



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Resurrection 3 April 19, 2015

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)

VISITORS: Because our Lord urges us to “all speak the same thing” and that “there be no divisions among us,” we kindly ask those who are not confirmed in fellowship with the CLC to meet with the pastor before communing at the altar. We want you to be sure you are in agreement with our teaching and confession so that we can rejoice in unison in this gift of fellowship. You can read about our practice of close communion in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. Thank you for your understanding. Please do talk with the pastor after the service. (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29)

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 95, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING HYMN

TLH 205 (red hymnal)

The Day of Resurrection

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

Congreg. (C) Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. *1 John 1:8-9*

M Let us then draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment, for we have not loved You above all things and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

M Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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 Amen.

INTROIT

from Psalm 30; Psalm 16

M I will extol You, O Lord, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me. Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, And give

thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning. In His presence is fullness of joy; At His right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 Lord have mercy upon us.

C Christ have mercy upon us.

M Lord have mercy upon us.

C Amen.

GLORIA CHRISTI ~ Glory to Christ

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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

1 John 3:1-7

Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

⁴Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

GRADUAL (rise)

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead. Behold, I have told you.” Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

He was made a little lower than the angels; yet He is crowned with glory and honor. He has been given dominion over the works of God’s hands; all things have been put under his feet. Hallelujah!

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 190:7)



Christ, our pas - chal Lamb in - deed, all your ran - somed peo - ple feed;



take our sin and guilt a - way; let us sing by night and day:



Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL LESSON

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

John 17:3



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord!

Luke 24:36–49

³⁶Now as they said these things, Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” ³⁷But they were terrified and frightened, and supposed they had seen a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

⁴⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?” ⁴²So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. ⁴³And He took *it* and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then He said to them, “These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning

Me.” ⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

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. *John 20:31*



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 733 (tan hymnal)

This Joyful Eastertide

SERMON

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹ Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. ¹² So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people:

“Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”

¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ “Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. ¹⁸ But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Feel the Relief as God Gets You to Open Up

1. As he opens your mind to the Scriptures
2. As he opens your heart to Christ
3. As he opens your whole self to the restoration of Christ's return

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



■ 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 195 (red hymnal)

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver, and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.'

M As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

M Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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!**

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God *"This is the Feast of Victory," based on Revelation 5*



2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion,
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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M Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

M Let us pray together,

O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for Your resurrection, for through it You have given us new birth into a living hope. Grant that, having heard Your Word and received Your body and blood, we would grow in knowing You and the power of Your resurrection. Make us to walk in Your Spirit, that everything we know, everything we say, and everything we do, may be conformed to the image of Your endless life. Hear us, for You live to intercede before the Father in the Holy Spirit, who alone are one God, now and forever. 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 207:2,6 (red hymnal)

Like the Golden Sun Ascending

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