

# Ascension Lutheran Church

Littleton, Colorado

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018—9:30 am

## Pre-Service Music

“Aire & Variation”  
“Do You Hear What I Hear?”  
“Choral Prelude”  
“Hallelujah, Amen”

Lamont Brass Quintet

Handel  
Noel Regney & Gloria Shayne  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
Handel

**Opening Hymn**      Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

**LSB 386**

## Greeting and Welcome

**PASTOR LARSON**

## Song Medley

Deck the Halls  
Praise the Lord  
Carol of the Bells  
Four Christmas Carols

Lamont Brass Quintet

Douglas Court  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (with Organ)  
Mykola Leontovich  
Michael Praetorius

**Hymn**      Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light      arr. J.S. Bach      **LSB 378**

## Scripture

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Epistle: Galatians 4:4-7  
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Dana Thom, Lector  
(Page 765, Pew Bible)  
(Page 1187, Pew Bible)  
(Pages 1043-1044, Pew Bible)

## Children's' Message

**PASTOR LARSON**

**Sermon**      “Impossible!”

**PASTOR LARSON**  
TEXT: Matthew 1:18-25

## Prayers

**PASTOR LARSON**

**Offertory Music**      “Bach Fuga 17 1772”

Lamont Brass Quintet

## HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

*The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.*

## Holy Communion

### Music During the Distribution

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”

“Air on the G String”

**Lamont Brass Quintet**

Bach

Bach

### Closing Song

“Trumpet Voluntary”

**Lamont Brass Quintet**

Jeremiah Clark

**Hymn** “Joy to the World”

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## Congregational Concerns

### Recognition of Ascension Foundation Book & Material Reimbursement Scholarships:

Ashley Boeding; Brooke Boeding; Amanda Dungan; Katrina Gehring; Andrew Groeling; Kiersten Johnson; Will Kopriva; RuthAnn Langness; Patrick Muldoon; Andy Munson; Peter Munson; Austin Price; Noel Price; Samantha Riebling; Benjamin Sandrin; Kristen Schwerin; Abigail Westra; Sam Westra

### Post-Service Music as We Exit

“Tiger Rag”

Eddie Edwards, Nick LaRocca

**Lamont Brass Quintet**



### MEMBERS OF THE LAMONT SCHOOL OF MUSIC BRASS QUINTET

Miles Ross, trumpet  
Sam Oatts, trumpet  
Devlin Deveney, horn  
Leo Peters, trombone  
Amy Feeney, Tuba



## Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT	The Rev. John R. Larson, Pastor
ELDER	Michael Lawrenz
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES	Michael Zehnder
LECTOR	Dana Slifka
COMMUNION SERVER	Flo Westra
ACOLYTE	Nolan Pierce
USHERS	Larry Nisbet, Members of the Congregation
ALTAR GUILD	Gloria Mielke, Dawn Munson, Charmaine Rohde, Barb Williams
FLOWERS	Dave and Anita Baresel, in joyful celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary