



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Passion 2 March 1, 2015

“Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross, and follow Me.” *Mk 8:34b*

A Service of Word and Sacrament

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: Prayers In Time of Affliction #34, forepart of TLH p.105

OPENING HYMN

TLH 178

We Sing the Praise of Him who Died

INVOCATION AND ABSOLUTION

Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:5b-2

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

Congregation (C, spoken) Amen.

M God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

M If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

M Let us pray.

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. Amen.

M Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C Amen.

♪ Sing (w intro. TLH 146:3):

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer,
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

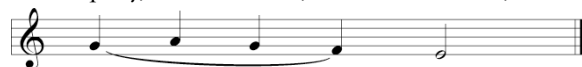
M The Lord be with you.

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

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I *am* Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ²And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with

him, saying: ⁴“As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ...

¹⁵Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall be* her name. ¹⁶And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a *mother of nations*; kings of peoples shall be from her.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 22:23–31

- ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him!
All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
- ²⁴ For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted;
Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard.
- ²⁵ My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him.
- ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the Lord.
Let your heart live forever!
- ²⁷ All the ends of the world
Shall remember and turn to the Lord,
And all the families of the nations
Shall worship before You.
- ²⁸ For the kingdom *is* the Lord's,
And He rules over the nations.
- ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth
Shall eat and worship;
All those who go down to the dust
Shall bow before Him,
Even he who cannot keep himself alive.
- ³⁰ A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation,
- ³¹ They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
That He has done *this*.

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 8:27–38

²⁷ Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

²⁸ So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some *say*, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

³⁰ Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴ When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸ For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”

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 760

Oh, Love, How Deep

SERMON

Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope.⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Access to a Hope that Will Not Disappoint

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

Philippians 4:7

OFFERTORY

Psalms 51:10-12

■ 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 373:1-6

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Knowing Christ Jesus has denied Himself, taken up the cross in our sins, risen, and become Lord and Mediator to God on our behalf, let us pray for all people, especially for this fellowship we share in the Gospel, in His name.

Brief Silence.

For the fellowship of baptism that the Church would anchor herself in this unchanging water and word for her identity and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For the fellowship of our confession that the Church would make known outwardly what is true of her inwardly, removing all offenses and false doctrine and raising up pastors and teachers, with undivided voice, proclaim the truth of the Gospel and administer the Sacraments in their purity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For the fellowship of Holy Communion that those who gather in the fellowship of our Lord's body and blood would be united concerning the depravity of their sinfulness and the fullness of Christ's salvation and so with one mind and one mouth share in this peace with God and with one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For the fellowship of this ministry that the Holy Spirit would remove all anger, bitterness, self-interests, misunderstandings, impatience, pride and schisms and work instead a spirit of love, forgiveness, sacrifice, understanding, patience, lowliness, and unity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For our nation that God would promote what is morally right and make us thankful for the least of all His blessings, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are mentally ill that God's Spirit would overcome every difficulty of mind and serve what is needed for the heart the message of Christ crucified and risen for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are sick and dying that they would find hope in promise of the resurrection and if it be God's will that they be delivered from their illness and renewed in body and health, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord have mercy.**

For these and all who have requested our prayers we call upon that one mediator, our God and fellow Man, Jesus Christ, in whose name we also 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 also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, who on the tree of the cross gave salvation to all mankind, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, might likewise by this tree be overcome. 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.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

C **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 **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 373:7

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

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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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