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ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Pentecost 10 August 2, 2015

Taste and See that the LORD is Good

4 part sermon series based on the Feeding of the 5000 and Bread of Life Discourse

- 7/19 Taste His Abundance and See that He is Good (Mk. 6)
- 8/2 Taste His Bread and See that He is Good (Jn. 6:22-35)
- 8/16 Taste His Grace and See that He is Good (Jn. 6:35-51)
- 8/23 Taste His Word and Say that He is Good (Jn. 6:51-69)

A Service of Word and Sacrament

Setting from WS p.12 – Service of Word and Sacrament, Setting 2
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 Scripture tells us that those who partake of the “one bread” are “one body” and then urges us to “all speak the same thing,” we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC first meet with the pastor before communing at the altar. We want to share this blessing with you and to do so on the basis of a united faith. The pastor would be happy to meet with you to explain our teachings and practice. You can read more 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: TLH 366 (red hymnal), *One Thing's Needful; Lord, This Treasure*

OPENING HYMN

TLH 27 (red hymnal)

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

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 We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, My Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest Luke 2:14; Revelation 5:8-14

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

C **Amen**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

²Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat *and* when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in My law or not. ⁵And it shall be on the sixth day that they shall prepare what they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily."

⁶Then Moses and Aaron said to all the children of Israel, "At evening you shall know that the Lord has brought you out of the land of Egypt.

⁷And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord; for He hears your complaints against the Lord. But what *are* we, that you complain against us?" ⁸Also Moses said, "*This shall be seen* when the Lord gives you meat to

eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the Lord hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what *are* we? Your complaints *are* not against us but against the Lord.”

⁹ Then Moses spoke to Aaron, “Say to all the congregation of the children of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your complaints.’ ” ¹⁰ Now it came to pass, as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

¹¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹² “I have heard the complaints of the children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I *am* the Lord your God.’ ”

¹³ So it was that quails came up at evening and covered the camp, and in the morning the dew lay all around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the layer of dew lifted, there, on the surface of the wilderness, was a small round substance, *as* fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ So when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it *was*.

And Moses said to them, “This *is* the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.”

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively* from Psalm 145; John 6:68

M All Your works shall praise You, O Lord, And Your saints shall bless You.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M The Lord upholds all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M The eyes of all look expectantly to You, And You give them their food in due season.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M The Lord is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

M He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

C Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

John 6:22–35

²² On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone—²³ however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks—²⁴ when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and

were filled. ²⁷ Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.”

²⁸ Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?”

²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.”

³⁰ Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘*He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*’”

³² Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

³⁵ And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

M Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Luke 11:28

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

John 20:31

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

TLH 473 (red hymnal)

The Church's One Foundation

SERMON ~ based on today's Gospel lesson

John 6:22–35
4 part sermon series: "Taste and See that the LORD is Good"
Taste His Bread and See that He is Good

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

C: 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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

HYMN

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Almighty and Everlasting God, You are worthy to be worshiped and respected
by all people.

We thank You for the many blessings You have given us.

We aren't worthy and don't deserve it;

still, You have blessed us both temporally and spiritually.

We especially praise You that You have preserved Your pure and saving Word
and Sacraments.

**And we pray, O Lord: preserve and extend Your Kingdom of Grace
among us.**

Grant to Your Holy Church throughout the world pure teaching. Bless us with
pastors who preach Your word faithfully.

Help all who hear to understand and believe.

Send forth laborers into Your harvest,

**and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and also unto Your
people.**

In mercy, remember the enemies of Your Church,

and lead them to repentance.

Be the Protector and Defender of Your people in every tribulation and danger.

Grant us fellowship and unity together with all who believe that we might
fight the good fight of faith unto the end.

And, at last, receive us into Your eternal salvation.

We commend to You our Christian schools, as well as all schools in our land.

Make all schools nurseries of useful knowledge.

Help parents to instill in their children an appreciation of the gifts which You
have given them

that they may use them wisely.

Help all parents, especially our Christian parents

to appreciate the blessings of our Christian schools.

May parents, by their conduct and teaching,

instill in their children a love for You and Your Word.

Teach them to discern right from wrong

and shield them from the vain philosophies of the world.

Grant that they may grow in the knowledge of their forgiveness in Christ and
the joy of their salvation.

**To that end teach us all to know that the fear of the Lord is the
beginning of wisdom.**

Receive the service and talents with which Your children serve You,

as well as the offerings which we today bring as fruits of faith.

(Special Requests)

Lord Jesus, You call all who labor and are heavy laden; we pray You, let all who partake of this Sacrament today receive Your promise

and so find rest for their souls.

Let Your Church on earth experience Your love at the heavenly feast.

Keep Your children from impenitence and unbelief that no one partake of this holy Sacrament to his judgment.

O Lord, we are strangers and pilgrims on the earth;

so help us to grow in faith, and to live a godly life as we await the peace of the new creation.

According to the various gifts You have given,

grant us a spirit of service within Your Church and toward one another.

When our last hour is come support us by Your grace,

and through the merit of Your Son Jesus Christ receive us into everlasting life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Your Son, and our Lord and Savior

Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, One God forever and ever.

In His name we join to 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 up to the Lord.

M It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, [proper preface] ... Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we 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, a-dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. Sing ho-



san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord; Tru-ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.'

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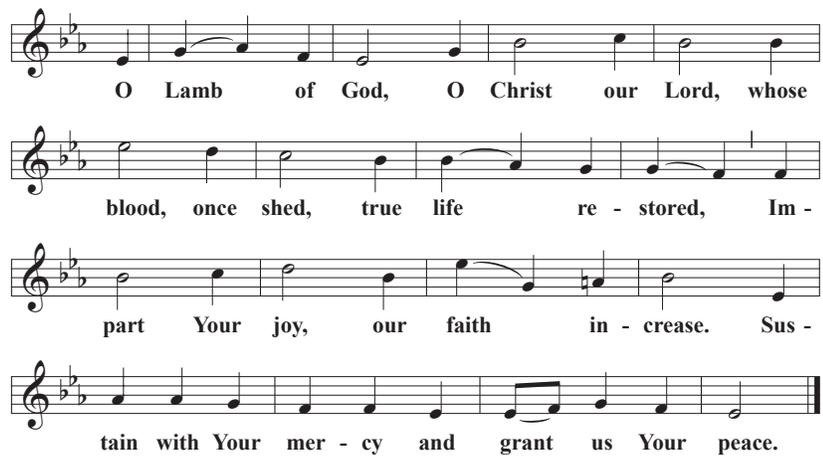
John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
 blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.



DISTRIBUTION



NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Now Let Us Depart (Song of Simeon) Luke 2:29-32



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
 light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THANKSGIVING

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

M Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
 tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
 bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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 48 (red hymnal)

How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word

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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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