

ASCENSION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

THE FEAR of the
LORD is the
beginning of
WISDOM.

Proverbs 9:10

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:

Proverbs 9:10 ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, Apart from You we are nothing. We are but lost sinners who hardly recognize our sinfulness. Grant us, O Father, Your wisdom. Your wisdom to know our failures, and more especially, the wisdom of Your salvation: Your Son Jesus by whom we receive the forgiveness of our sins. Through the same 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 537 Every Morning Mercies New

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** 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** 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.
- P** 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



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



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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.

Epistle Lesson:

Colossians 3:1-4;12-17

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. . . Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you,

so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 130 (selected verses)

- P** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
- C** O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
- P** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
- P** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
- C** my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,
- P** O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
- C** And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." ²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn:

WS 743 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Sermon:

Proverbs 9:1-10

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

The Waypoints of Wisdom

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:

TLH 310 Thy Table I Approach

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Communion Announcement & Distribution

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 283 God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Quinn Sprengeler Retirement:** All are invited to join us for a reception at Redemption in honor of Quinn Sprengeler's retirement beginning around 1 pm.

- **Thank You:** Thank you to Pastor Mark Tiefel for bringing us the message of the Gospel this morning. We wish him and his family safe travels during their time in Washington.
- **Ascension Workday:** June 15th is the date for our church work day.
- **Convention:** Lord willing, I will be traveling to Eau Claire, WI for the CLC convention June 20th through the 23rd. 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 24th, 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 *is considering the call* to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
5/5/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1005.00
5/12/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 770.00
5/19/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 678.00
5/26/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 508.00

Usher Schedule:

Month:	Name:
June	Scott Radcliffe
July	Jim Hansen

Upcoming Schedule:

- Sunday June 16th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
- Sunday June 23rd Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
- Sunday June 30th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30