



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation,  
and washed their robes and made them white  
in the blood of the Lamb. *Revelation 7:14*

## All Saints Day

November 1, 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 Scripture tells us that those who share in the “one bread” are “one body” and then warns against condoning “divisions” in the fellowship, 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 in 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 this practice. You can read more about our practice of “close communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entry way. We thank you for your understanding.

1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29

Preservice Devotion: *Psalm 119:41–48 Let Your mercies come also to me, O Lord — Your salvation according to Your word. So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in Your word. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth, For I have hoped in Your ordinances. So shall I keep Your law continually, Forever and ever. And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts. I will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be ashamed. And I will delight myself in Your commandments, Which I love. My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, Which I love, And I will meditate on Your statutes.*

### OPENING PRAYER

Minister (M): O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that by the preaching of Your Word we may be brought to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and in death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ’s sake.

**Congreg. (C) Amen.**

# ENTRANCE HYMN

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" (WS 758:1-2)



1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, Come, O Lord of  
 cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; Come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 Bind - ing all the Church in one, Ho - ly Zi - on's  
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray: And Your full - est  
 help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion Speak with - in these walls to - day.

## 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

*1 John 1*

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

**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.**

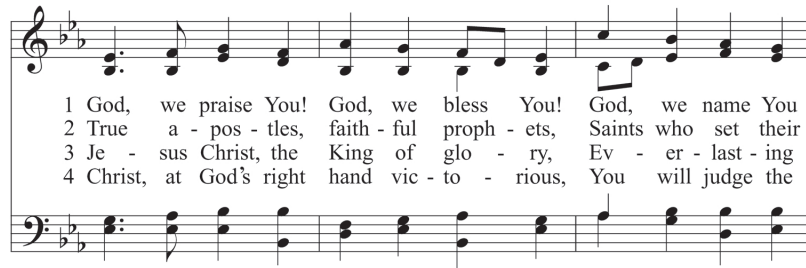
**Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**

M Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for our only, but also for the sins of the whole world. You 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.

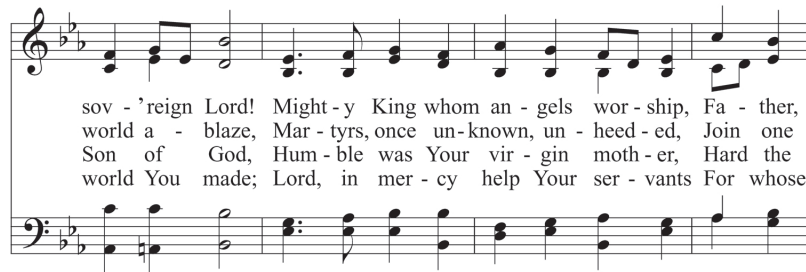
**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

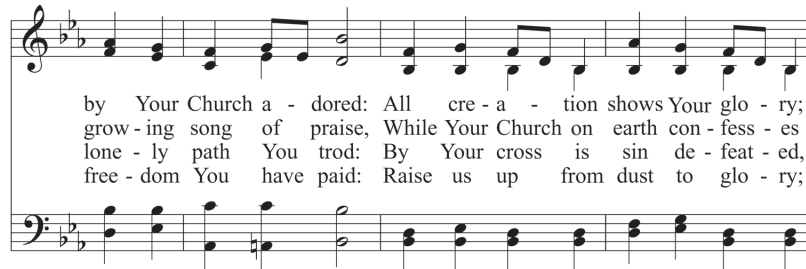
*Te Deum*



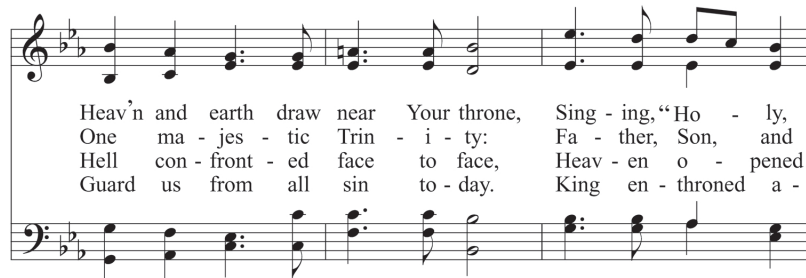
1 God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we name You  
 2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who set their  
 3 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er - last - ing  
 4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will judge the



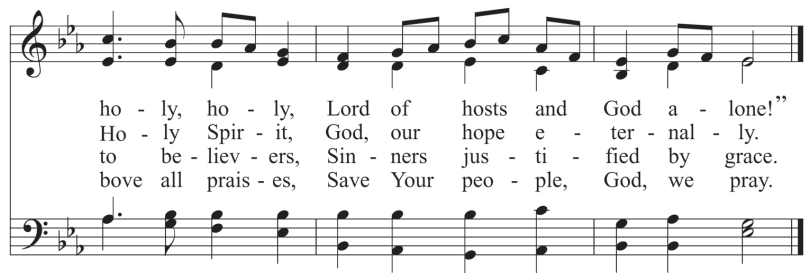
sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther,  
 world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un - heed - ed, Join one  
 Son of God, Hum - ble was Your vir - gin moth - er, Hard the  
 world You made; Lord, in mer - cy help Your ser - vants For whose



by Your Church a - dored: All cre - a - tion shows Your glo - ry;  
 grow - ing song of praise, While Your Church on earth con - fess - es  
 lone - ly path You trod: By Your cross is sin de - feat - ed,  
 free - dom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glo - ry;



Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing, "Ho - ly,  
 One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and  
 Hell con - front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened  
 Guard us from all sin to - day. King en - throned a -



ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.  
 to be - liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.  
 bove all prais - es, Save Your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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

##### 1 John 3:1-3

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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### GRADUAL HYMN *rise if able* "We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost" (TLH 231)

1 We now im-plore God the Ho-ly Ghost,  
2 Shine in our hearts, O most pre-cious Light,  
For the true faith which we need the most,  
That we Je-sus Christ may know a-right,  
That in our last mo-ments he may be-friend us,  
Cling-ing to our Sav-ior, whose blood has bought us,  
And, as home-ward we jour-ney, at-tend us. Lord, have mer-cy!  
Who a-gain to our home-land has brought us. Lord, have mer-cy!

#### GOSPEL LESSON

M In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

##### Matthew 5:1-12

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. <sup>2</sup> Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup> "Blessed *are* the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed *are* those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed *are* the meek,  
For they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.

7 Blessed *are* the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed *are* the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.

9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all  
kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be  
exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they  
persecuted the prophets who were before you.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### PROFESSION OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



**David Windsor**

*Be faithful until death,  
and I will give you the crown of life.*

*Revelation 2:10b*



**Brian Theilgaard**

*He who has begun a good work in you,  
will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*

*Philippians 1:6*

#### PROFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ~ *Rise and Join*

M Do you this day in the presence of God of this congregation, acknowledge the  
gifts given to you by God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ and sealed  
by His Spirit at your baptism?

**C I do.**

M Do you, then renounce the devil?

**C Yes, I do renounce him.**

M Do you renounce all his works?

**C Yes, I do renounce them.**

M Do you renounce all his ways?

**C Yes, I do renounce them.**

M Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

M Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C Yes, 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.**

M Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C Yes, 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.**

#### CATECHUMEN'S VOW

#### BLESSING

#### PRAYERS AND SILENT PRAYER

♪ Sing (a cappella)

**C Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

#### HYMN

**TLH 656** (red hymnal)

*Behold a Host , Arrayed in White*

#### SERMON

**Revelation 7:9–1**

<sup>9</sup>After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”  
<sup>11</sup>All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,  
<sup>12</sup>saying:

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
*Be* to our God forever and ever.  
Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>And I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

So he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. <sup>16</sup>They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

### **See Yourself Among These Unexpected Saints**

- 1) Who are they? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Where do they come from? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Where are they going? \_\_\_\_\_

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

## RESPONSE

“Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word” (LSB 655)

1 Lord, keep us stead-fast in your word; curb those who  
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
 3 O Com-fort-er of price-less worth, send peace and  
 by de-ceipt or sword would wrest the king-dom from your Son  
 Lord of lords a-lone; de-fend your ho-ly church, that we  
 u-ni-ty on earth; sup-port us in our fi-nal strife  
 and bring to naught all he has done.  
 and may sing your praise e-ter-nal-ly.  
 and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
 Music: J. Klag, *Gründliche Lieder*, 1543

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## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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





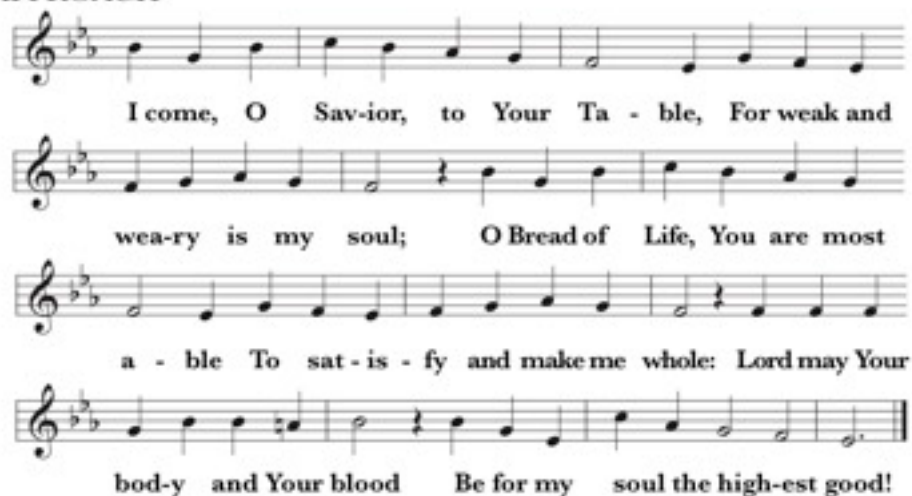
## SELF-EXAMINATION: Heart, Cross, Bread and Wine, Door

**M** Let us give thanks,

It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Together with all the host of heaven we give all glory, honor, and worship to You alone, who with Your Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### APPROACH



### 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** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,

**C Have mercy on us.**

# AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

*"This is the Feast of Victory," based on Revelation 5*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-

lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
gum his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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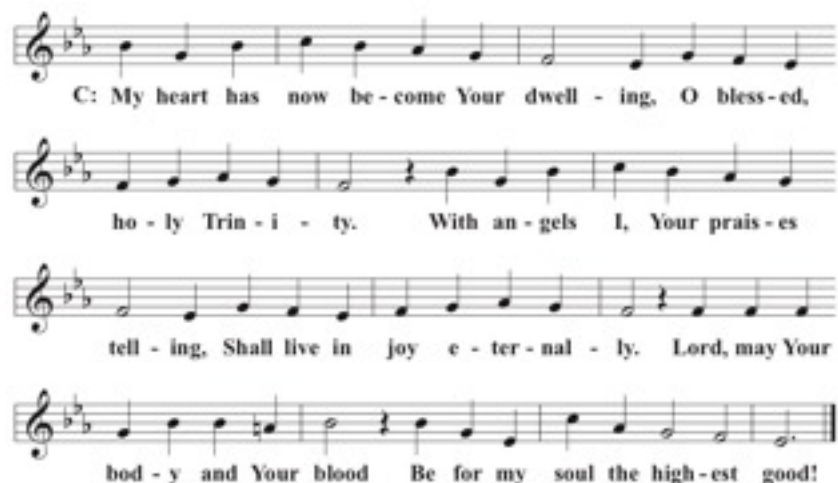
*Silent prayer*

(for example: TLH p.118)

M Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

## THANKSGIVING

TLH 315:15



## 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 766** (red hymnal)

*Sing with All the Saints in Glory*

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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 visit our website at [AscensionBatavia.org](http://AscensionBatavia.org). We hope to see you again!

### Participating in this Service of the Word

Music: C. Hubbard      Lead Usher: T. Louderman  
 Minister: Pr. David Pfeiffer