



WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Resurrection 3 April 10, 2016

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while He talked with us on the road,
and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”

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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 95, forepart of TLH p.143

OPENING HYMN

TLH 205 (red hymnal)

The Day of Resurrection

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, has had mercy upon us and has given
His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those
who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the right to become children of God and
bestows on them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good
work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. *John 1:12;
Philippians 1:6*

C Glory be to God. Amen.

INTROIT

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C **“Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?”**

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

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
our vic-tor-ious 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 5:8–14

⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

To receive power and riches and wisdom,
And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power
Be to Him who sits on the throne,
And to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

¹⁴ Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

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 21:1–14

¹ After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way He showed *Himself*: ² Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of His disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.”

They said to him, “We are going with you also.” They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing. ⁴ But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, “Children, have you any food?”

They answered Him, “No.”

⁶ And He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find *some*.” So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

⁷ Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on *his* outer garment (for he had removed it), and plunged into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits), dragging the net with fish. ⁹ Then, as soon as they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have just caught.”

¹¹ Simon Peter went up and dragged the net to land, full of large fish, one hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not broken. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come *and* eat breakfast.” Yet none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?”—knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

¹⁴ This *is* now the third time Jesus showed Himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.

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 Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 735 (tan hymnal)

Long Before the World is Waking

SERMON

Acts 9:1–22

¹ Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³ As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. ⁴ Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

⁵ And he said, “Who are You, Lord?”

Then the Lord said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It *is* hard for you to kick against the goads.”

⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

Then the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

⁷ And the men who journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought *him* into Damascus. ⁹ And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, “Ananias.”

And he said, “Here I am, Lord.”

¹¹ So the Lord *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. ¹² And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting *his* hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.”

¹³ Then Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name.”

¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

¹⁷ And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

¹⁹ So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

²⁰ Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God.

²¹ Then all who heard were amazed, and said, “Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come

here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?"

²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ.

The Voice of Christ Changes the Course of Life

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 207:1-4 (red hymnal) *Like the Golden Sun Ascending*

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

To God and to the Lamb who alone deserves all glory and honor, we pray in His Spirit for ourselves, for the Church, and for all people. Amen.

Let us thank God: **We thank you, O God, for revealing yourself to us.** Make us to know your love and saving purpose for us through the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Let us thank Christ: **We thank you, O Christ, for opening the Scriptures to us.** Make us to understand the Word of God as the only source of truth for our lives and eternal futures.

Let us thank the Holy Spirit: **We thank you, O Spirit, for changing us within.** Create in us a heart to believe all that is written and so enable us to join all the saints in proclaiming the praises of God here and in eternity.

Let us pray for ourselves: **help us, O God, for Jesus sake.** Visit us in our sicknesses and times of trial by removing our afflictions where it is Your will to grant relief and strengthening us to endure our afflictions where it is Your will to let them remain. Be with our families as we seek to call upon You in our daily prayers and devotions. Give fathers the encouragement and ability to lead their household by example and by the Word of God. Give mothers the patience and endurance to be faithful servants in their household. Give children the humility and desire to obey their parents and to learn more about You as their heavenly Father.

Let us pray for the Church of Christ: **help us, O God, for Jesus sake.** Raise up and call ministers of the Word to be your instruments and faithfully teach Your word. Give perseverance to those pastors and missionaries who face threats, imprisonment, or physical harm for their testimony. As You did with the Pharisee Saul, reach out with Your Spirit to those who are persecuting Your people and bring them to know You through repentance and faith.

Let us pray for all people: **have mercy on us, O God, for Jesus sake.** Govern us, O Lord, through those who are appointed to positions of authority in this world. Use them as the instruments of your will. Keep them from using their privilege for selfish gain and teach us all to use our vocation for upholding justice and serving our neighbor.

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 207:5-6 (red hymnal)

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Welcome! We wish a warm welcome to our guests this morning. We pray that you have been comforted by the Gospel, that you have grown in the Word, and that you have been encouraged through the Holy Spirit to glorify God by your good works. 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. Feel free to sign our guest registry in the entry way. We hope to see you again!

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