



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!
Pentecost 17 September 20, 2015

Have salt in yourselves,
and have peace with one another. *Mark 9:50b*

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 share in the “one bread” are “one body” and then warns against condoning “divisions” in the fellowship, 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 this practice. You can read more about our practice of “close communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. We thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 32, forepart of TLH p.130

OPENING HYMN

TLH 371:1-4 (red hymnal)

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: “Who will give us meat to eat? ⁵We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our whole being *is* dried up; *there is* nothing at all except this manna *before* our eyes!”

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¹⁰Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, everyone at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord was greatly aroused; Moses also was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have You afflicted Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all these people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all these people? Did I beget them, that You should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a guardian carries a nursing child,’ to the land which You swore to their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep all over me, saying, ‘Give us meat, that we may eat.’ ¹⁴I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden *is* too heavy for me. ¹⁵If You treat me like this, please kill me here and now—if I have found favor in Your sight—and do not let me see my wretchedness!”

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you.

...

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tabernacle. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that *was* upon him, and placed *the same* upon the seventy elders; and it happened, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, although they never did *so* again.

²⁶But two men had remained in the camp: the name of one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they *were* among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

²⁸So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, *one* of his choice men, answered and said, “Moses my lord, forbid them!”

²⁹Then Moses said to him, “Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord’s people were prophets *and* that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!”

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalm 104:27–35

M These all wait for You,

C That You may give them their food in due season.

M What You give them

C they gather in;

M You open Your hand,

C they are filled with good.

M You hide Your face,
C they are troubled;
M You take away their breath,
C they die and return to their dust.
M You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;
C And You renew the face of the earth.
M May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
C May the Lord rejoice in His works.
M He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
C He touches the hills, and they smoke.
M I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
C I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
M May my meditation be sweet to Him;
C I will be glad in the Lord.
M May sinners be consumed from the earth,
C And the wicked be no more.
M Bless the Lord, O my soul!
C Praise the Lord!

GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

Mark 9:38–50

³⁸Now John answered Him, saying, “Teacher, we saw someone who does not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow us.”

³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. ⁴⁰For he who is not against us is on our side. ⁴¹For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁴where

‘Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—⁴⁶where

‘Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—⁴⁸where

‘Their worm does not die
And the fire is not quenched.’

⁴⁹“For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another.”

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!

John 20:31

CREED ~ The Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty.**

**From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN

TLH 494 (red hymnal)

Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire

SERMON

James 5:13–20

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. ¹⁷Elijah was a man

with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

¹⁹Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, ²⁰let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Take It To the Lord In Prayer

1. *Is anyone sick?*

Take it to the Lord in faith

2. *Has anyone sinned?*

Take it to the Lord in righteousness

3. *Has anyone wandered from the truth?*

Bring them to the Lord in love

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

TLH 457 (red hymnal)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Together we lift up holy hands without anger or quarreling and, in the peace of forgiveness, call upon our heavenly Father in faith.

For those who are suffering, (especially _____,) that God would have mercy and grant relief according to his will, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are cheerful, (especially _____,) that God would increase their joy and move them to praise His holy name, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are sick or stricken with any illness, (especially _____,) that the healing hand of Christ would be upon them, raising them up to good health, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the ministry of the Church, that our church leaders would assume their offices with dignity, compassion, and responsibility, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the Elders of our congregation, that they would be strengthened in faith to offer up prayers fervently, regularly, and confidently on behalf of those in need, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For all of us who have sinned and who here confess our trespasses to one another, that God would forgive us even as we forgive each other, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the truth, that God would move us in love for their souls to help them see the error and danger of their way and so lead them to repentance and forgiveness in Christ, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For all of us who so often neglect our personal prayer life, that God would turn our hearts to him in every trouble, that He would keep us from anxiety by leading us to regularly make our concerns known to Him, and that He would cause us to regularly and spontaneously praise Him and thank Him for all that He has done for us, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the prayer life and fellowship of the Church, that we would never neglect the benefits of gathering together in Christ's presence and always be mindful and purposeful in our prayers and worship, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the leaders of our nation and those of the world, that they would handle their office with honor and remain obedient to the natural laws that have been written on their conscience and reasoning, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who gather to receive the body and blood of Christ, that in repentance and faith we would receive this great gift to our blessing, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

It is in the name of the Lord that we lay these petitions before You, O Most Merciful God, in which name we also pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.'

PAX DOMINI

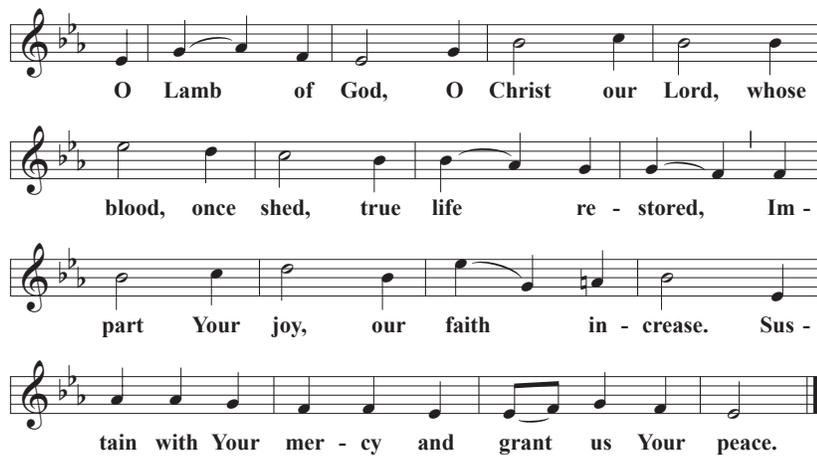
John 20:19

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

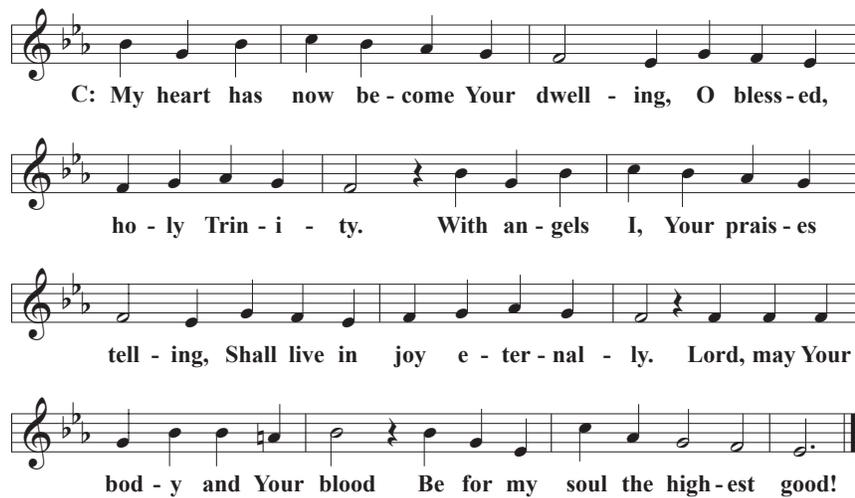


C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
 light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 as 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 371:6,7 (red hymnal)

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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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!

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