



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Pentecost 16 September 13

“If anyone desires to be first,
he shall be last of all and servant of all.” *Mark 9:35b*

A Service of the Word

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)

Preservice Devotion: Prayer #70 For Humility, forepart of TLH p.109

OPENING HYMN

TLH 226:1-5 (red hymnal)

Come, Oh, Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

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

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸ Now the Lord gave me knowledge *of it*, and I know *it*; for You showed me their doings. ¹⁹ But I *was* like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, *saying*, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more.”

²⁰ But, O Lord of hosts,
You who judge righteously,
Testing the mind and the heart,
Let me see Your vengeance on them,
For to You I have revealed my cause.

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalm 54

M Save me, O God, by Your name,

C And vindicate me by Your strength.

M Hear my prayer, O God;

C Give ear to the words of my mouth.

M For strangers have risen up against me, And oppressors have sought after my life;

C They have not set God before them.

M Behold, God is my helper;

C The Lord is with those who uphold my life.

M He will repay my enemies for their evil.

C Cut them off in Your truth.

M I will freely sacrifice to You;

C I will praise Your name, O Lord, for it is good.

M For He has delivered me out of all trouble;

C And my eye has seen its desire upon my enemies.

GOSPEL LESSON *rise if able*

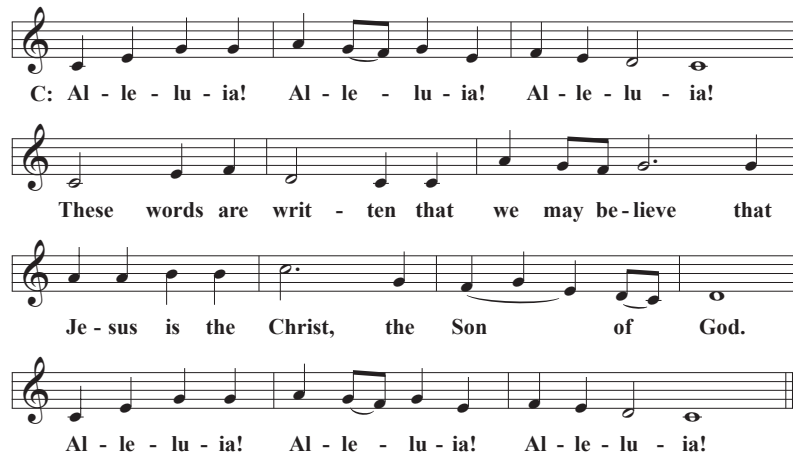
Mark 9:30–37

³⁰ Then they departed from there and passed through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know *it*. ³¹ For He taught His disciples and said to them, “The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.” ³² But they did not understand this saying, and were afraid to ask Him.

³³ Then He came to Capernaum. And when He was in the house He asked them, “What was it you disputed among yourselves on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the road they had disputed among themselves who *would be the greatest*. ³⁵ And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then He took a little child and set him in the midst of them. And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me.”

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

Luke 11:28



John 20:31

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.**

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mr. Chris Hubbard ✚ Ms. Rene Riley

HYMN

WS 753 (tab hymnal)

Let the Children Come to Me

SERMON

James 3:13–4:10

¹³Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual,

demonic. ¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

⁴ Where do wars and fights *come* from among you? Do *they* not *come* from your *desires for* pleasure that war in your members? ²You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. ⁴Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, “The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously”?

⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

“God resists the proud,

But gives grace to the humble.”

⁷Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. ⁹Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

**Humility: Letting God Tear You Down,
So That He Can Lift You Up**

1. Let him tear down your wisdom
2. Let him tear down your ambition
3. Let him tear down your pride

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



HYMN

TLH 430:1-3,6-8 (red hymnal)

What Is the World to Me

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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!

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 226:8-9 (red hymnal)

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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

Music:	M. Kuehne	Lead Usher:	G. Suwanski
Minister:	D. Pfeiffer		