



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!  
**Baptism of Jesus Jan. 18, 2015**

“You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

*Lk 2:40*

**A Service of Word, Baptism,  
and the Lord’s Supper**

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

INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

Minister (M) Whether as infants or later in life, our lives as Christians have their source in the Word of God as it is proclaimed and as it is given in Holy Baptism.

**Congreg. (C) Here in the water God Himself has visited and called us into His very own eternal name.**

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

**C Amen.**

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 749:1)

**Come to living Word and water;  
Come, as throngs to Jordan came.  
Heed the call of faith’s Creator:  
“Be Baptized in Triune Name!”  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who are baptized and believe,  
From the Father, Son and Spirit  
Everlasting life receive.**

RESPONSIVE OPENING

*from Luther’s Large Catechism*

M In the first place, we must above all things know well the words on which Baptism is founded. Everything refers to these words that must be said on the subject. The Lord Christ says in Matthew 20:19:

**C “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

- M From this now learn a proper understanding of the subject and how to answer the question of what Baptism is.
- C It is not mere ordinary water, but water comprehended in God's Word and commanded and sanctified by them.**
- M In the second place, since we know what Baptism is and how it is to be regarded, we must also learn why and for what purpose it is instituted.
- C For this also we cannot find a better resource than Christ's words, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." Therefore, state it most simply in this way: the power, work, profit, fruit, and purpose of Baptism is this – to save.**
- M We know that to be saved is nothing other than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil.
- C It means to enter into Christ's kingdom, and to live with Him forever.**
- M So you see plainly that there is no work done here by us, but a treasure, which God gives us and faith grasps.
- C It is like the benefit of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross, which is not a work, but a treasure included in the Word. It is offered to us and received by faith.**

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 749:2):

**Come for peace and consolation;  
Find release from ways depraved.  
Hear the joyous proclamation:  
"You, by baptism, now are saved!"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who are baptized and believe,  
From the Father, Son and Spirit  
Everlasting life receive.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- M The Christian life is forever a return to Baptism.
- C Daily we are called to die to sin and rise to new life in Jesus Christ.**
- M As baptized believers, Christ sends us into our everyday callings to serve Him by loving our neighbor.
- C As fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, parents and children, teachers and students, employers and employees, in every walk of life we are called to be Christ's man, Christ's woman, Christ's child, each in our own calling.**
- M Christ gave Himself for us on the cross.
- C Under His cross, we are called to give ourselves in love for others.**
- M Yet, even as we say it, our words accuse us,

**C for we know we have often failed to love as we are called.**

M We return then to our Baptism to drown the sinful nature by confessing:

**C Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting.**

M Hear God's own promise as from Christ Himself, and receive the forgiveness He won for you by His passion, death, and resurrection. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called servant of Christ the living Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 749:3):

**Come for Christ's regeneration;  
His perfection you will wear.  
Share the Christian expectation,  
For, by faith, you live as heir!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who are baptized and believe,  
From the Father, Son and Spirit  
Everlasting life receive.**

M The Lord be with you.

*Luke 1:28*

**C And also with you.**

## A WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD

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*For as many as have been baptized into Christ  
have been clothed with Christ. Galatians 3:27*

## COMMON PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

M I now invite the assembly to share in this sonship through faith in Christ Jesus by renouncing the devil and confessing our baptismal faith responsively,

M Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

**C Yes, I do renounce them.**

M Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

M Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C Yes, 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.**

M Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C **Yes, 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.**

## FIRST LESSON

### Genesis 1:1–5

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw the light, that *it was* good; and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day.

## SECOND LESSON

### Romans 6:1–11

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? <sup>3</sup>Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <sup>7</sup>For he who has died has been freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, <sup>9</sup>knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <sup>10</sup>For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## GRADUAL

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord *endures* forever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Give to the Lord the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. 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 1:4–11

<sup>4</sup>John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. <sup>5</sup>Then all the land of Judea, and those from Jerusalem, went out to him and were all baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

<sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair and with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. <sup>8</sup>I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>It came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>Then a voice came from heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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!

## HYMN

TLH 134 (red hymnal)

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

SERMON ~ based on the Gospel lesson of the day

Mark 1:4-11

### A Great Ex—"CHANGE" Happens In Water

1. Plunged into the water as a dying sinner
2. Arising from the water as a Beloved Son

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  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

**HYMN**

**WS 760** (tan hymnal)

*Oh, Love, How Deep*

**GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

O Triune God, almighty LORD, You have revealed Yourself through Your relationship with Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. In Him and through His cross and resurrection we are redeemed and made new. Today we pray especially for Your Holy Spirit, that He would descend upon us in the Gospel, enlighten us with His gifts, strengthen and keep us in the true faith until life everlasting.

O Holy Spirit, descend upon us in the Gospel. Anoint your chosen men in the work of John the Baptist, the work of baptizing, calling to repentance, and proclaiming the forgiveness of sins for Jesus sake. For those congregations which are in need of a pastor, guide their call meetings to select the man whom You have chosen and direct the hearts of pastors to consider their calls carefully that through Your guidance they would know and do Your will.

O Holy Spirit, enlighten us with Your gifts. Renew our baptismal covenant within us as You fill us with right knowledge of Your Word and lead us to repent of our sins, to trust in Your promises and the hope of everlasting life, and to bear fruits which serve our God and our neighbor. Bring forth those fruits of righteousness in each vocation. As parents and children, lead us to submit to our responsibilities with all love and joy. As fellow Christians, lead us to deal with one another in peace and patience. As employees, lead us to be kind and good to our fellow workers and employer. As citizens, lead us to be faithful to those who have authority over us and gentle toward those we interact with in our day to day life. As Christians, lead us to exercise self-control and not be carried about our passions and impatience. Enlighten us with your gifts.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen us in the true faith. You have committed to us the ministry of the gospel and so we pray in confidence that You would see it through to the end. We give you thanks, O God for moving our hearts to respond to the needs and responsibilities of our congregation. We praise Your name for making up the deficit of our mortgage payments and pray that You would continue to watch over our finances in this new year. Strengthen us to treasure this fellowship and to be willing to sacrifice all that we might follow you and support this fellowship. We know it is only through Your grace that we would be granted such a selfless heart.

So also, strengthen those who are weak, and uplift those who are in downtrodden. Grant an increase in wisdom and faith to those who are suffering illness or pain and teach them to trust in Your good purpose and divine time table. Thank you, O Spirit for giving us true faith and so strengthen us collectively in our knowledge of Jesus Christ.

And finally, O Holy Spirit, keep us in true faith until life everlasting. We are confident that the gift You have given us in holy baptism will be kept safe as Your own special treasure until the end when You will raise us and all the dead and give to us and all believers in Christ eternal life. In the name of Jesus our Savior, in whose name we also 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!**



## 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.’

### PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

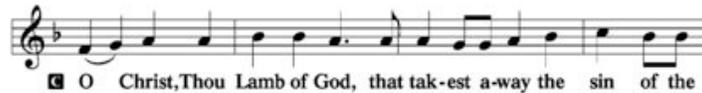
M The peace of the Lord be with you always!



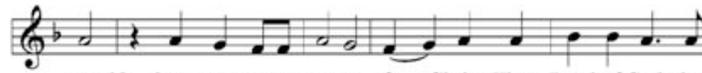
**A - men.**

### AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

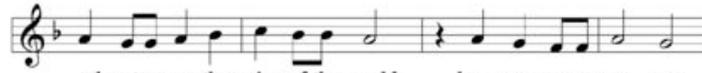
*John 1:29*



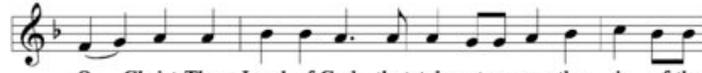
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the**



**world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that**



**tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.**



**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the**



**world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.**



### DISTRIBUTION



### NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Now Let Us Depart (Song of Simeon)

*Luke 2:29-32*



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

*Psalm 107:1*

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



**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

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

**WS 751**

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It*

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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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Minister: Pr. David Pfeiffer