



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Pentecost 12 August 16, 2015

Taste and See that the LORD is Good

4 part sermon series based on the Feeding of the 5000 and Bread of Life Discourse

- 7/19 Taste His Abundance and See that He is Good (Mk. 6)
- 8/2 Taste His Bread and See that He is Good (Jn. 6:22-35)
- 8/16 Taste His Grace and See that He is Good (Jn. 6:35-51)
- 8/23 Taste His Word and Say that He is Good (Jn. 6:51-69)

A Service of Word and Sacrament

Setting from WS p.12 – Service of Word and Sacrament, Setting 2
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)

VISITORS: Because Scripture tells us that those who partake of the “one bread” are “one body” and then urges us to “all speak the same thing,” we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC first meet with the pastor before communing at the altar. We want to share this blessing with you and to do so on the basis of a united faith. The pastor would be happy to meet with you to explain our teachings and practice. You can read more about our practice of “close communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding. Please do talk with the pastor after the service. (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29)

Preservice Devotion: TLH 366 (red hymnal), *One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure*

OPENING HYMN

TLH 20 (red hymnal)

God of Mercy, God of Grace

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

Congreg. (C) Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, My Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest Luke 2:14; Revelation 5:8-14



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

C Amen

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-8

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." ³ And when he saw *that*, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I *am* no better than my fathers!"

⁵ Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, “Arise *and* eat.” ⁶ Then he looked, and there by his head *was* a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, “Arise *and* eat, because the journey *is* too great for you.” ⁸ So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively* Psalm 34:1–8; John 6:68

M I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M This poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

John 6:35–51

³⁵ And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. ⁴⁰ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

⁴¹ The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, “I am the bread which came down from heaven.” ⁴² And they said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

⁴³ Jesus therefore answered and said to them, “Do not murmur among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, *And they shall all be taught by God.*’ Therefore everyone who has

heard and learned from the Father comes to Me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. ⁵⁰ This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

M Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Luke 11:28

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated three times. The second staff contains the sentence 'These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that'. The third staff contains the sentence 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff contains the phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia!' repeated three times. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a church service.

John 20:31

CREED ~ The Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation,
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
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 37 (red hymnal)

Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee

SERMON ~ based on today's Gospel lesson

John 6:35-51
4 part sermon series: "Taste and See that the LORD is Good"
Taste His Grace and See that He is Good

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

Philippians 4:7

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

HYMN

WS 755 (tan hymnal)

What Is This Bread

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and Everlasting God, You are worthy to be worshiped and respected by all people.

We thank You for the many blessings You have given us.

We aren't worthy and don't deserve it;

still, You have blessed us both temporally and spiritually.

We especially praise You that You have preserved Your pure and saving Word and Sacraments.

And we pray, O Lord: preserve and extend Your Kingdom of Grace among us.

Grant to Your Holy Church throughout the world pure teaching. Bless us with pastors who preach Your word faithfully.

Help all who hear to understand and believe.

Send forth laborers into Your harvest,

and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and also unto Your people.

In mercy, remember the enemies of Your Church,

and lead them to repentance.

Be the Protector and Defender of Your people in every tribulation and danger.

Grant us fellowship and unity together with all who believe that we might fight the good fight of faith unto the end.

And, at last, receive us into Your eternal salvation.

Graciously defend us from all calamities

by fire, water, and storm.

Spare us from drought

that the earth may bring forth its bounty.

Turn away the evils of war and pestilence.

Give us strength to bear every affliction that we may learn that the present sufferings are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in us in the final resurrection.

Receive the service and talents with which Your children serve You,

as well as the offerings which we today bring as fruits of faith.

(Special Requests)

Lord Jesus, You call all who labor and are heavy laden; we pray You, let all who partake of this Sacrament today receive Your promise

and so find rest for their souls.

Remove from them the spotted garment of their sinful flesh,

and clothe them with the garments of righteousness purchased with Your blood.

O Lord, we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth;

so help us to grow in faith, and to live a godly life as we await the peace of the new creation.

According to the various gifts You have given,

grant us a spirit of service within Your Church and toward one another.

When our last hour is come support us by Your grace,

and through the merit of Your Son Jesus Christ receive us into everlasting life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and our Lord and Savior

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, One God forever and ever.

In His name we join to 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!



A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, [proper preface] ... Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we 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, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-



san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.'

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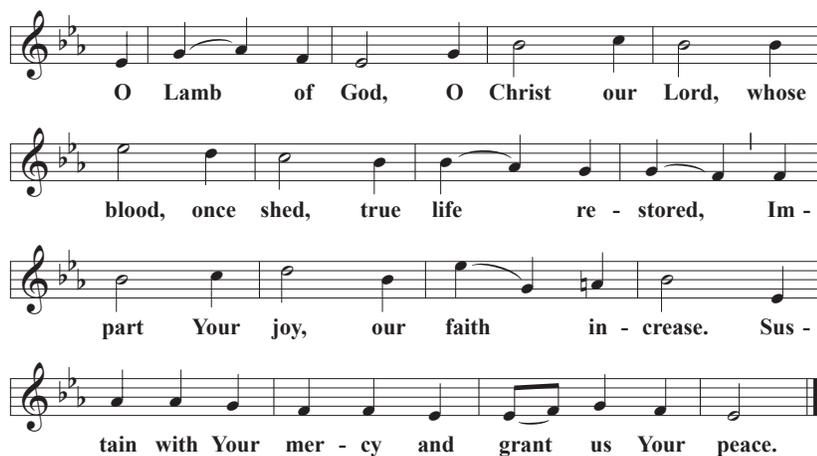
John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.



DISTRIBUTION



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

Luke 2:29-32



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
 light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THANKSGIVING

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

M Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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 Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 195:4,5 (red hymnal)

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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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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