



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**Advent 1 November 30, 2014**

Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in.

*Ps 24:7*

## A Service of the Word

Setting adapted from TLH p.5 – the Order of Morning Service

VISITORS: 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 24, forepart of TLH p.128

### OPENING HYMN

**TLH 55**

*Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

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



**Congreg. (C) A - - men**

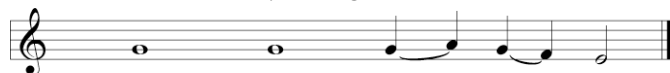
M Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**C Who made heaven and earth.**

*Psalm 124:8*

M I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**C And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

M Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to**

**Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

M Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. *Mark 16:16; John 1:12*



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### INTROIT

*Ps 25:1-3; Zech 9:9b*

M To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**C O my God, I trust in You;**

M Let me not be ashamed;

**C Let not my enemies triumph over me.**

M Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed;

**C Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.**

M Behold, your King is coming to you;

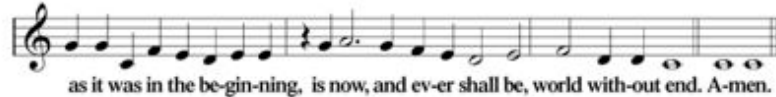
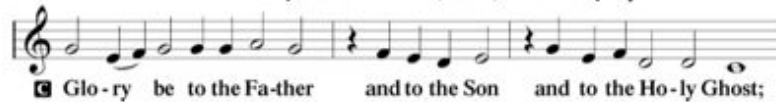
**C He is just and having salvation,**

M Lowly and riding on a donkey,

**C A colt, the foal of a donkey.**

M Glory be to God...

### GLORIA PATRI ~ Glory to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit



KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

M The Lord be with you.

Luke 1:28

C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray ... one God, now and forever,

FIRST LESSON

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

- Oh, that You would rend the heavens!  
That You would come down!  
That the mountains might shake at Your presence—
- 2 As fire burns brushwood,  
As fire causes water to boil—  
To make Your name known to Your adversaries,  
*That* the nations may tremble at Your presence!
- 3 When You did awesome things *for which* we did not look,  
You came down,  
The mountains shook at Your presence.
- 4 For since the beginning of the world  
*Men* have not heard nor perceived by the ear,  
Nor has the eye seen any God besides You,  
Who acts for the one who waits for Him.
- 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,  
*Who* remembers You in Your ways.  
You are indeed angry, for we have sinned—  
In these ways we continue;  
And we need to be saved.
- 6 But we are all like an unclean *thing*,  
And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags;  
We all fade as a leaf,  
And our iniquities, like the wind,  
Have taken us away.
- 7 And *there is* no one who calls on Your name,  
Who stirs himself up to take hold of You;  
For You have hidden Your face from us,  
And have consumed us because of our iniquities.
- 8 But now, O Lord,  
You *are* our Father;  
We *are* the clay, and You our potter;  
And all we *are* the work of Your hand.
- 9 Do not be furious, O Lord,  
Nor remember iniquity forever;  
Indeed, please look—we all *are* Your people!

GRADUAL

*Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of  
Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He *is* just and having  
salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Blessed *is* he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed  
you from the house of the Lord. Hallelujah!



C Halle - lu - jah! Halle-lu-jah! Halle-lu - - jah!

GOSPEL LESSON

M And this is eternal life, that we know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. *(rise)*



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

**Mark 11:1-10**

Now when they drew near Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples; <sup>2</sup> and He said to them, “Go into the village opposite you; and as soon as you have entered it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it and bring *it*. <sup>3</sup> And if anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it,’ and immediately he will send it here.”

<sup>4</sup> So they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door outside on the street, and they loosed it. <sup>5</sup> But some of those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, loosing the colt?”

<sup>6</sup> And they spoke to them just as Jesus had commanded. So they let them go. <sup>7</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. <sup>8</sup> And many spread their clothes on the road, and others cut down leafy branches from the trees and spread *them* on the road. <sup>9</sup> Then those who went before and those who followed cried out, saying:

“Hosanna!

‘Blessed is *He who comes in the name of the Lord!*’

<sup>10</sup> Blessed is the kingdom of our father David  
That comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest!”

M These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, we may have life in His name.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

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**

**WS 701**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

**SERMON**

**Psalm 24:7-10**

- 7 Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 Who *is* this King of glory?  
The Lord strong and mighty,  
The Lord mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
Lift up, you everlasting doors!  
And the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
He *is* the King of glory.

**Who Is This King of Glory?**

1. Why do you ask?
2. Why should I tell you?
3. Why, its the LORD of hosts!  
He is the King of Glory!

**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 Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the  
joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free Spir-it. A-men.

## HYMN

TLH 73:1–4 (second tune)

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs,

*brief silence*

We pray for our synod, especially for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. Dear Lord, bless and direct us by the power of Your Word. Supply and equip us with faithful pastors and teachers that the way might be prepared for Your coming. Likewise, supply and equip us with faithful lay workers and lay leaders that the work of the ministry would be supported by likeminded believers. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our congregation. Dear Lord, bless and direct us by the power of Your Word. Enlighten us by Your Spirit that we would ever treasure Your word and sacraments. Support this ministry by moving the hearts of Your people to give freely of their time, talents, and treasures, and cause all that we do to bring forth fruit and multiply. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our hearts. Dear Lord, bless and direct us by the power of Your Word. Help us to ponder anew, the miracle of Your coming in the flesh and to dedicate our hearts to hearing Your word and proclaiming Your birth this season. Bring us to humility and repentance for our sins; give us faith to trust in You for forgiveness; and lead us to live holy lives for You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our government. Dear Lord, bless and direct us by Your power and mercy. Guide those who make, administer, and interpret our laws. Use our leaders to protect us from harm, to uphold civic righteousness in our land, and to defend the lives of the innocent and those not yet born. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick or suffering. Dear Lord, bless and direct us by the power of Your Word. Teach those who suffer to bear their afflictions without complaint and to cast their care upon You, knowing You care for them. In the midst of trouble, be their Rock and in Your time and good purpose, grant them relief and healing. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend these prayers and those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy. In which mercy 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!**

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 A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

CLOSING HYMN

**WS 725:4**

*No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet*

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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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