

Welcome to Ascension Lutheran Church's

An Occasion of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving Day • November 27, 2014

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

1. Give us this day our daily bread
2. Give us this day the Bread of Life
3. Give us this day a heart which gives

A Service of the Word

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book
(If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed)

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 95, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, it is Your Spirit which gives life, the flesh profits nothing. Speak Your words of Spirit and life that we receive eternal life and be raised up on the last day, through Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

OPENING VERSE (sing, w/ intro)

TLH 537:1

**Every morning mercies new
Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Every morning let us pay
Tribute with the early day;
For Thy mercies, Lord, are sure,
Thy compassion doth endure.**

INVOCATION

M We begin in the name of the Triune God:

**C In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

M O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

M Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er
 shall be: for - ev - er-more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

1. Give us this day our daily bread
Exodus 16

VERSE (sing, w/ intro)

TLH 537:2

**Still the greatness of Thy love
 Daily doth our sins remove;
 Daily, far as east from west,
 Lifts the burden from the breast;
 Gives unbought to those who pray
 Strength to stand in evil day.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, You indeed give daily bread without our asking, even to unbelievers, but we pray that you would teach us to realize these blessings which come from You and to receive our daily blessings with thanksgiving. Amen.

CREED OF THANKFUL HEARTS *Luther's Explanation to the First Article*

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN

TLH 36 (red hymnal)

Now Thank We All Our God

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

2. Give us this day the Bread of Life

John 6

VERSE (sing, w/ intro)

TLH 537:3

**Let our prayers each morn prevail
That these gifts may never fail;
And as we confess the sin
And the Tempter's power within,
Feed us with the Bread of Life;
Fit us for our daily strife.**

PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, You indeed have given Your Son from heaven without our asking or deserving, so we pray that you would teach us to call upon Him in every need that our hearts might feed on Him with thanksgiving. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 103

M Bless the Lord, O my soul;

C And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

M Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C And forget not all His benefits:
M Who forgives all your iniquities,
C Who heals all your diseases,
M Who redeems your life from destruction,
C Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,
M Who satisfies your mouth with good things,
C So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
M The Lord executes righteousness
C And justice for all who are oppressed.

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

3. Give us this day a heart which gives
2 Corinthians 8

VERSE (sing, w/ intro)

TLH 537:4

**As the morning light returns,
As the sun with splendor burns,
Teach us still to turn to Thee,
Ever-blessed Trinity.
With our hands our hearts to raise
In unfailing prayer and praise.**

PRAYER

M O LORD God almighty, You indeed have filled us with the riches of Your Word, so we pray that you would teach us to share Your grace in love and service toward our neighbor with thanksgiving. Amen.

OFFERINGS

HYMN

TLH 568 (red hymnal)

We Praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator

GENERAL PRAYERS

O LORD, God almighty, you do indeed give us our daily bread, sustaining us with everything we need for our bodily well-being. That we would acknowledge and give thanks for these gifts, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For food and drink to sustain us in this bodily life, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For clothing and shoes to keep us warm and healthy, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For house and property to shelter and protect us, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For animals, job, and goods to provide income and financial means, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For godly husbands, wives, and children to represent You rightly in sacrifice and service to their families, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For godly workers to provide safe and honest business markets and supply their neighbor with good things, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For faithful leaders and good government to lead their people honestly, promote justice, and uphold the freedom to worship You in truth, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For good weather, peace, health, and education that You would work through the various institutions in the land to serve the needs of its people according to Your will, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For honor, faithful friends, and trustworthy neighbors that You would grant us to live peaceful lives with dignity and care toward those around us, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

For the spiritual welfare of Your people that as we feed on Your Son with thanksgiving, Your Spirit would preserve us in the true faith unto everlasting life, we beg You to hear us O God, **For Thy mercies still endure, ever faithful, ever sure.**

With thankful hearts we pray,

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

M Go in peace and serve the Lord with gladness.

C Thanks be to God.

M The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

WS 792 (tan hymnal)

Let All Things Now Living

Welcome! We wish a warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is our mission to share the good news that God gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him has eternal life (John 3:16-17). May that good news go with you. Feel free to sign our guest book in the entry way. For more information about our church see the visitor comment cards and

brochures in the entry way or visit our website at AscensionBatavia.org. We hope to see you again!