



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Passion 1 February 14, 2016

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able
to stand against the wiles of the devil

Ephesians 6:11

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 91, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING HYMN

TLH 145 (red hymnal)

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

Congregation (C, spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:5b-2

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. We 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.**

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

M In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

M Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C Amen.

♪ Sing (w intro, TLH 146:3):

Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ “And it shall be, when you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you *as* an inheritance, and you possess it and dwell in it, ² that you shall take some of the first of all the produce of the ground, which you shall bring from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and put *it* in a basket and go to the place where the Lord your God chooses to make His name abide. ³ And you shall go to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I declare today to the Lord

your God that I have come to the country which the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.’

⁴ “Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God. ⁵ And you shall answer and say before the Lord your God: ‘My father *was* a Syrian, about to perish, and he went down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in number; and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. ⁶ But the Egyptians mistreated us, afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on us. ⁷ Then we cried out to the Lord God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and looked on our affliction and our labor and our oppression. ⁸ So the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey”; ¹⁰ and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O Lord, have given me.’

“Then you shall set it before the Lord your God, and worship before the Lord your God. ¹¹ So you shall rejoice in every good *thing* which the Lord your God has given to you and your house, you and the Levite and the stranger who *is* among you.

PSALM OF THE DAY *responsively*

Psalms 91:1–13

M He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High

C Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

M I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress;

C My God, in Him I will trust.”

M Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler

C And from the perilous pestilence.

M He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge;

C His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

M You shall not be afraid of the terror by night,

C Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

M Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness,

C Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

M A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand;

C But it shall not come near you.

M Only with your eyes shall you look,

C And see the reward of the wicked.

M Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge,

C Even the Most High, your dwelling place,

M No evil shall befall you,

C Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling;

M For He shall give His angels charge over you,

C To keep you in all your ways.

M In their hands they shall bear you up,

C Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

M You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra,

C The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

GOSPEL LESSON *(rise)*

M And this is eternal life, that we know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent.

C (spoken) Glory be to You, O Lord!

Luke 4:1–13

¹ Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, ² being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

³ And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.”

⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘*Man shall not live by bread alone*, but by every word of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶ And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷ Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘*You shall worship the Lord your God*, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

⁹ Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. ¹⁰ For it is written:

‘He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,’

¹¹ and,

‘In their hands they shall bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, “It has been said, ‘*You shall not tempt the Lord your God*.’ ”

¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

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.

C (spoken) 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

WS 760 (tan hymnal)

Oh, Love, How Deep

SERMON

Romans 10:8–13

⁸ But what does it say? “*The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, “*Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.*” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. ¹³ For “*whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*”

The LORD Likes to Keep Salvation Simple

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7

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

TLH 437 (red hymnal)

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us 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!

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 263:3,4 (red hymnal)

O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

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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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