

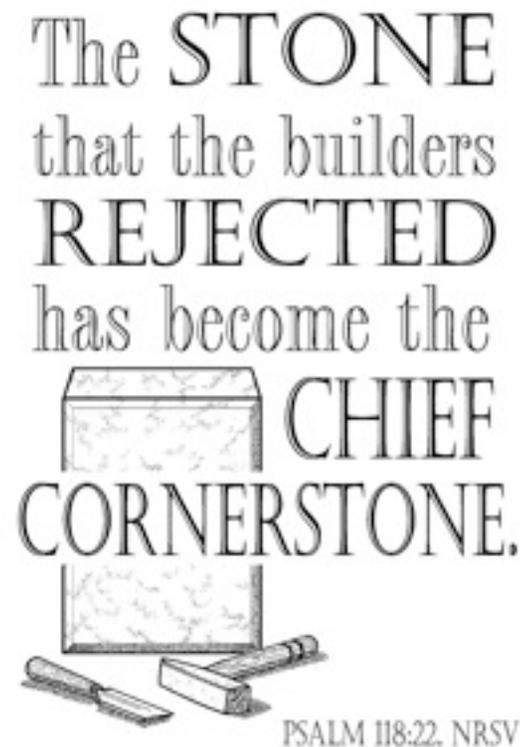
Welcome! We wish a warm welcome to our guests this morning. It is our mission to share the good news that God gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him has eternal life (John 3:16-17). May that good news go with you. Feel free to sign our guest book in the entry way. For more information about our 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!

A Hearty Thank You! to Pastor Andrew Schaller of Marquette, MI for making the long trip and bringing us the life saving joy of the gospel today. May God grant him safe travels back home and richly bless his flock and ministry in Marquette with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Participating in this Service of the Word

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Liturgist: Pastor D. Pfeiffer Comm. Asst.: D. Eserhut
Preacher: Pastor A. Schaller

June 5, 2016
Mission Festival



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WELCOME TO
ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

“We cannot but speak the things
which we have seen and heard.” *Acts 4:20*

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A Service of 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 32, forepart of TLH p.130

OPENING PRAYER

M Lord God, You are our Savior and Friend. You have delivered us from sin, death, Satan, and hell. You have reconciled us to Yourself through the redemptive work of Your Son, Jesus. You have named us ambassadors of Your kingdom and have given us the privilege of speaking of Your love to all people. Fill our hearts with joy in this work. Open our lips to proclaim Your praise. Lead us and encourage us to make use of opportunities You give for sharing Your Gospel message with others to the honor of Your name and the eternal blessing of their souls! To that end we ask for Your blessing upon our worship today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

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

Congreg. (C) Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

M Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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.

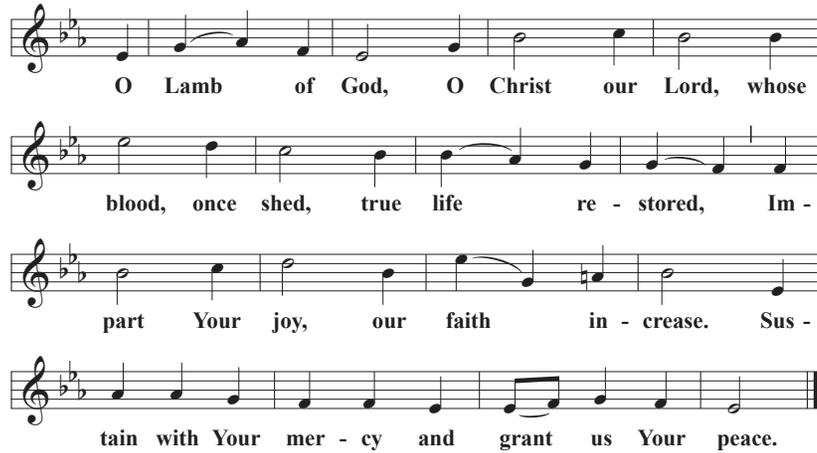
♪ Sing (w intro, WS 770:5):

**I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying; soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, this is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission for You are calling me!**

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AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God

John 1:29



O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.



DISTRIBUTION



NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Now Let Us Depart (Song of Simeon)

Luke 2:29-32



C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 770:1):

**I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless to live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, and now He calls for me!**

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

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 770:2):

**I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, one needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven – My Savior calls for me!**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for 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. Amen.

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 770:3):

**I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings – My Savior calls for me!**

RESPONSIVE READING

The Great Commission as found in the Four Gospels

M Then Jesus came to His disciples and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

C **teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."** Mt 28:18-20

M He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

C Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. *Mk 16:15-16*

M He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

C Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

M He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,

C and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

M You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised;

C but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” *Luke 24:44-46*

M Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

C And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

M If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven:

C if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” *John 20:21-23*

♪ Sing (w intro, WS 770:4):

**I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness to share my Savior’s plea;
Yet nothing can be added, no word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel – my Savior calls for me!**

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You reconciled us to Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the good news of Your salvation, that all who hear it may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, as one true God, now and forever. Amen.



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 up to the Lord.

M It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, [proper preface] ... Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.’

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

M The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

HYMN

TLH 190:1,5-7 (red hymnal)

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

Reminder: Offerings given for “CLC Budget” are used to support our missionaries and the joint mission and training efforts we do with our sister congregations in the CLC both at home and abroad. Offerings given for the “MDF” (Mission Development Fund) are used primarily to support the material and physical needs of our overseas brethren.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray, Almighty God, Your Son died on the cross to reconcile all the people of the earth to Yourself. Open our eyes to see that the harvest of souls is indeed plentiful but the workers are few. Open our hearts and our prayers to a true concern for the souls of people who are going to perish if they do not have faith in Jesus as their heaven-sent Savior. Look with compassion on all those who are walking in the darkness of unbelief under the shadow of death; seek out those in our homes and neighborhoods, as well as in far away places with the message of the gospel.

O Lord, pour out Your Spirit upon us also, that we may be active in sharing Your Word with family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Help us personally to speak Your message of salvation and enable us to overcome our fear of witnessing to Your holy name. Wherever Your disciples are proclaiming the message of salvation in Christ support their efforts and bless their kingdom labors.

Abundantly bless all the mission efforts of our church at home and abroad. Bless our offerings that they may abound for Your good purpose. Protect our missionaries from all harm, and give us opportunity to help those who face persecution and oppression. Call pastors by Your Spirit to build up their congregations in the truth of Your Word. Send out laborers, O Lord, that the harvest would be gathered in and at the last, bring us to the joy of the resurrection together with all Your saints. We ask these things in Jesus' name, as we also 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! *Matthew 6:9-13*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 2:1–10

¹ Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, ² as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

⁴ Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“*The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,*”

⁸ and

“*A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.*”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



Sandy Moore

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58



Tammy Eklund

But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

COMMON PROFESSION OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

M Do you this day in the presence of God of this congregation, acknowledge the gifts given to you by God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ and sealed by His Spirit at your baptism?

C I do.

M Do you, then renounce the devil?

C Yes, I do renounce him.

M Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I do renounce them.

M Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I do renounce them.

M Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

M Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, 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.

M Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, 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.

ADDRESS TO CATECHUMENS AND BLESSING

HYMN

WS 777 (tan hymnal)

Amazing Grace

SERMON

Acts 4:1-12

¹ Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴ However, many of those

who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, ¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. ¹¹ This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ ¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Where do we find BOLDNESS to speak?

preaching today: Pastor Andrew Schaller, Marquette MI

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.