



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Passion 5

March 22, 2015

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served,
but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Mk 10:45

A Service of the Word

TLH (hymns 1-660) is the RED book, WS (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book
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Preservice Devotion: Prayer for Humility (#70), forepart of TLH p.109

OPENING HYMN

TLH 166

Savior, When in Dust to Thee

INVOCATION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Congregation (C, spoken) Amen.

Matthew 28:19

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

1 John 1:5b-2

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 ours 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.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

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 Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—
³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. ³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be

My people. ³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:9–16

M How can a young man cleanse his way?

C By taking heed according to Your word.

M With my whole heart I have sought You;

C Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

M Your word I have hidden in my heart,

C That I might not sin against You.

M Blessed are You, O Lord!

C Teach me Your statutes.

M With my lips I have declared

C All the judgments of Your mouth.

M I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,

C As much as in all riches.

M I will meditate on Your precepts,

C And contemplate Your ways.

M I will delight myself in Your statutes;

C I will not forget Your word.

GOSPEL LESSON (rise)

M Lord, sanctify us by Your truth;

C Your Word is truth. Amen.

Mark 10:35–45

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?"

³⁷ They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory."

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

³⁹ They said to Him, "We are able."

So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is prepared."

⁴¹ And when the ten heard *it*, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John. ⁴² But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall

be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

M O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

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 170

O Perfect Life of Love!

SERMON

Hebrews 5:1–10

For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. ³ Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. ⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, *but it* was He who said to Him: “*You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.*”

⁶ As *He* also *says* in another *place*: “*You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek*”;

⁷ who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, ⁸ though He was a Son, *yet* He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. ⁹ And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, ¹⁰ called by God as High Priest “according to the order of Melchizedek,”

The High Priest Mediates God's Relationship with His People

1. Aaron Mediated God's Relationship with the Children of Israel
2. Melchizedek Mediated God's Relationship with Abraham
3. Jesus Mediates God's Eternal Relationship with All Who Submit to God Through Him

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Amen. *Philippians 4:7*

OFFERTORY

Psalm 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 220

Jesus, My Great High Priest

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for this congregation and for all people according to their needs,
Brief silence.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You are our Great High Priest, and it is through You that we have confidence toward God in time of need. Offer these prayers to the throne of our heavenly Father on our behalf.

For the gospel of forgiveness, that our Lord would mediate His acceptable sacrifice to God on our behalf, returning to us with peace and forgiveness from God, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For this ministry of the Word, that our Lord would mediate His living and powerful Word among us, sharper than any double-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intents of the heart, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the preaching of the Word, that our Lord would use the office of preaching to mediate His Word in its saving truth and righteousness, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For the hearing of the Word, that we would receive the Word of God in faith, allowing it to expose what is wrong within us and declare what is right in Christ Jesus for the saving of souls, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For submission to the Word, that our Lord would join us to His sufferings and sacrifice, so we might live not for ourselves, but for God and neighbor, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For fruits of the Word, that our Lord would mediate His blessings through His Holy Spirit leading us to bear fruits that display our faith in God and love for one another, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For health, peace, and security, that our Lord would mediate His divine rule over all things for our good, removing all that ails us where it is His will, and where it is not, giving us strength to endure it, always teaching us to trust in Him alone for good things and be thankful, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

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 Amen.

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!

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