



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Christmas 2 January 4, 2015

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom;
and the grace of God was upon Him. *Lk 2:40*

A Service of Word and Sacrament

Setting adapted from TLH p.15 – the Order of Holy Communion

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)

NOTE TO VISITORS: Accepting the Lord's Supper at our congregation is a profession of agreement with all the doctrines we confess (1 Cor. 10:17; 1 Cor. 11:27f). Because we don't want you to bind yourself to a confession you don't understand or agree with, we ask that if you are not a members of a CLC congregation, you first meet with the pastor before coming to communion today. You can read about our practice of close communion in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding. Please feel free to talk with the pastor after the service.

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 66, forepart of TLH p.136

OPENING HYMN

TLH 77:1-3,7-8

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

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

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and

sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

- M Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*



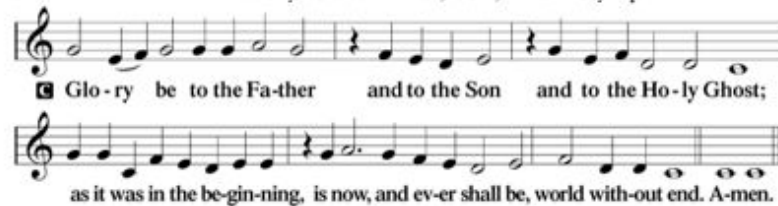
C A - - - men

INTROIT

Ps 147:1, 5, 11-12; Jn 1:14

- M Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God;
C **For it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful.**
M Great is our Lord, and mighty in power;
C **His understanding is infinite.**
M The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
C **In those who hope in His mercy.**
M Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!
C **Praise your God, O Zion!**
M And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,
C **the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.**
M To God all praise and glory...

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



KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy

Mark 16:47



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.



C A - - - men.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:4-15

⁴ Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

⁶ And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷ Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹ Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing.

¹¹ Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹² behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. ¹⁴ So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

GRADUAL

Is. 9:6; Ps. 98:1a

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things. 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!

Luke 2:40–52

⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously."

⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them.

⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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 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.
 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 387:1-5

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

SERMON ~ based on the Gospel lesson of the day

Luke 2:40-52

Grow Up With the Boy Jesus

1. In the wisdom of the 3rd commandment
 – subject to His heavenly Father
2. In the wisdom of the 4th commandment
 – subject to His earthly parents

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

Philippians 4:7

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 pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



HYMN

TLH 387:6-10

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God Most High, with a wisdom which surpasses all understanding You have redeemed us and brought us into Your gracious kingdom. Grant to Your Church the wisdom and courage to extend her resources and efforts for the gospel as a beacon to those who sit in darkness and an everlasting light to those who believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, in Your surpassing wisdom and knowledge You have created the world and direct it in the same. Grant such humility to our leaders that they would be willing to forfeit riches and power in order to seek Your counsel and blessing. Direct all things toward Your good purpose, for justice, and for the furtherance of the gospel. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, in Your wisdom You have blessed us with another year of grace. Teach us not to be haughty or presumptuous in our outlook, but to call upon You for daily forgiveness and guidance. Teach parents to be wise and patient in dealing with their children and give children a respect and submission to their parents. Be with us in our government, in our work places, in our families, in our marriages, in our parenting, in our school work, and in our worship life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, in Your wisdom You bring us hardships and pain, teaching us to trust in You in every need. Grant to those who are sick or hospitalized the tender care of Your mercy. Bless doctors, nurses and medical staff with a measure of wisdom in rightly assessing and treating the needs of their patients. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we come to Your holy table to eat the body and drink the blood of our Lord and Savior. Let Your grace be upon us that we may come as welcome guests to the banquet of the Lamb. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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!



A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.



C **And with thy spir - it.**

M Lift up your hearts.



C **We lift them up un-to the Lord**

M Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

M It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto You, holy Father; almighty, everlasting God, for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory, that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may be drawn to love that which is not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud 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;



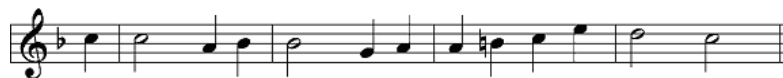
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san - na,



Ho - san - na, Ho-sanna in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,



Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, Ho-san- na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.'

M The peace of the Lord be with you always!



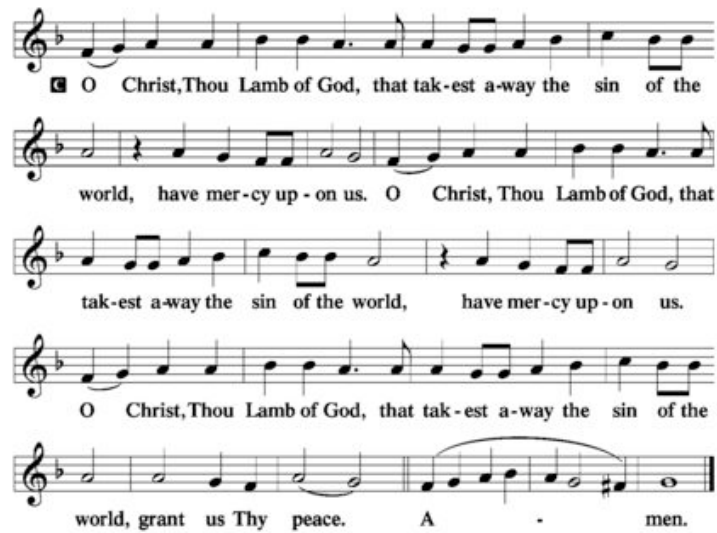
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AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



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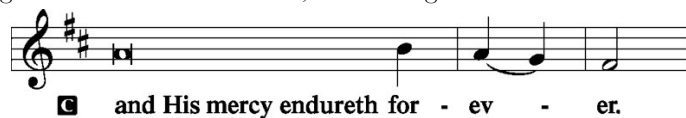
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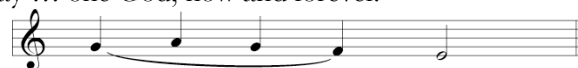
THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1

M Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good



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



C A - - - men.

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

TLH 77:13-15

All My Heart This Night Rejoices

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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. We hope to see you again!

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