



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!
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Let the little children come to Me,
and do not forbid them;
for of such is the kingdom of God. *Mark 10:14b*

A Service of the Word

Setting from WS p.12 – Service of Word and Sacrament, Setting 2
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Preservice Devotion: Psalm 119, section II, forepart of TLH p.149

OPENING HYMN

TLH 14 (red hymnal)

All People that on Earth do Dwell

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

Congreg. (C) Amen.

CONFESSON 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.
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

Hebrews 2:1–18

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.² For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward,³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

⁵ For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.⁶ But one testified in a certain place, saying:

*“What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?
You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honor,
And set him over the works of Your hands.
You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”*

For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing *that is* not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.¹¹ For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,¹² saying:

*“I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.”*

¹³ And again:

“I will put My trust in Him.”

And again:

“Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”

¹⁴ Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.¹⁶ For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

¹⁷ Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.¹⁸ For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Ps 128

M Blessed is every one who fears the Lord,

C Who walks in His ways.

M When you eat the labor of your hands,

C You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

M Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

C In the very heart of your house,

M Your children like olive plants

C All around your table.

M Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

C **Who fears the Lord.**

M The Lord bless you out of Zion,

C **And may you see the good of Jerusalem All the days of your life.**

M Yes, may you see your children's children.

C **Peace be upon Israel!**

GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

Mark 10:2–16

²The Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce *his* wife?” testing Him.

³And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

⁴They said, “Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her*.⁵

⁵And Jesus answered and said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. ⁶But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’⁷ *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife;* ⁸and the two shall become one flesh”; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

¹⁰In the house His disciples also asked Him again about the same *matter*. ¹¹So He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³Then they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought *them*. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw *it*, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” ¹⁶And He took them up in His arms, laid *His* hands on them, and blessed them.

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

Luke 11:28

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time. The first staff contains three lines of music with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!". The second staff begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that". The third staff begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.". The fourth staff concludes with the lyrics "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 412 (red hymnal)

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfil

SERMON

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸ And the Lord God said, “*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” ¹⁹ Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that *was* its name. ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

²¹ And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

²³ And Adam said:

“This *is* now bone of my bones
And flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman,
Because she was taken out of Man.”

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

It Is Not Good For You To Be Alone

1. God crafted Eve for Adam
2. God crafts a wife for her husband
3. God crafts the Church for Christ

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 625 (red hymnal)

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We come before You, O God, on behalf of all people, and call upon You as our Maker, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. We ask that You hear our prayers for Jesus sake.

silence

Let us pray for the Church which labors on earth against sin, death, and the devil: **O Lord, guard us against every evil and grant us, at last, the victory through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Let us pray for the Church's proclamation of the gospel in its truth and righteousness: **O Lord, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we might be assured of forgiveness and that our teaching would remain true to Your Word. Amen.**

Let us pray for the Church's fellowship in Christ Jesus: **O Lord, preserve us in faith toward you and in love toward our neighbor so that we would grow ever stronger in our confession and care for each other.**

Let us pray for those who are suffering from loneliness, loss, forsakenness, or despair: **O Lord, grant that relief and comfort to those who suffer and use the Church to reconcile them to You and bless them with fellowship and love. Amen.**

Let us pray for those who are married: **O Lord, bless husbands and wives with hearts united in service to their spouse and drawn to know and treasure Your will and Your Word. Amen.**

Let us pray for families: **O Lord, teach all families to rejoice and give thanks in time spent with each other and so to order their lives accordingly. Amen.**

Let us pray for our children: **O Lord, let the little children come to You in the waters of baptism and through ongoing instruction in their homes. Amen.**

Let us pray for those who are divorced: **O Lord, bring repentance to those who have broken what You have joined together, and bring comfort those who are broken over what has happened. Amen.**

Let us pray for children of broken families: **O Lord, help those who have been hurt by anger, selfishness, and divorce and grant that they would learn to come to You for comfort and to be forgiving toward their parents. Amen.**

Let us pray for the estate of marriage and family as it is honored by our nation and government: **O Lord, grant us leaders who value marriage and family as You have ordered it and so pass laws which will honor and promote this holy estate according to its natural design. Amen.**

Let us now pray together to our heavenly Father, as dear children look to their dear fathers for every needful thing,

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

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 401 (red hymnal)

Praise to Thee and Adoration

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Participating in this Service of the Word

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