



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**Passion 5    March 13, 2016**

The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone.

*Luke 20:17*

**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 Psalm 118, forepart of TLH p.148

OPENING HYMN

**TLH 380** (red hymnal)

*Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

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

### Isaiah 43:16–21

- <sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea  
And a path through the mighty waters,
- <sup>17</sup> Who brings forth the chariot and horse,  
The army and the power  
(They shall lie down together, they shall not rise;  
They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick):
- <sup>18</sup> “Do not remember the former things,  
Nor consider the things of old.

- <sup>19</sup> Behold, I will do a new thing,  
Now it shall spring forth;  
Shall you not know it?  
I will even make a road in the wilderness  
*And* rivers in the desert.
- <sup>20</sup> The beast of the field will honor Me,  
The jackals and the ostriches,  
Because I give waters in the wilderness  
*And* rivers in the desert,  
To give drink to My people, My chosen.
- <sup>21</sup> This people I have formed for Myself;  
They shall declare My praise.

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 126

M When the Lord brought back the captivity of Zion,  
**C We were like those who dream.**  
M Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
**C And our tongue with singing.**  
M Then they said among the nations,  
**C “The Lord has done great things for them.”**  
M The Lord has done great things for us,  
**C And we are glad.**  
M Bring back our captivity, O Lord,  
**C As the streams in the South.**  
M Those who sow in tears  
**C Shall reap in joy.**  
M He who continually goes forth weeping,  
**C Bearing seed for sowing,**  
M Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,  
**C Bringing his sheaves with him.**

#### GOSPEL LESSON *(rise)*

M Lord, sanctify us by Your truth;  
**C Your Word is truth. Amen.**

#### **Luke 20:9–20**

<sup>9</sup> Then He began to tell the people this parable: “A certain man planted a vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and went into a far country for a long time. <sup>10</sup> Now at vintage-time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the vinedressers beat him and sent *him* away empty-handed. <sup>11</sup> Again he sent another servant; and they beat him also, treated *him* shamefully, and sent *him* away empty-handed. <sup>12</sup> And again he sent a third; and they wounded him also and cast *him* out.

<sup>13</sup> “Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. Probably they will respect *him* when they see him.’ <sup>14</sup> But when the vinedressers saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may

be ours.’<sup>15</sup> So they cast him out of the vineyard and killed *him*.  
Therefore what will the owner of the vineyard do to them?<sup>16</sup> He will  
come and destroy those vinedressers and give the vineyard to others.”

And when they heard *it* they said, “Certainly not!”

<sup>17</sup> Then He looked at them and said, “What then is this that is  
written:

‘The stone which the builders rejected  
Has become the chief cornerstone’?

<sup>18</sup> Whoever falls on that stone will be broken; but on whomever it  
falls, it will grind him to powder.”

<sup>19</sup> And the chief priests and the scribes that very hour sought to lay  
hands on Him, but they feared the people—for they knew He had  
spoken this parable against them.

<sup>20</sup> So they watched *Him*, and sent spies who pretended to be  
righteous, that they might seize on His words, in order to deliver Him  
to the power and the authority of the governor.

M O Lord, have mercy on us.

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 477:1-3 (red hymnal)

*Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head*

## SERMON

### Philippians 3:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, <sup>11</sup> if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

### Find Yourself In Christ

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 175 (red hymnal)

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

## 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 477:4** (red hymnal)

*Lord Jesus, Thou the Church's Head*

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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](http://AscensionBatavia.org). We hope to see you again!

#### **Participating in this Service of the Word**

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