



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

The Divine Service:  
**ACCESS TO GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE  
TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING IN CHRIST JESUS**

A Narrative Meditation on  
THE LUTHERAN LITURGY

“Let us draw near...” *Hebrews 10:22*

**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 95, forepart of TLH p.143

**1. We Assemble in the Presence of God**  
Preparation for worship

OPENING HYMN

**TLH 4** (red hymnal)

*God Himself is Present*

## 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.**

## 2. We Glorify Our Lord's Presence

The Service of the Word begins

## 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, Blessed Lord, You have caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and every hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever,

C **Amen**

### 3. Our Lord is Present in Word

Faith comes by hearing

#### FIRST LESSON

##### Ezekiel 37:21–28

<sup>21</sup> “Then say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; <sup>22</sup> and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. <sup>23</sup> They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. <sup>24</sup> “David My servant *shall be* king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. <sup>25</sup> Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David *shall be* their prince forever. <sup>26</sup> Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. <sup>27</sup> My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>28</sup> The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ”

#### PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalm 100

M Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness;

**C Come before His presence with singing.**

M Know that the Lord,

**C He is God;**

M It is He who has made us,

**C and not we ourselves;**

M We are His people

**C and the sheep of His pasture.**

M Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

**C And into His courts with praise.**

M Be thankful to Him,

**C and bless His name.**

M For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting,

**C And His truth endures to all generations.**

#### GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

##### John 14:15–24

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, keep My commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live,

you will live also. <sup>20</sup> At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” <sup>22</sup> Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. <sup>24</sup> He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.

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 image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature 'C'. The melody is simple, using quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff is the text 'C: Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!'. The second staff continues the melody with the text 'These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that'. The third staff continues with 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!    Al - le - lu - ia!' and ends with a double bar line.

*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 246** (red hymnal)

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

SERMON

**Hebrews 10:19–25**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Draw Near the Most Holy Place In Christ  
– the New and Living Way –**

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

*Philippians 4:7*

OFFERTORY

*Psalms 51:10-12*



## HYMN

TLH 466:1-3 (red hymnal)

*Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation*

### 4. Our Lord is Present Interceding and Accepting

Offering our thanksgiving and our prayers

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## 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!**

### 5. Our Lord is Present in Meal

The Service of the Sacrament



## 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. And in the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in Person, in Unity of Substance, for whom Majesty is One. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise 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, 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!

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef. The melody is in common time (C). The first staff begins with a C-clef and contains the lyrics 'C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and'. The second staff continues with 'earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -'. The third staff continues with 'san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly'. The fourth staff concludes with 'blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using eighth and quarter notes.



## 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

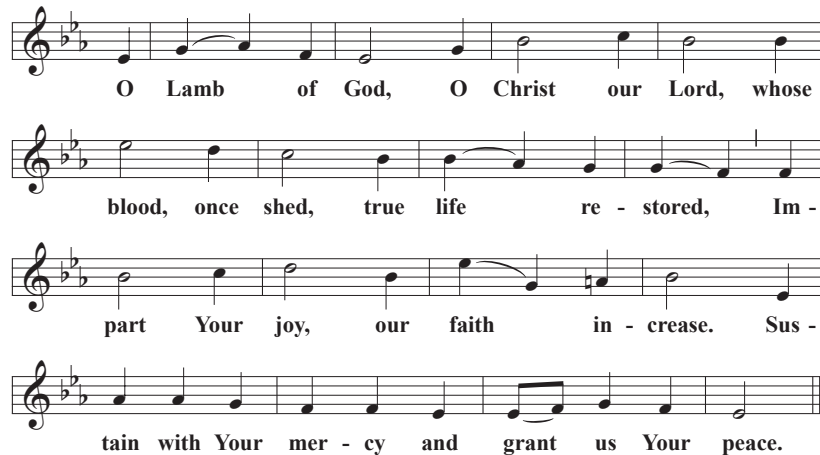
*John 20:19*

**M** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

*John 1:29*



## DISTRIBUTION



### 6. Blessed with God's Presence, We Depart in Peace Concluding blessing of the Word

## 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, The 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 466:4** (red hymnal)

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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](http://AscensionBatavia.org). We hope to see you again!

**Participating in this Service of the Word**

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