

## 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 494:1,4** (red hymnal)

*Awake, Thou Spirit, who Didst Fire*

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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). 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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**May 15, 2016**  
The Day of Pentecost



If we live by the  
**SPIRIT,**  
let us also keep  
in step with the  
**SPIRIT.**  
GALATIANS 5:25, ESV

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## The Festival of Pentecost

May 15, 2016

### 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:** It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today! We want you to be aware that because God's Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Lord's Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC first meet with the pastor before coming to communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and to do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you'd like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of "close communion" in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. 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

**WS 737** (tan hymnal)

*Up through Endless Ranks of Angels*

#### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

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

**Congreg. (C) Amen.**

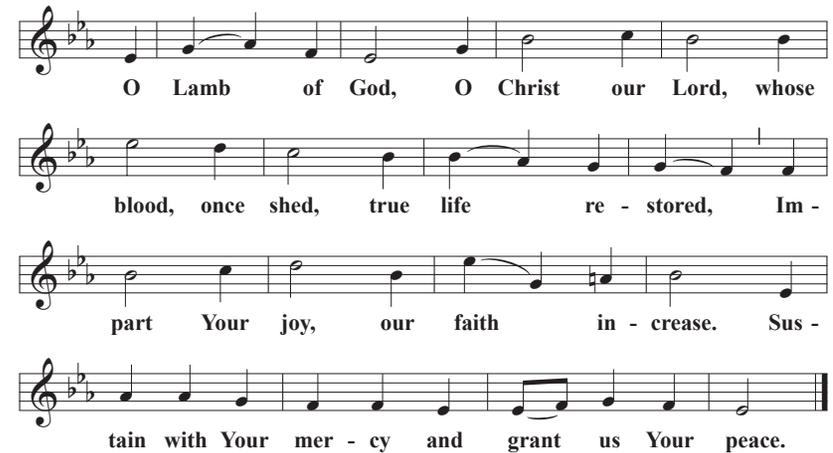
#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

#### 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.



# 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.**

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

*Lk. 2:14; Rev.: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-shipped 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

### Acts 2:1–21

<sup>1</sup> When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. <sup>4</sup> And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup> And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup> Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how *is it that* we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? <sup>9</sup> Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” <sup>12</sup> So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?”

<sup>13</sup> Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. <sup>15</sup> For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is *only* the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup> But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,  
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;  
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
Your young men shall see visions,  
Your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My maidservants  
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;  
And they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above  
And signs in the earth beneath:  
Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned into darkness,

For our families that Christ would raise up godly parents who teach their children the ways of the Lord and that He would watch over our children and grandchildren to keep them healthy and safe from harm, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For our devotional lives that the Holy Spirit would dwell with us in the word and give us renewed peace with God our Father, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For our work, hobbies, and pursuits, that we would never be led to partnership with the world in a pursuit of earthly pleasure, but that we would remain dedicated to serving God in our devotional life and loving our neighbor in our work and efforts, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the elderly as they face the difficulties of old age, that the hope of the resurrection of Jesus Christ would strengthen them to call on the name of the Lord and be saved, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the world that people would not raise up towers that stand to make a name against the LORD, but rather that all nations, peoples, tribes, and languages would come to know the revelation of the gospel and so unite in a cause that is centered on God, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For communicants who receive the Lord’s Supper today, that they would rightly receive the gift of Christ’s body and blood and be preserved from all evil both now and forever, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

In the peace and unity of the Spirit we offer these prayers even as 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!** *Matthew 6:9-13*

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 224** (red hymnal)

*Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, You have given us Your peace, a peace that is not of this world, but which comes through Your Holy Spirit and which unites us to God the Father eternally. In that peace we pray,

For the Church of Christ and the preaching of the gospel, that through the message of Christ died and risen for our salvation, the Holy Spirit would be poured out on all nations, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For this congregation as they seek out the next pastor whom God has chosen that the Holy Spirit would act speedily to provide a shepherd who will teach them and lead them in the gospel, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

And the moon into blood,  
Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass  
That whoever calls on the name of the Lord  
Shall be saved.'

## PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalm 143

M Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
**C Give ear to my supplications!**  
M In Your faithfulness answer me,  
**C And in Your righteousness.**  
M Do not enter into judgment with Your servant,  
**C For in Your sight no one living is righteous.**  
M For the enemy has persecuted my soul;  
**C He has crushed my life to the ground;**  
M He has made me dwell in darkness,  
**C Like those who have long been dead.**  
M Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed within me;  
**C My heart within me is distressed.**  
M I remember the days of old;  
**C I meditate on all Your works;**  
M I muse on the work of Your hands.  
**C I spread out my hands to You; My soul longs for You like a thirsty land.**  
M Answer me speedily, O Lord;  
**C My spirit fails!**  
M Do not hide Your face from me,  
**C Lest I be like those who go down into the pit.**  
M Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning,  
**C For in You do I trust;**  
M Cause me to know the way in which I should walk,  
**C For I lift up my soul to You.**  
M Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies;  
**C In You I take shelter.**  
M Teach me to do Your will,  
**C For You are my God;**  
M Your Spirit is good.  
**C Lead me in the land of uprightness.**  
M Revive me, O Lord, for Your name's sake!  
**C For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.**  
M In Your mercy cut off my enemies, And destroy all those who afflict my soul;  
**C For I am Your servant.**

**John 14:23–31**

<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.

<sup>25</sup> “These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. <sup>28</sup>

You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming *back* to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.

<sup>29</sup> “And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. <sup>30</sup> I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. <sup>31</sup> But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

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!

*Jn. 20:31*

CREED ~ The Apostles’ Creed

**C I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And 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 232** (red hymnal)

*Let Songs of Praises Fill the Sky*

SERMON

**Genesis 11:1–9**

<sup>1</sup> Now the whole earth had one language and one speech. <sup>2</sup> And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. <sup>3</sup> Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. <sup>4</sup> And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.”

<sup>5</sup> But the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. <sup>7</sup> Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” <sup>8</sup> So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. <sup>9</sup> Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

**Us-Centered Language Lead to Babbling Confusion  
Christ-Centered Language Leads to Spirit-Filled Unity**