

**February 16, 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Epiphany**

**Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino**

*"Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love"*

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**Prelude, Welcome, Greeting and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

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.**

*(Time for Personal Reflection and Confession)*

P: I invite you to join me as we confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Song of Praise**

**"Children of God"**

**Prayer of the Day - Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Bible Lessons:**

**Genesis 3:14-24**

**Psalm 138**

**Hebrews 4:1-7**

**Gospel Lesson:**

**Matthew 5:17-26**

Today, if you will  
hear His voice,  
do not harden your

**HEART**



Hebrews 3:15

## Message

by Pastor Sabin

## Song of Praise

**"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"** Hymn #499

**Apostles' Creed - I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

**C: And also with you!**

## Prayers of the People of God

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

**"Lord Listen"** (to be sung before the prayers)

(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Victory Celebration

P: The Lord is with you!

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. (Psalm 100)

## "Awesome God"

## Words of Institution

**The 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.**

## Invitation to Communion

**Communion Distribution**

**Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

**Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Benediction**

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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Song "Hosanna"**

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P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C: "Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love."**

**Postlude**

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

**COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!**

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.*

**\*\*Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit.\*\***

| <b><u>Sunday, February 16, 2025</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> |                 | <b><u>Sunday, February 23, 2025</u></b><br><b>9:30 AM Worship Service</b> |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Communion:                                                                | Carrie Daoust   | Communion:                                                                | Denelle Daniels |
| Reader:                                                                   | Darrel Klemp    | Reader:                                                                   | Chris Schley    |
| Money Counter:                                                            | Phyllis Peebles | Money Counter:                                                            | Rita Olson      |
| Altar Care:                                                               | Jean Conradt    | Altar Care:                                                               | Jean Conradt    |

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## **February 16 - 23, 2025 Announcements**

### **TODAY, February 16**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
After Worship - Fellowship  
Meal: Chili

### **Monday, February 17**

6:30 pm - Bible Study  
No Dartball



### **Tuesday, February 18**

9:00 am - Bible Study

### **Wed, February 19**

4:00-6:00 pm - Loaves & Fishes  
5:30 pm - Council Meeting  
6:30 pm - Confirmation and Church School

### **Saturday, February 22**

9:00-11:00 am - Loaves & Fishes

### **Sunday, February 23**

8:30 am - Bible Study  
8:30 am - Sunday School  
9:30 am - Worship Service  
Birthday Sunday



#### **Welcome to all visitors!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guestbook in the entryway.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

- ❖ **March 5, 2025 -**
  - Soup Suppers begin
  - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm
- ❖ **March 14, 2025 -**
  - Fish Fry
- ❖ **April 8 & 22, 2025 -**
  - CPR Classes

### **The story behind the hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"**

Robert Robinson was a rather difficult, headstrong boy, and when his Dad died, things only got worse for his mother. So, when he turned 14 in 1749, his mother sent him to London for an apprenticeship.

To no one's surprise, he was just as much a troublemaker in London, and to make matters worse he gained some friends and followers as a leader!

When he was 17, he took his gang to a revival service where a well-known preacher at the time, George Whitfield, was speaking. After hearing the message, it moved him deeply and it made him rethink his life and how he was living it.

Nearly three years after hearing that sermon, a twenty-year-old Robert Robinson made his peace with God, and "found full and free forgiveness through the precious blood of Jesus Christ."

Joining the Methodists, and feeling the call to preach, the self-taught Robinson was appointed by John Wesley himself to the Calvinist Methodist Chapel in Norfolk, England.

It was there, to accompany his sermon for Pentecost Sunday in 1858, the three-year anniversary of his conversion, he penned the words of this hymn: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

The first stanza is all praise and adoration, very fitting for the occasion, but the last two stanzas almost feel like a spiritual autobiography.

### **PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER**

*Give a little, give a lot,  
Give for our new parking lot!*

#### **February Question:**

How many letters are in  
your last name?

(Give \$1 for each letter)

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**SCRIP Cards**

There are sheets on the table in the back of church listing the gift cards available. Current stock is based on the top selling cards, however, anything on the sheet can be obtained in two weeks or less. Just fill out the sheet and let Carrie Daoust or Denise in the office know what you would like and an order will be placed. Cards can be purchased Sundays after church or anytime during office hours.

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**Visitor Deadline - TODAY!!**

Denise will be on vacation February 21-28.  
Any articles received after today will be published in the April Visitor.

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**Prayer List**

Alice Mueller, Dave & Sally Richter,  
Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes, Russell Kloes,  
Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Linda Ogi,  
The Family of Wes Goodacre  
(Heather Goodacre's husband)

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**Prayers for the Congregation**

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God. If you are a member but your name is not on the list, please let Denise in the office know.

**3rd Week of February**

**Sunday:** Dawn Dingeldein, Jean Mueller, Rodney Hillsberg, Pastor Marcia Sabin, Pastor Mark Sabin, Allura LeRoy  
**Monday:** Beck Pues, Debbie Hoberg, Jeff Anderson, Mackenzie Dingeldein, Russell Kloes, Terry Conradt  
**Tuesday:** Becky Wudtke, Dennis Fuerst, Jessica Riebe, Madalyn Sokolski, Ava Lorenz, Paul Zuiches, Emily Schley  
**Wednesday:** Stacey Homan, Brooklyn Olson, Everly Homan, Steve Daniels, Airowyn LeRoy, Hoyt Doepker  
**Thursday:** Doug Wilber, Jane Shulze, Levi Olson, Tina Jung, Wally Krueger, Denise Klemp, Cathy Thomas  
**Friday:** Ben Wollenberg, Dylan Mueller, Joanne Johnson, Colton Anderson, Sally Richter, Madeline Zuiches  
**Saturday:** Scott Wollenberg, Ed Lorenz, Sean Klemp, Mason Dingeldein, Jacob Wetzel, Janessa Olson

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**Church Office Hours:**

Tuesday 1:00-5:00 pm