

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Welcome to Ascension! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. If this is your first visit, please sign the Guest Registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. May God bless you with the assurance of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you, and ... Peace be with you!

Preacher & Liturgist ✘ Seminarian Richard Sovitzky

Organist ✘ JoAnn Zieroth

Special Music – Adult Choir, Sam Marquart, director

PSALM 80:1-7 (*Antiphon: vs. 3, ESV*) Read responsively

³ Restore us, I O God;*

let your face shine, that we I may be saved!

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who led Joseph I like a flock!*
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, I shine forth.

² Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Ma- I nasseh,*
stir up your might and come to I save us!

³ Restore us, I O God;*

let your face shine, that we I may be saved!

⁴ O LORD I God of hosts,*

how long will you be angry with your I people's prayers?

⁵ **You have fed them with the I bread of tears***
and given them tears to drink in full I measure.

⁶ You make us an object of contention for our I neighbors,*
And our enemies laugh a- I mong themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O I God of hosts;*

let your face shine, that we I may be saved!

Glory be to the Father and I to the Son*

and to the Holy I Spirit;

as it was in the be- I ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. I Amen.

³ Restore us, I O God;*

let your face shine, that we I may be saved!

Scripture Readings and Collect Prayers on back.

Season of Advent

MIDWEEK SERVICE

December 6, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.



VESPERS

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PSALMODY

Psalm 80:1-7 *bulletin*

Office Hymn #339

READING

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CANTICLE

Magnificat *omitted*

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Closing Hymn #338

✘ ASCENSION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL ✘

P. A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark the 1st chapter.

Mark 1:1-4 (ESV) ¹The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, ³the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" ⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

P. O Lord, have mercy on us.

C. Thanks be to God.

COLLECTS

Collect of the Day

P. Almighty God, through John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ, You once proclaimed salvation. Now grant that we may know this salvation and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (F20)

C. Amen.

Additional Collect

P. Almighty God, You remembered our greatest need by fulfilling Your promise to send us Your Son, who died and rose to deliver us from all sin, death, and the power of the devil. Comfort us with the preaching of the Gospel and fill us with the unshakable hope in Your precious promises that will always succeed, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

*We continue with the **Collect for Peace** on page 233.*