

ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost



**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Mark 2:27** <sup>27</sup>And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

**Prayer:** Dear LORD God, You saw it fit to give Your people a day of rest for both their bodies and souls. Feed us with Your Holy Spirit so that with joy we may enter into Your house to receive the Living Water of Your Word and be refreshed in our souls to further serve You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

# Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

**TLH 8 Father, Who the Light This Day**

Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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**P**: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**: who made heaven and earth.

**P**: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P**: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C**: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P**: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: Amen.

## Gloria Patri TLH pg 6



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie TLH pg 7



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Hymn of Praise: TLH 237 ♪♪

All glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended;  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with  
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Lesson:

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

<sup>12</sup>“Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.”

## Psalm of the Day Psalm 81 (selected verses)

- P** Sing aloud to God our strength;  
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!
- C** Raise a song; sound the tambourine,  
the sweet lyre with the harp.
- P** For it is a statute for Israel,  
I hear a language I had not known:
- C** I relieved your shoulder of the burden;  
your hands were freed from the basket.
- P** In distress you called, and I delivered you;
- C** I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.
- P** Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!
- C** I am the Lord your God,  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

## Epistle Lesson:

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

<sup>5</sup>What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the

surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

**Confession of Faith:**

**Apostles Creed**

**☩** 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 789 Consider How the Birds Above**

**Sermon:**

**Mark 2:23-28**

<sup>23</sup>One Sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>26</sup>how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" <sup>27</sup>And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

**Jesus is Our Sabbath Rest**

## Offertory:

Create in Me 🎵🎵

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

## Hymn:

WS 757 Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

## Prayer & Lord's Prayer

- ☞ 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

- ☞ Amen

## Hymn

TLH 660 I'm But a Stranger Here

## Silent Prayer

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## Announcements

## Upcoming Events:

- **Quinn Sprengeler Retirement:** The celebration of thanks for Quinn Sprengeler's years of service is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> following the church service at 11:30. **Ascension's Service will be at 9 am next Sunday.**
- **Ascension Workday:** June 15<sup>th</sup> is the date for our church work day.

- **Convention:** Lord willing, I will be traveling to Eau Claire, WI for the CLC convention June 20<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you need to get a hold of me, please text or call 507-329-2641 or contact one of the elders.
- **Mariners Game:** We have a date reserved for an outing to a Mariners game if anyone is interested. August 24<sup>th</sup>, at 1:10pm. If you would like to attend, or invite others, please let me know.

**Call News:**

- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO *has received a call* to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

**Fruits of Faith at Ascension:**

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
4/28/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>1005.00</b>
5/5/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>770.00</b>
5/12/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>678.00</b>
5/19/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>508.00</b>

**Usher Schedule:**

Month:

June  
July

Name:

Scott Radcliffe  
Jim Hansen

**Upcoming Schedule:**

Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Communion Service at 9  
 Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30  
 Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30