



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Epiphany 3 January 25, 2015

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.” *Mk 1:15*

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 95, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING HYMN

TLH 278 (to the tune *Firm Foundation*, TLH 427)

Delay not, Delay Not

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

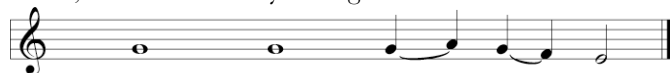
M Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



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*



C A - - - men

INTROIT

Ps 113:1-2, 4, 7-8, 3

M Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,
C Praise the name of the Lord!
M Blessed be the name of the Lord
C From this time forth and forevermore!
M The Lord is high above all nations,
C His glory above the heavens.
M He raises the poor out of the dust,
C And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,
M That He may seat him with princes—
C With the princes of His people.
M From the rising of the sun to its going down
C The Lord's name is to be praised.
M Glory be to God...

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

G Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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,

C A - - - men.

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1–5,10

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,
²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey *in extent*.⁴ And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. ...

¹⁰ Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29–35

²⁹ But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none,³⁰ those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess,³¹ and those who use this world as not misusing *it*. For the form of this world is passing away.

³² But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord.³³ But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please *his* wife.³⁴ There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please *her* husband.³⁵ And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction.

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!

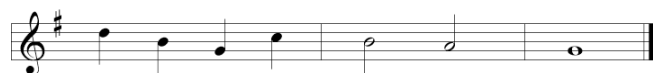
Give to the Lord the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. Hallelujah!



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

GOSPEL LESSON (rise)

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Mark 1:14–20

¹⁴ Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

¹⁶ And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸ They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

¹⁹ When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also *were* in the boat mending their nets. ²⁰ And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

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

TLH 270

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

SERMON ~ based on the Gospel lesson of the day

Mark 1:14-20

**The Call of Jesus Leads Us
to Drop What We're Doing
and Follow Him**

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 421

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church of God, that through the preaching of Law and Gospel, we would repent of our sins and believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ministers of the Gospel, that they would carry out their work diligently and faithfully, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our pastor as he considers his present call against the call extended from our brethren in Lynnwood, that he the Spirit would grant him an open and understanding heart, and lead him to recognize the will of God for the good of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our congregation that we would trust in the will of God for our future and the future of God's kingdom and that God would renew in us a love and dedication to the fellowship of the saints at Ascension, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Redemption in Lynwood, Washington, that they would trust in the will of God as they await His will and that God would watch over their flock during the present vacancy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those oppressed by the devil and his evil works, those who suffer from depression, doubt and disease, that God would free them from their bondage and comfort them with His grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick or hospitalized [especially _____], that God would strengthen and heal those whom He will and give courage and support to those near the end of their life in this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are homebound and alone, that God would comfort them with His holy Word and that those who visit them would support and encourage them with God's love and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all disciples of Christ, that God would make us His faithful people in every vocation, going where He would have us go and doing the work to which He has called us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Church's witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, that our efforts in personal evangelism would be renewed and that the catch of souls would be great as we tell others about Jesus, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name 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 770

I Hear the Savior Calling

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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!

Participating in this Service of the Word

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