



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!
Second to Last November 15, 2015

He who endures to the end shall be saved.

Mark 13:13b

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 and understanding of the Sacrament. 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. Thank you for your understanding

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

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 119:49–56 Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life. The proud have me in great derision, Yet I do not turn aside from Your law. I remembered Your judgments of old, O Lord, And have comforted myself. Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law. Your statutes have been my songs In the house of my pilgrimage. I remember Your name in the night, O Lord, And I keep Your law. This has become mine, Because I kept Your precepts.

OPENING HYMN

TLH 227 (red hymnal)

Come, Holy Ghost, in Love

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

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.

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

Ephesians 2:1–10

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL ~ “We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost” (TLH 231)



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.

John 4:34–42

³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ³⁶And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”

Christ Witnesses to the Samaritans

³⁹And many of the Samaritans of that city believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all that I *ever* did.” ⁴⁰So when

the Samaritans had come to Him, they urged Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of His own word.

⁴² Then they said to the woman, “Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard *Him* and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world.”

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 381 (red hymnal)

I Know My Faith is Founded

SERMON

Daniel 12:1–3

“At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time.
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book.

- 2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,
Some to everlasting life,
Some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
- 3 Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

**Troubled by Tribulation?
Be Touched By the Truth
of Daniel's Vision**
Guarded by angels
Delivered by the word
Shining in Christ's resurrection

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- ceit 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,
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, Geistliche Lieder, 1543

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GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O almighty, everlasting God, whose mercy endures forever, hear the prayers of Your people and in Your mercy answer them for Jesus sake. Amen.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, You have promised to help us in every need and so, in these last days, we ask that You send Your holy angels to be with us and to watch over us. Give your heavenly host charge over us, to keep us from all harm and danger. Protect us from all political turmoil that your people would continue to be blessed with the freedom to worship you in spirit and truth without being threatened by the law. Protect us from all natural disasters that our families would be kept from harm or sudden death and our property preserved together with our thankful hearts. Protect us from all economic disaster that we may continue to feed, clothe, and shelter our children and grant to us the blessing of steady employment with good and honest trade. Guard our congregation, our synod with our pastors and teachers, and the True Catholic Church, that is the Universal Fellowship of all believers in Christ.

Dear Lord Jesus, Satan seeks always to overthrow Your Church by all deceit and cunning. You have warned us that we will be hated by all for your name sake. So we pray that you would grant us strength to endure such temptation and persecution. Bind the works of Satan and restrain his deceitful ways. Let us never turn to ourselves or our own ideas and resources for help. Preserve the true teachings of Your Word and deliver us by the power of the gospel. Grant us forgiveness for our many sins and weaknesses and let Your word rule in our hearts, delivering us by Your cross and resurrection that we may serve You in all righteousness, innocence, and joy. Send us out as ambassadors for You to reveal the truths of Your word and salvation to the world.

O Holy Spirit, as we look to the resurrection and the life of the world to come, we ask that You would enliven us already now and preserve us in one true faith. Teach us, O Spirit of God, to know wisdom by searching the word daily in prayer and let us receive what You would give to us. Build us up a spiritual house, a holy dwelling for you, that we might be blameless in the day of judgment by faith in our Savior Jesus. At the last day, fill us with all holiness, so that we may stand before God, unblemished by sin, shining with the brightness of Christ. Raise us up, body and soul, to be united together with God forever.

We come O God to receive holy communion in our Lord's body and blood; so make us fit and ready for this gift. We ask these prayers and offer ourselves to You in the name of Jesus. We likewise pray to You as our Lord has taught us,

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!



A Service of the Sacrament



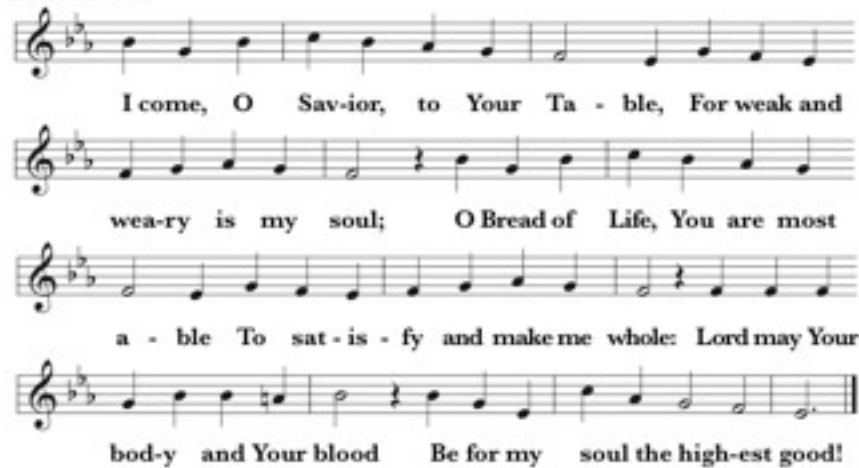
SELF-EXAMINATION: Heart, Cross, Bread and Wine, Door

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” 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.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. D.C.



DISTRIBUTION



Silent prayer (for example: TLH p.118)

M Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

TLH 315:15

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 502 (red hymnal)

Saints of God, the Dawn is Brightening

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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

Music: S. Libby Lead Usher: G. Libby
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