



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**Epiphany 4      February 1, 2015**

And they were astonished at His teaching,  
for He taught them as one having authority.

*Mk 1:22a,b*

**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 111, forepart of TLH p.147

OPENING HYMN

**TLH 16**

*Blessed Jesus at Thy Word*

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**

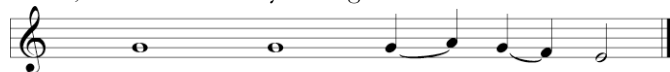
M Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.



**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 32:1-2,5-7,10

M Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

**C Whose sin is covered.**

M Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity,

**C And in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

M I acknowledged my sin to You,

**C And my iniquity I have not hidden.**

M I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"

**C And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

M For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You

**C In a time when You may be found;**

M Surely in a flood of great waters

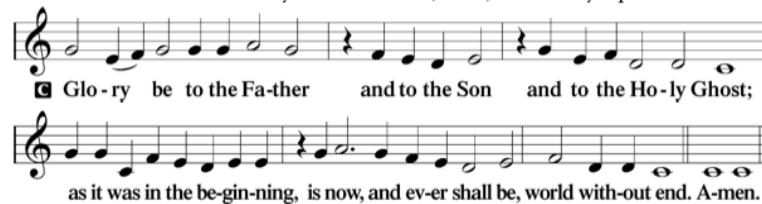
**C They shall not come near him.**

M You are my hiding place;

**C You shall preserve me from trouble;**

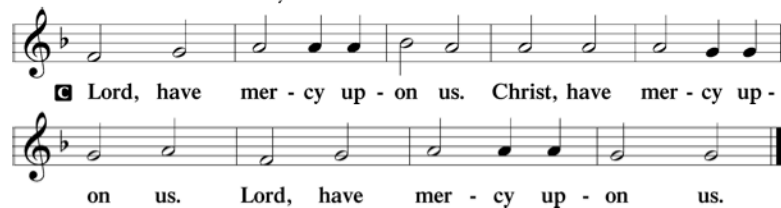
M You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Glory be to God...

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



# KYRIE ~ Lord Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



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

### Deuteronomy 18:15–20

<sup>15</sup> “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, <sup>16</sup> according to all you desired of the Lord your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’

<sup>17</sup> “And the Lord said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good. <sup>18</sup> I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. <sup>19</sup> And it shall be *that* whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require *it* of him. <sup>20</sup> But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’

## SECOND LESSON

### 1 Corinthians 8:1–13

Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. <sup>2</sup> And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know. <sup>3</sup> But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one. <sup>5</sup> For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), <sup>6</sup> yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

<sup>7</sup> However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup> But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

<sup>9</sup> But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. <sup>10</sup> For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? <sup>11</sup> And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? <sup>12</sup> But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

## 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 1:21-28

<sup>21</sup> Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup> And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

<sup>23</sup> Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

<sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"

<sup>26</sup> And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. <sup>27</sup> Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine *is* this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." <sup>28</sup> And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

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

WS 763

*At the Name of Jesus*

SERMON ~ based on Gospel Lesson of the Day

Mark 1:21–28

### Jesus Casts Out Unclean Spirits With His Word

1. The evil spirits in the Church
2. The evil spirits in our lives

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

TLH 262

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## 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!



## 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, and now we praise You that You have sent Your only-begotten Son and that, being found in appearance as a man, You have made known the fullness of Your glory. 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*

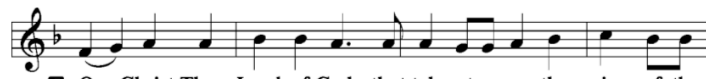
M The peace of the Lord be with you always!



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 de - part in peace ac -  
cord-ing to Thy word. for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation.  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

## THANKSGIVING

*Psalm 107:1*

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

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 761**

*In You Is Gladness*

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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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