



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors
through Him who loved us.

Romans 8:37

A Service of the Word

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 46, forepart of TLH p.134

OPENING HYMN

TLH 231 (red hymnal)

We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

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, 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 in Jesus Christ He gives the right to become children of God
and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this
good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus
Christ. *John 1:12; Philippians 1:6*

**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

Genesis 22:1–18

Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!"

And he said, "Here I am."

² Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

³ So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴ Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵ And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

⁶ So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of

them went together. ⁷ But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, “My father!”

And he said, “Here I am, my son.”

Then he said, “Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?”

⁸ And Abraham said, “My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering.” So the two of them went together.

⁹ Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. ¹⁰ And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

¹¹ But the Angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!”

So he said, “Here I am.”

¹² And He said, “Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me.”

¹³ Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, “In the Mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

¹⁵ Then the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, ¹⁶ and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son* —¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

¹⁸ In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

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!

John 15:9–17

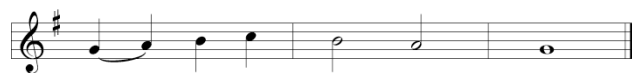
⁹ “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

¹² This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, that you love one another.

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 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 262 (red hymnal)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

SERMON

Romans 8:31–39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

*“For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”*

³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christ We are Super-Conquerers

1. We can be opposed, but we can’t be defeated
2. We can be accused, but we can’t be condemned.
3. We can be persecuted for Jesus’ sake,
but we can’t be separated from Jesus’ love.

*adapted from a sermon by Pastor Paul Naumann,
originally delivered to the 2012 CLC Convention*

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 528:1-6 (red hymnal)

If God Himself Be for Me

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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 528:15 (red hymnal)

If God Himself Be for Me

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Participating in this Service of the Word

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