

## GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray... { petitions }

**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

**WS 738** (tan hymnal)

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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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](http://AscensionBatavia.org). Feel free to sign our guest registry in the entry way. We hope to see you again!

#### Participating in this Service of the Word

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Minister: Pastor D. Pfeiffer

**May 8, 2016**

Seventh Sunday in the Season of Our Lord's Resurrection



Behold,  
how good and  
how pleasant it  
is for brethren  
to dwell together  
in unity!

**Psalm 133:1**

## Ascension Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO  
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

**Resurrection 7 May 8, 2016**

Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.  
Death no longer has dominion over Him.  
I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

*Rom 6:9; Jn 14:18*

### 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 47, forepart of TLH p.134

#### OPENING HYMN

**TLH 221** (red hymnal)

*Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices*

#### 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.**

#### SERMON

##### Psalm 133

*A Song of Ascents. Of David.*

- 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* For brethren to dwell together in unity!
- 2 *It is* like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.
- 3 *It is* like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing— Life forevermore.

### Behold the Beauty of Fellowship

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*

#### HYMN

**TLH 466** (red hymnal)

*Christ Thou Art the Sure Foundation*

world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

<sup>24</sup> “Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup> O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. <sup>26</sup> And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

**TLH 613** (red hymnal)

*Jerusalem the Golden*

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

Rom 6:9; Jn 14:18

M Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.

**C Death no longer has dominion over Him.**

M I will not leave you orphans;

**C I will come to you.**

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 - 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 22:1–20

<sup>1</sup> And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. <sup>2</sup> In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. <sup>4</sup> They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

<sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, “These words *are* faithful and true.” And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place.

<sup>7</sup> “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

<sup>8</sup> Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.

<sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “See *that you do not do that*. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.” <sup>10</sup> And he said to me, “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. <sup>11</sup> He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

<sup>12</sup> “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work. <sup>13</sup> I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*, the First and the Last.”

<sup>14</sup> Blessed *are* those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. <sup>15</sup> But outside *are* dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

<sup>16</sup> “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”

<sup>17</sup> And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

<sup>18</sup> For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; <sup>19</sup> and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

<sup>20</sup> He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming quickly.” Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

### 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 17:20–26

<sup>20</sup> “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; <sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. <sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: <sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the