source of all blessing,
Prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own,
Now we come before you, and we adore you.

Verse Two

Not our own holiness, nor that we
Have striven brings us the peace which
You, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart,
Strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.

Verse Three

Come, Holy Spirit, come
In visitation; you are the truth, our
Hope, and our salvation.
Baptized with joy and pow'r,
Give, O Dove descending, life never ending.

Verse Four

Praise to the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit; one Lord, one faith, one
Source of ev'ry merit.
Here now renew your church
Through this symbol given; grant peace from
heaven.

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.**

Canticle of Praise.....*Glory to God*.....p. 139

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to God's people on earth.

Verse One

Lord God, heav'nly King,
Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We praise you for your glory.

Verse Two

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world;
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
Receive our prayer.

Verse Three

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen, amen.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

First Reading Acts 19:1-7

Second Reading Psalm 29

Gospel Reading Mark 1:4-11

Response: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Message

Message Pastor Steve

Song of the Day *Baptized and Set Free* ELW 453

Verse One

We are people created,
Chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
In mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
To a fountain
Bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

Verse Three

We are nourished by water,
All living things,
And by life that the spirit
Abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home
May your presence be known;
Precious river,
Ever flowing, now carry us home.

Verse Two

We are fed and we're nourished,
Filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
Again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
Endless ocean,
Always deeper than all of our need.

Verse Four

Now with praise and thanksgiving,
We join the song.
All are welcome! We gather
To sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on all will be
One in Jesus,
One in water, baptized and set free!

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Response to the Good News

Offering

All that we are and all that we have, comes from God. We worship God now, in releasing what God has first entrusted us: our time, our possessions, and ourselves. May this time of giving and prayer open a way of life, grounded in gratitude and praise for all God has done for you.

Offering Prayer

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

All are welcome to this meal. We believe that Christ is fully present in this sacrament, forgiving our sin and nourishing our lives. Communion will be served with the words "Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you."

Words of Institution

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.

Table Blessing

Prayer after Communion

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Blessing Moment

Sending

Go in peace and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

First Reading: Acts 19:1-7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

Second Reading: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore. ¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

We Lift In Prayer

- ***Craig** – (The gentleman for whom we collect cans) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Laura Allmon** – (Friend of the Washburn Family) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Lucille & Dennis Beranek** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Brad Bishop** - (Friend of the McCoy Family) - *Prayers for dealing with FTD disease*
- ***Mike Brown** - (Son-in-law of Connie Freyer) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Beau Chase** – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Rollie Curren** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Dean Curtis** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Lee Doyon** - (Nephew of Jamie Wilson) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Leroy Drews** - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Kaitlyn Elliott** – (Wife of Brody Elliott) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Mike & Deb Foote** - (*Friends of Teri Miller*) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Kim Forney** – (Friend of The Closet) – *Prayers for improved health*
- ***Judy Green** – (Friend of Teri Miller & Janet Pike) – *Prayers for continued healing*
- ***Mary Haberstich** – (Daughter of Dennis Haberstich) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Dianne Hasch** - (Friend of the Lindley Family) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Dianna Howland** – (Sister of John Reid) – *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Hardy Jenkins**- (Grandson of Marty and Shelly Martin) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Lois Johnson** – (Friend of the Washburns) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Earlyne Kuhns** – (Grandmother-in-law of Beau Chase) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Joellen Kratky** – (Aunt of Shirley Niemeyer) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Peter Krom** – (from Cindy Krom) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Keryl Meduna** – (Sister of David Nygren) – *Prayers for healing*
- ***Leland Nygren** - (Father of David Nygren) - *Prayers for strength and healing*
- ***Nancy MacNeil** - (Friend of Deb Pike) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Marlene McDonald** – (Sister of Shirley Niemeyer) – *Prayers for healing during treatments*
- ***Ray & Judy Mumenthaler** – (Friends of Doug Washburn) – *Prayers for serious health issues*
- ***Nancy Peters** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Dick Pike** - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Matt Reisen** – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Michaela Schwarten** - (Barb Washburn's Niece) - *Prayers for strength and good health for surgery*
- ***Don Spilker** - (Dean Spilker's Father) - *Prayers for healing*
- ***Grace Starns** – *Prayers for healing and renewed strength*
- ***Todd Vogt** – (Friend of the Washburns) - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Sandra White** – *Prayers for comfort and peace*
- ***Bev Ziegenbein** - *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***Adam Zierott** – (Friend of Doug Washburn) – *Prayers for healing and strength*
- ***All men and women serving in the Armed Forces**

Each week we light the white candle on the altar for the safety of the American Troops and hope for world peace.

Contact the church office for updates to the prayer list. Thank You.