

WELCOME TO
ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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Our Savior Jesus Christ has abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light
through the gospel. *2 Timothy 1:10*

The Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection

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A Service of Word and Sacrament

VISITORS: Because Scripture urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith 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 common understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you'd like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. 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*

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 118, forepart of TLH p.148

OPENING READING

John 20:1-18

RESPONSE (rise)

M This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

M He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

VERSE 🎵 Sing (w intro, TLH 187)

Christ is arisen

From the grave's dark prison

We now rejoice with gladness;

Christ will end all sadness

Lord, have mercy.

All our hopes were ended	Hallelujah!
Had Jesus not ascended	Hallelujah!
From the grave triumphantly,	Hallelujah!
For this, Lord Christ, we	We now rejoice with gladness.
worship Thee.	Chris will end all sadness.
Lord have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

RESPONSIVE READING

Selected verses from Psalm 118:15–29

M The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous;

C The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

M The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

C The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

M I shall not die, but live,

C And declare the works of the Lord.

M The Lord has chastened me severely,

C But He has not given me over to death.

M Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them,

C And I will praise the Lord.

M This is the gate of the Lord,

C Through which the righteous shall enter.

M I will praise You, For You have answered me,

C And have become my salvation.

M The stone which the builders rejected

C Has become the chief cornerstone.

M This was the Lord's doing;

C It is marvelous in our eyes.

M This is the day the Lord has made;

C We will rejoice and be glad in it.

M Save now, I pray, O Lord;

C O Lord, I pray, send now prosperity.

M Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

C We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.

M God is the Lord,

C And He has given us light;

M Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

C You are my God, and I will praise You;

M You are my God,

C I will exalt You.

M Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

C For His mercy endures forever.

M The Lord be with you.

Luke 1:28

C And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray, Almighty God, Who through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life, we ask You to keep us constantly by Your grace that we may remain dead to sin and alive to righteousness and by Your power,

triumph over death and the grave in the full image of our risen Lord, to Whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory both now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23–27

²³ “Oh, that my words were written!
Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
²⁴ That they were engraved on a rock
With an iron pen and lead, forever!
²⁵ For I know *that* my Redeemer lives,
And He shall stand at last on the earth;
²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this *I know*,
That in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 65:17–25

- ¹⁷ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth;
And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem *as* a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
- ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.
- ²⁰ “No more shall an infant from there *live but a few* days,
Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days;
For the child shall die one hundred years old,
But the sinner *being* one hundred years old shall be accursed.
- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit *them*;
They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
They shall not plant and another eat;
For as the days of a tree, *so shall be* the days of My people,
And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- ²³ They shall not labor in vain,
Nor bring forth children for trouble;
For they *shall be* the descendants of the blessed of the Lord,
And their offspring with them.
- ²⁴ “It shall come to pass
That before they call, I will answer;
And while they are still speaking, I will hear.
- ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
And dust *shall be* the serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,”
Says the Lord.

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 199

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!

SERMON

John 20:15

Jesus said to her,
“Woman, why are you weeping?
Whom are you seeking?”

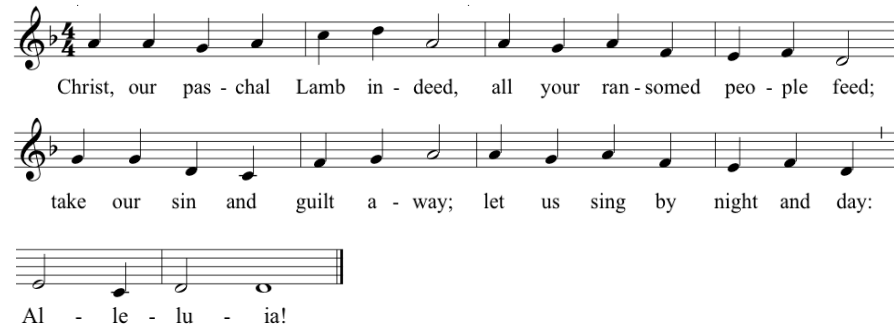
**The Risen Lord Stands in the Face of Death
and Speaks Truth to the World**

RESPONSE

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

Philippians 4:7

Sing (w intro, TLH 190:7)



Christ, our pas - chal Lamb in - deed, all your ran - somed peo - ple feed;
take our sin and guilt a - way; let us sing by night and day:
Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN

WS 728

Christ Is Living

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

O Lord God, Your right hand and holy arm have gained you the victory, and You have seated Your Son, Jesus Christ at that right hand, far above all power and every name in heaven and earth. We thank and praise you for bringing life and immortality to light through the gospel.

For the perfect obedience, sacrificial death, and life-giving resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us give thanks to God, **thanks be to You, O Lord.**

For the righteousness of God that is ours by faith in His Son, let us give thanks to God, **thanks be to You, O Lord.**

For the enduring, gracious presence of our Lord as revealed in the Gospel proclamation, the waters of baptism, and the bread and wine of holy communion, let us give thanks to God, **thanks be to You, O Lord.**

For the mercy of God over all creation, preserving, and blessing us with the gifts of breath, body, food and drink, clothing and shelter, daily care and protection, let us give thanks to God, **thanks be to You, O Lord.**

For the eternal promise of our own resurrection and hope of the new creation to all who call upon Christ for salvation, let us give thanks to God, **thanks be to You, O Lord.**

We pray also for God's mercy on the Church and on all people according to their needs,

For the gospel ministry of the Church, that the light which has been born in the resurrection of Christ would not diminish in the face of doubt, fear, and unbelief, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are lost in self-righteousness, self-delusions, hypocrisy, hatred, and selfishness, that the power of Christ's word would bring them to know the only name by which we can be saved, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are lost in sorrow, depression, loneliness, and despair, that they would find hope and fellowship in the Church, looking no longer to

what is seen, but to that which is not seen, and so be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

For those who are lost in indifference, distractions, busy lives, riches, and worldly pursuits, that the Holy Spirit would turn them away from those things which are perishing, to that which truly matters and which is eternal, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

Finally, for those who are sick, suffering, dying, and for their families, that God would wipe away their tears with the comfort of the gospel and have mercy on them, answering their prayers according to His good will, let us pray to the Lord, **Lord have mercy.**

We ask you to hear us, O God, for the sake of all who are in need of our prayers, in Jesus saving name. Amen.



A Service of the Sacrament



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (rise)

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. *1 John 1:8-9*

M Let us then draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment, for we have not loved You above all things and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

M Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

M We pray, Blessed are You, O God, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Gathered in remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood. Gather us into Your kingdom together with all the faithful from the ends of the earth that we might celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in love and unity. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver us and preserve us unto life everlasting. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and pray together with us:

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!

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY

Dignus et Agnus

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, And
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

Refrain

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His.
— join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - - men.
— gun His reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

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M Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

M We pray, O Most Merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank and bless You, for You have given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Having heard Your Word and received Your living body and blood, teach us to know You and the power of Your resurrection in suffering, that everything we believe, everything we say, everything we do, may be conformed to the image of Your endless life. Hear us, for the sake of Your Son, who lives

to make intercession and reigns together with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C 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

WS 732

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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!

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