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ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**Passion 2    February 21, 2016**

## **A Service of the 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 urges us to be agreed in doctrine and love before taking the Lord's Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC first meet with the pastor before coming to communion. 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 get to know you and to discuss our teachings. 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: Prayer for Penitence #52, forepart of TLH p.107

### **OPENING HYMN**

**TLH 148:1-5,8,9** (red hymnal)

*Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light*

### **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

### Jeremiah 26:8–15

<sup>8</sup> Now it happened, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded *him* to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized him, saying, “You will surely die! <sup>9</sup> Why have you prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without an inhabitant?’” And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord.

<sup>10</sup> When the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the Lord and sat down in the entry of the New Gate of the Lord's house. <sup>11</sup> And the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and all the people, saying, "This man deserves to die! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."

<sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and all the people, saying: "The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words that you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; then the Lord will relent concerning the doom that He has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> As for me, here I am, in your hand; do with me as seems good and proper to you. <sup>15</sup> But know for certain that if you put me to death, you will surely bring innocent blood on yourselves, on this city, and on its inhabitants; for truly the Lord has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

PSALM OF THE DAY ~ *responsively*

*Psalms 4*

M Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**C You have relieved me in my distress;**

M Have mercy on me,

**C and hear my prayer.**

M How long, O you sons of men,

**C Will you turn my glory to shame?**

M How long will you love worthlessness

**C And seek falsehood?**

M But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly;

**C The Lord will hear when I call to Him.**

M Be angry, and do not sin.

**C Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still.**

M Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,

**C And put your trust in the Lord.**

M There are many who say,

**C "Who will show us any good?"**

M Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us.

**C You have put gladness in my heart,**

M More than in the season that their grain and wine increased.

**C I will both lie down in peace, and sleep;**

M For You alone, O Lord,

**C make me dwell in safety.**

GOSPEL LESSON (*rise*)

M Lord, sanctify us by Your truth;

**C Your Word is truth. Amen.**

**Luke 13:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.”

<sup>32</sup> And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I shall be perfected.’” <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the *day* following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.

<sup>34</sup> “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing!” <sup>35</sup> See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, ‘*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*’ ”

M O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 419** (red hymnal)

*O'er Jerusalem Thou Weepest*

SERMON

**Philippians 3:17–4:1**

<sup>17</sup> Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. <sup>18</sup> For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: <sup>19</sup> whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

<p><b>Our Citizenship Is In Heaven</b></p>
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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

**WS 767** (tan hymnal)

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious*

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God Almighty, we pray to you as your dear children, redeemed in the blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

By the waters of baptism, O Lord, You have called us out of sin's darkness and made us heirs of Your kingdom where we have citizenship among all who are being saved.

**Teach us, O Lord, to call on the blessings of our baptism daily, that we may drown the sinful man within and a new man would come forth to live before You in peace and joy.**

By the sending of the prophet Jeremiah, O Lord, you made your urgent judgment known to all who hear.

**Keep us, O Lord, from ever despising those sent by You and enable us to receive Your word rightly, test what is taught, and abide in the truth always.**

By the sending of your Son, O Lord, you confronted all your enemies, and in His resurrection, you gained victory over sin, death, and every evil.

**Defend us, O Lord, against every evil, that Satan may not harm us, and that we may be bold to stand firm in the truth while the world around us remains hostile toward You.**

By sending of your Spirit, O Lord, You have poured forth grace and truth to the ends of the earth.

**Fill us, O Lord, with the comfort of knowing your will for our salvation as revealed in the gospel and the wisdom of knowing your will for our daily living as revealed in the ten commandments.**

By the sending of the Apostle Paul, O Lord, you set forth a pattern of sound teaching and Christian living.

**Teach us, O Lord, to follow those who lead us in the faith, that by patience in suffering, humility, and faithfulness we might imitate what is good.**

By creating all things and preserving what is good, O Lord, you pour out daily blessings for us all.

**Give us, O Lord, thankful hearts to acknowledge those good things you provide for us, including our family, food, clothing, shelter, property, government, health care, and every other thing which comes from above.**

By creating us body and soul, O Lord, you have proven your dedication to life and desire to preserve life.

**Grant, O Lord, that our nation would honor life as a gift from you, by bringing an end to legalized abortion and by upholding the value of life for the elderly, sick, and disabled.**

By the promise of your Son's return, O Lord, you have promised to change our lowly bodies into the likeness of the glorious body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Give us patience, O Lord, to look not to what will satisfy our belly or for earthly gain, but to look with hope for the return of our Lord and to live in constant readiness.**

Hear us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whose 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



### A, B, C's of Self-Examination

*A – Assess your sins by examining yourself in view of the 10 commandments and your station in life.*

**M** I now invite you to examine your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Have you been faithful as a father, mother, husband, wife, son, daughter, employer or employee, citizen, pastor, member, and servant to those neighbors the Lord has put into your daily life? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you injured anyone by what you have said or done? Have you stolen anything, neglected your duty, been careless, or damaged anything?

*(moment of silence for self-examination)*

B – Believe in Jesus by hearing His promised forgiveness in the words of institution and by receiving the bodily presence of Jesus in the bread and wine of holy communion. (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.’

C – Confess the faith by speaking and singing the praises of God in love and unison with likeminded believers (1 Cor. 10:16-17; 1:10; 11:26)

M The cup of blessing which we bless,

**C is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?**

M The bread which we break,

**C is it not the communion of the body of Christ?**

M For we, though many, are one bread and one body;

**C for we all partake of that one bread.**

M Therefore, let there be no divisions among us,

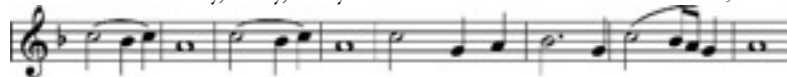
**C But let us be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**

M For 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.**

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sa - ba - oth;



Heav’n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san - na,



Ho - san - na, Ho-sanna in the high-est. Bless-ed is He,



Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, Ho-san- na, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

**C Have mercy on us. Amen.**



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M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord,



1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,  
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor

In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy  
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er  
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -  
bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that  
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -  
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this  
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!  
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!

May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our  
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy  
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that  
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead  
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;  
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!  
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

## 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.**

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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). 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: B. Suwanski Lead Usher: G. Suwanski  
Minister: Pastor D. Pfeiffer

The **blood** of  
JESUS CHRIST  
cleanses us  
from  
ALL SIN.

1 John 1:7 (NKJV)