



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Advent 2 December 7, 2014

The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
Prepare the way of the Lord;
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Lk 3:4b,6

A Service of Word and Sacrament

Setting adapted from TLH p.15 – the Order of Holy Communion

VISITORS: 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)

NOTE TO VISITORS: Accepting the Lord's Supper at our congregation is a profession of agreement with all the doctrines we confess (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:27f). Because we don't want you to bind yourself to a confession you don't understand or agree with, we ask that if you are not a members of a CLC congregation, you first meet with the pastor before coming to communion today. You can read about our practice of close communion in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to talk with the pastor after the service.

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 85, forepart of TLH p.140

OPENING HYMN

TLH 63

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



Congreg. (C) A - - men

M Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



C Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

M I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



C And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and

eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*



C A - - - men

INTROIT

Ps 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7, 3

M Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock;
C You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!
M You have brought a vine out of Egypt; And caused it to take deep root,
C And it filled the land.
M Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine,
C And we shall be saved!
M Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine,
C And we shall be saved!
M To God all praise and glory...

GLORIA PATRI ~ Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy

Mark 16:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty,
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

M The Lord be with you.

Luke 1:28

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.

C A - - - men.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

- 1 “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God.
- 2 “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord’s hand Double for all her sins.”
- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.
- 4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;
- 5 The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”
- 6 The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.”
- 9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!”
- 10 Behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him.
- 11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.

GRADUAL

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord. Hallelujah!



C Halle - lu - jah! Halle-lu-jah! Halle-lu - - jah!

GOSPEL LESSON

- M And this is eternal life, that we know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. (*rise*)

both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church.
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN

TLH 61

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

SERMON

Psalm 85

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm Of the Sons of Korah.

- 1 Lord, You have been favorable to Your land;
You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people;
You have covered all their sin. Selah
- 3 You have taken away all Your wrath;
You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger.
- 4 Restore us, O God of our salvation,
And cause Your anger toward us to cease.
- 5 Will You be angry with us forever?
Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?
- 6 Will You not revive us again,
That Your people may rejoice in You?
- 7 Show us Your mercy, Lord,
And grant us Your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak,
For He will speak peace
To His people and to His saints;
But let them not turn back to folly.
- 9 Surely His salvation *is* near to those who fear Him,
That glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed.
- 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth,
And righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 Yes, the Lord will give *what is* good;
And our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness will go before Him,
And shall make His footsteps *our* pathway.

Follow the Footsteps of Righteousness And You Will Find Him

1. Remember His saving presence behind us (v.1-3)
2. Pray for His saving presence today (v.4-7)
3. Hear and see His saving presence going before you (v.8-13)

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

HYMN

WS 702:1-5

As Angels Joyed with One Accord

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13



A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un-to the Lord

M Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

M It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, [proper preface]. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san - na,



Ho - san - na, Ho-sanna in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,



Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, Ho-san - na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matt. 26, Mk 14, Lk 22, 1 Cor. 11

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and, when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying, 'Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

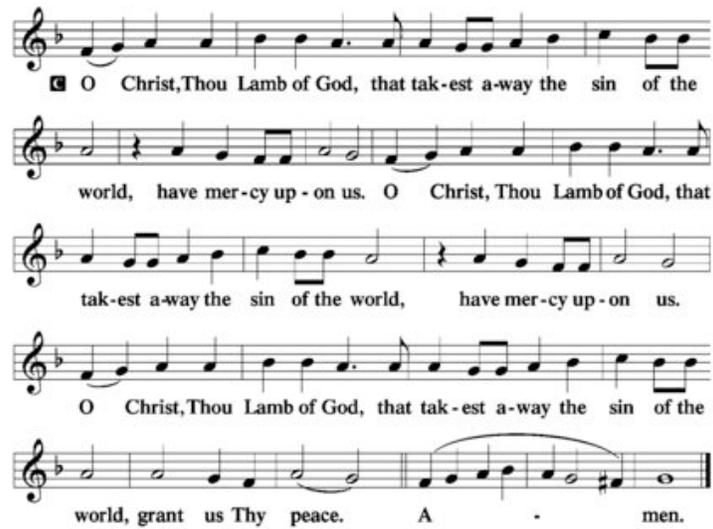
M The peace of the Lord be with you always!



A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.



DISTRIBUTION



NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Now Let Us Depart (Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry 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, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

M Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

M Let us pray ... one God, now and forever.



C A - - - men.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

M The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men, A - men, A - - men.

CLOSING HYMN

WS 702:6-7

As Angels Joyed with One Accord

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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!

Participating in this Service of the Word

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