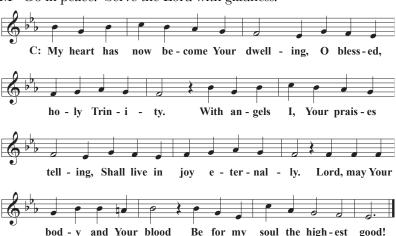
M Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



#### 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 748 (tan hymnal)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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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!

# Participating in this Service of the Word

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# WELCOME TO ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH!

"We preach Christ crucified." 1 CORINTHIANS 1:23

As the Father loved Me,
I also have loved you;
abide in My love.

John 15:9

# A Service of Word and Sacrament

July 3, 2016

Setting from WS p.12 – Service of Word and Sacrament, Setting 2 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 HYMN

TLH 19 (red hymnal)

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

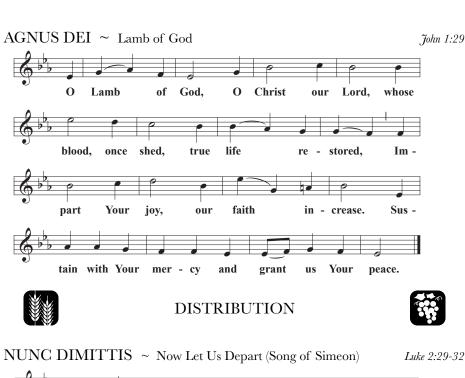
#### INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

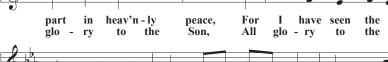
Minister (M) In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congreg. (C) Amen.** 

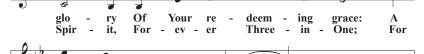
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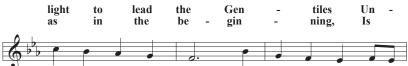
M We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.



C: 1 O Lord. now let Your ser vant De 2 All ther, glo the Fa All rv to







to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

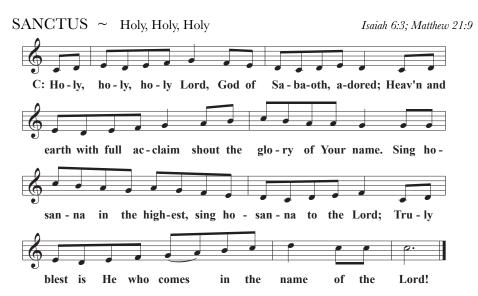




#### A Service of the Sacrament



- 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:



#### 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.

- C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, My Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- M God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

#### C Amen.

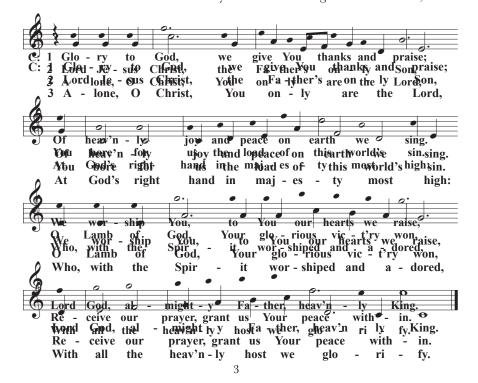
KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ Glory to God in the Highest

Lk. 2:14; Rev.:8-14



M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY

M Let us pray, ... one God now and forever,

C Amen

#### FIRST LESSON

# Ephesians 4:7-16

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says:

"When He ascended on high,

He led captivity captive,

And gave gifts to men."

<sup>9</sup> (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head —Christ—<sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

#### PSALM OF THE DAY responsively

Psalm 100

- M Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness;
- C Come before His presence with singing.
- M Know that the Lord, He is God;
- C It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
- M We are His people
- C and the sheep of His pasture.

- M To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed;
- C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.
- M To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;

To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;

To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;

To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;

To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all;

# C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

M To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:

# C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

M Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C we implore You to hear us.

M Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

M Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

M Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

M O Christ,
M O Lord,
M O Christ,
M O Christ,
C have mercy.
M O Lord,
C have mercy.

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

#### GATHERING OF OUR THANK OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH – The Litany (taken from LSB p288)

M O Lord, C have mercy.
M O Christ, C have mercy.

 $\label{eq:condition} \mathbf{M} \ \ \mathbf{O} \ \mathbf{Lord}, \qquad \qquad \mathbf{C} \ \ \mathbf{have} \ \mathbf{mercy}.$ 

M O Christ, C hear us.

M God the Father in heaven, C have mercy.

M God the Son, Redeemer of the world,M God the Holy Spirit,C have mercy.

M Be gracious to us. C Spare us, good Lord.

M Be gracious to us. C Help us, good Lord.

M From all sin, from all error, from all evil,

From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; From pestilence and famine; from way and blood shed; from sedition and from rebellion;

From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death:

#### C Good Lord, deliver us.

M By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial;
By your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

## C Help us, good Lord.

M In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death and in the day of judgment:

# C Help us, good Lord.

M We poor sinners implore You

# C to hear us, O Lord.

M To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;

To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into he way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;

To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit;

# C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

- M Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
- C And into His courts with praise.
- M Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
- C For the Lord is good;
- M His mercy is everlasting,
- C And His truth endures to all generations.

#### GOSPEL LESSON rise

## John 15:1-17

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

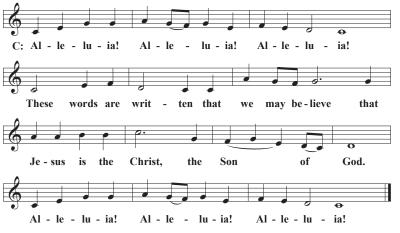
<sup>11</sup> "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.

M Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Luke 11:28





In. 20:31

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 465 (red hymnal)

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

## John 15:11–12

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

# A Farewell in Two Words:

# Joy and Love

- 1. **Rejoice** because His joy remains with you
- 2. **Love one another** as He has loved you

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

Philippians 4:7



HYMN

WS 785 (tan hymnal)

Children of the Heavenly Father