



WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**Resurrection 2 April 3, 2016**

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Death no longer has dominion over Him.  
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

*Rom 6:9; Jn 20:29b*

## **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:** It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today! We want you to be aware that because God's Word 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 united 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*

Preservice Devotion: Psalm 118, forepart of TLH p.148

### OPENING HYMN

**TLH 189** (red hymnal)

*He is Arisen! Glorious Word!*

### INVOCATION

*Matthew 28:19*

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

**Congreg. (C) Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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. [John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

#### INTROIT

Rom 6:9; Jn 20:29b

M Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.**

M Lord have mercy upon us.

C **Christ have mercy upon us.**

M Lord have mercy upon us.

C **Amen.**

#### GLORIA CHRISTI ~ Glory to Christ

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
this alone can sin destroy!  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, your name we praise.  
Alleluia!

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

##### Revelation 1:4-18

<sup>4</sup> John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

<sup>9</sup> I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> saying, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last,” and, “What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.”

<sup>12</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup> His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup> His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup> He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. <sup>17</sup> And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

GRADUAL (rise)

Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

M Go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead. Behold, I have told you.

**C Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

M He was made a little lower than the angels; yet He is crowned with glory and honor. He has been given dominion over the works of God’s hands; all things have been put under his feet.

**C Hallelujah!**

♪ 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!

## GOSPEL LESSON

M And this is eternal life, that we know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent. *John 17:3*

**C Glory to You, O Lord!**

### John 20:19–31

<sup>19</sup> Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” <sup>22</sup> And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the *sins* of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.”

So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” <sup>27</sup> Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand *here*, and put *it* into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

<sup>28</sup> And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed *are* those who have not seen and *yet* have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

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. *John 20:31*

**C Praise to You, O Christ!**

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 208:1-7** (red hymnal)

*Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

## SERMON

### Acts 5:12–32

<sup>12</sup> And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. <sup>13</sup> Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. <sup>14</sup> And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

<sup>17</sup> Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, <sup>18</sup> and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. <sup>19</sup> But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

<sup>21</sup> And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

<sup>22</sup> But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" <sup>24</sup> Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. <sup>25</sup> So one came and told them, saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

<sup>26</sup> Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. <sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council. And the high priest asked them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. <sup>31</sup> Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so* also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

## The Witness of the Risen Lord Will Not Be Bound

1. It will not be hindered by locked doors
2. It will not be silenced by the commands of men

M The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*

### OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*



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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

### HYMN

**TLH 209** (red hymnal)

*Who Is This that Comes from Edom*

### GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH



## A Service of the Sacrament



M The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

M Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

M Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, 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. We beg You, O Lord, gather us together with all the faithful from the ends of the earth and let Your kingdom come among us in the name and the remembrance of Jesus. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood. Graciously receive our prayers that we might be forgiven, renewed, strengthened, and delivered from all evil. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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!**

AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God *"This is the Feast of Victory," based on Revelation 5*



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 -



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 Let us pray together;

**O Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for Your resurrection, for through it You have given us new birth into a living hope. Grant that, having heard Your Word and received Your body and blood, we would grow in knowing You and the power of Your resurrection. Make us to walk in Your Spirit, that everything we know, everything we say, and everything we do, may be conformed to the image of Your endless life. Hear us, for You live to intercede before the Father, who, together with the Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forever. 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 208:8-10** (red hymnal)

*Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

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