

Welcome to Anchorage Lutheran Church



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021

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OUR CALLING

We exist as a ministry because of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. As Christians, we seek to know Him and understand His purpose in our lives through the study of God's Holy Word, frequent worship, and reception of the Lord's Supper.

We strive to share the Good News of Christ's victory over death through proclamation in our worship services, Christian education programs in our community and support of missions in Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and the World.

We seek to live as God's children, open to the leading of the Holy Spirit by witness and discipleship of Christ Jesus through the use of our time, talent, and treasures.

The Lord's Supper: The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior, given and shed for us for the forgiveness of sins. We celebrate this meal often in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice. Baptized adult Christians, understanding and seeking the mystery of this Holy Meal-the nourishing forgiveness and Real Presence of Christ-are invited to participate.

Should you come to the altar and wish not to receive this sacrament, please cross your arms to receive a blessing. Children who have not yet been confirmed are invited to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing.

OUR STAFF

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prelude: Erhalt uns, Herr by Lind

903 This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the
2 To - day He rose and left the dead, And Sa - tan's
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To Da - vid's
4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on



hours His own. Let heav'n re - jice, let
em - pire fell; To - day the saints His
ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
tri - umphs spread And all His won - ders tell.
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from Your throne.
comes to us To save our fall - en race.
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Children's Message

Exhortation

LSB 167

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.**

Confession of Sins

LSB 167

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Announcement of Forgiveness

LSB 167

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



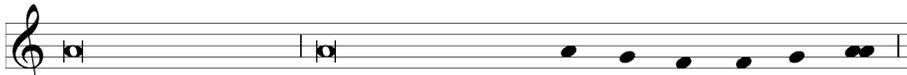
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



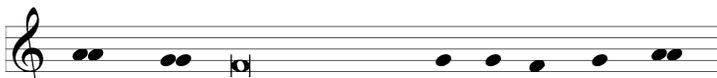
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Gloria in Excelsis

A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, ⁸but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. ⁹Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you,

and you be guilty of sin. ¹⁰You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Romans 9:14–26

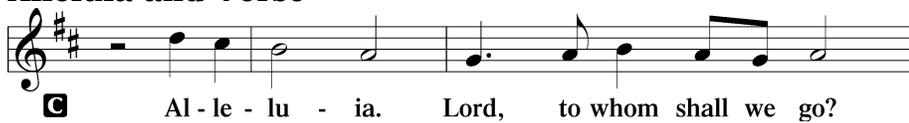
¹⁴What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means! ¹⁵For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” ¹⁶So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ¹⁷For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” ¹⁸So then He has mercy on whomever He wills, and He hardens whomever He wills. ¹⁹You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who can resist His will?” ²⁰But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honored use and another for dishonorable use? ²²What if God, desiring to show His wrath and to make known His power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³in order to make known the riches of His glory for vessels of mercy, which He has prepared beforehand for glory— ²⁴even us whom He has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵As indeed He says in Hosea, “Those who were not My people I will call ‘My people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’” ²⁶“And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not My people,’ there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173



Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it

they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

588 Jesus Loves Me

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.

Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!
Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Message - "Not Fair" - Pastor Tony Schultz

Apostles' Creed

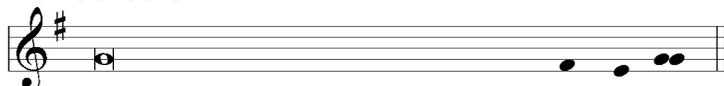
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come 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.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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.



C A - - - men.

918 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

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Sending

P Go in Peace as you Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Postlude: Postlude in G by Walters



Opportunity to Pray

Those Who Need Our Ongoing Prayers

Rose Diekelman, Jody Quinn, Carolyn Shepard, Christine Gill, Kevin Erickson, Tabitha (granddaughter of Karen Loeffler-Quintieri and Michael Quintieri)

Comfort, Health, Recovery

Gerd Krause; Tonya (Rick Funner's niece); Anna (Donna Dean's daughter); Norma Huseman; Forest Taylor; Matt Newton; Liz Millikan; Ann McCoy; Don Henry; Norman Alexie (Gwendie Gellerman's nephew); Julie Helms (Wayne & Bobbie Helms' sister-in-law); Tim (Dennis Koehler's nephew); Janet (Sherry Hartung's sister); our Sudanese sister Nyakat Tut; Tina (Rick Funner's sister); Cron Hamilton (Nelda Hamilton's brother); Cathy Johnson; Kent Kroger; Phil Barnes; Diana Rowedder; Chuck Lazareth (friend of Doug Schroeder); Kent Kroger; Tom Ondra (friend of Stefanie Busch); Ed & Kathy Rasmuson (friends of C. John & Lynn Ann Eng).

Announcements & Weekly Calendar

We are streaming our Service via Facebook, 10am!



ALC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan 31	10:00 AM Worship Service Traditional - No Communion
Monday, Feb 1	10:00 AM Zoom Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Tuesday, Feb 2	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Wednesday, Feb 3	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Thursday, Feb 4	12:00 PM ALANON Brown 4:30pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm Youth Praise Team 7:00 pm Adult Praise Team
Friday, Feb 5	12:00 PM ALANON Brown Bag
Sunday, Feb 7	10:00 AM Worship Service Traditional - With Communion



Opportunity to Thank

Ushers: Tyler & Doug Schroeder

Flowers: Julie Bielefeld, in honor of the New Year!

Are you looking for ways to support your community this week?

- ✝ Send a **Valentine's Day card** or a **thinking of you** note to a church member who could use a little extra cheer.
- ✝ Assist ALC in providing a health meal to those in need through **Orca Program with Lindford of Alaska**. Purchase a \$100 box through the church office for distribution to families within the North Star or Inlet school system. Contact Lynn Boots for more information: 907-301-5393.
- ✝ **Clare House** is February 14, sign up for a food item on the Clare House board in the Narthex. Many items still needed.
- ✝ Throw on your warm winter gear and help distribute food from the **Mobile Food Pantry** at Hope Lutheran Church every Tuesday at 3:45pm.
- ✝ Support **LWML Mission Projects**. look for the purple box in the Narthex.

Special Voters Meeting

Stay after worship on Sunday, February 14th for this meeting.

Agenda Items include:

- Call for a full time Pastor
 - Synodical triennium meeting change
- *See next two pages for more information



Current Finances
Income - \$203,135
Expenses - \$210,216
Difference - (\$7,081)



Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann, President

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November 4, 2020

The Pastoral Call Committee of Anchorage Lutheran Church
c/o Mike Wilkinson
1420 N St
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to ask your committee to consider something that you previously have been told is not an option – to add your interim pastor, Rev. Tony Schultz, to your call list as settled pastor. There are good reasons why this is not a typical practice, most of which have to do with the challenging and important nature of serving a congregation as an interim pastor. At the same time, there are some good reasons for treating the situation at Anchorage Lutheran Church as an exception.

First and foremost, prior to Pastor Schultz's arrival, Anchorage Lutheran had gone through a particularly painful chapter in its ministry. I recall an evening meeting I attended in the church where there were intense and passionate perspectives shared. With the subsequent change in pastoral leadership, the atmosphere has stabilized. I believe a longer term of service by Pastor Schultz would allow this healing to continue.

Secondly, Pastor Schultz is a stabilizing factor in the Alaska congregations and has been a great support for the ministry of your circuit visitor as well as for my office. I would like to see that situation continue into the future.

The congregation has the freedom and responsibility to make this decision, and, as the call committee, you have the first opportunity to talk this possibility over and determine whether you believe it should be presented to the congregation at large. My role as District President is advisory, and the occasion of this letter is my effort to advise you as wisely as I can. Should you decide to pursue this opportunity further, please inform my office of your decision, and we can send you the needed paperwork.

I have just completed a visit to Alaska for the first time in a while. What a great blessing to me to be here and to help place Rev. Albino Kong into ministry. You and your ministry remain in my heart and in my prayers. God bless you in your faithful service to Him and to His people.

Serving the Lord and His church,

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Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann
President of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

December 11, 2020

Rev. Dr. Paul Linnemann, President
Northwest District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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Portland, OR 97212

Dear President Linnemann,

Thank you for your November 4, 2020 letter to Anchorage Lutheran's Call Committee. After review and discussion, the Call Committee has voted to add our interim pastor, Rev. Tony Schultz to the call list as settled pastor and submit his name to the Executive Leadership Team for presentation to the congregation at large.

Blessings,

Mike Wilkinson, Chair
Anchorage Lutheran Call Committee
1420 N Street
Anchorage, AK 99501

cc: Steven Fibranz, Congregation President