



## HYMN

**WS 779** (tan hymnal)

*Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray... { petitions }

**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*

## 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

**WS 761** (tan hymnal)

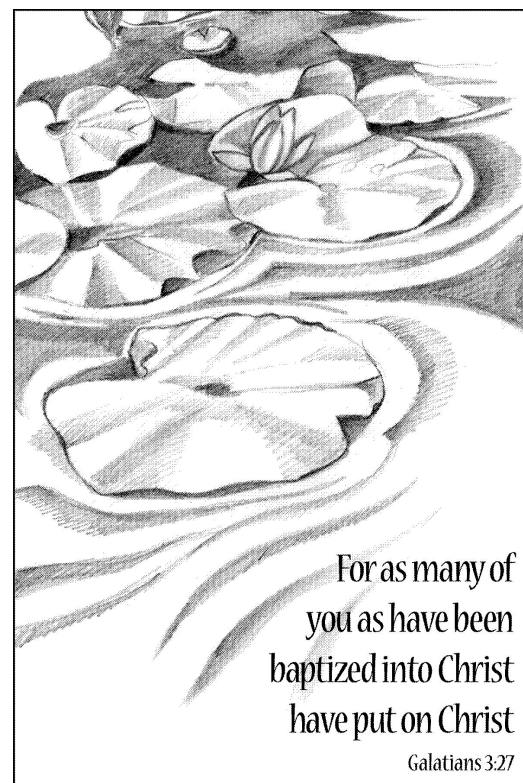
*In You Is Gladness*

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## Participating in this Service of the Word

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**June 12, 2016**  
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



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"We preach Christ crucified." 1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Pentecost 4 June 12, 2016

“Return to your own house,  
and tell what great things God has done for you.”

*Luke 8:39a*

A Service of the Word

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)

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

OPENING HYMN

TLH 243 (red hymnal)

*Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices*

INVOCATION

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.

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 361 (red hymnal)

*O Jesus, King Most Wonderful*

SERMON

Isaiah 65:6-9

6 “Behold, it is written before Me:

I will not keep silence, but will repay—

Even repay into their bosom—

7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together;”

Says the Lord,

“Who have burned incense on the mountains

And blasphemed Me on the hills;

Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom.”

8 Thus says the Lord:

“As the new wine is found in the cluster,

And one says, ‘Do not destroy it,

For a blessing is in it;’

So will I do for My servants’ sake,

9 That I may not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,

And from Judah an heir of My mountains;

My elect shall inherit it,

And My servants shall dwell there.

God says, “Wait! There is a Blessing in it.”

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your

*Philippians 4:7*

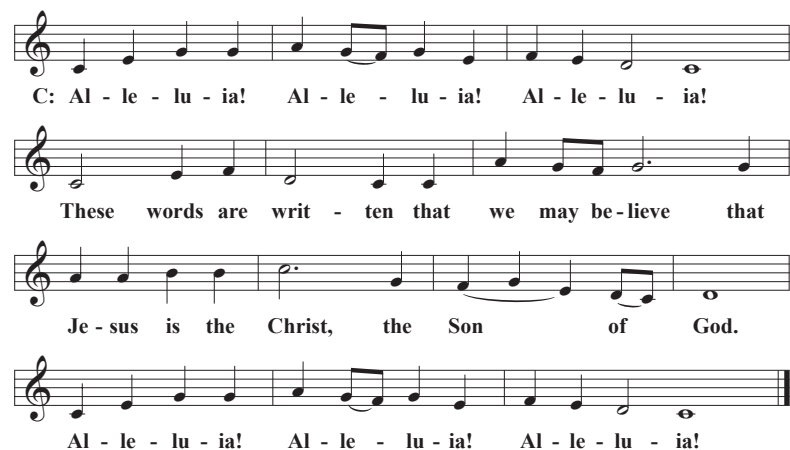
OFFERTORY

*Psalms 51:10-12*



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

Luke 11:28



Jn. 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.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Lk. 2:14; Rev.:8-14



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

## Galatians 3:23–4:7

<sup>23</sup> But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

<sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

<sup>1</sup> Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, <sup>2</sup> but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. <sup>3</sup> Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. <sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

<sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" <sup>7</sup> Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

responsively

Psalm 3

M Lord, how they have increased who trouble me;  
C **Many are they who rise up against me.**

M Many are they who say of me,  
C **"There is no help for him in God."**

M But You, O Lord, are a shield for me,  
C **My glory and the One who lifts up my head.**

M I cried to the Lord with my voice,  
C **And He heard me from His holy hill.**

M I lay down and slept;  
C **I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.**

M I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people  
C **Who have set themselves against me all around.**

M Arise, O Lord;  
C **Save me, O my God!**

M For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone;  
C **You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.**

M Salvation belongs to the Lord.  
C **Your blessing is upon Your people.**

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## Luke 8:26–39

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me!" <sup>29</sup> For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. <sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned. <sup>34</sup> When those who fed *them* saw what had happened, they fled and told *it* in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> They also who had seen *it* told them by what means he who had been demon-possessed was healed. <sup>37</sup> Then the whole multitude of the surrounding region of the Gadarenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. And He got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> Now the man from whom the demons had departed begged Him that he might be with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your own house, and tell what great things God has done for you." And he went his way and proclaimed throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.