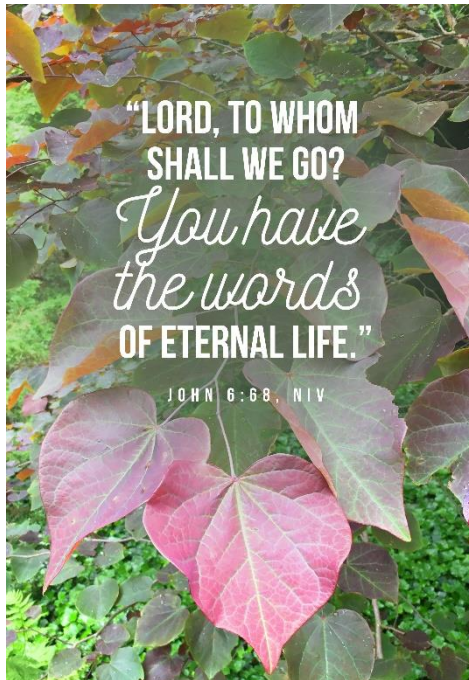


ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
13th Sunday After Pentecost



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:

John 6:69-69 ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus Christ, there are many ways the world is trying to pull us and methods they use to tear us apart from You. But You, O Lord, have the words of eternal life. In You there is peace and joy. In You there is salvation. Since we so often wander, keep us steadfast in the one true faith and bring us to that everlasting life. 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

WS 739 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second staff contains the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

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



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second staff contains the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

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

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath our race 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: Joshua 24:1-2a; 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, . . . ¹⁴“Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers

served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” ¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 34 [Selected Verses]

- P** The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.
- C** **When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.**
- P** The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
- C** **and saves the crushed in spirit.**
- P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
- C** **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**
- P** The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
- C** **none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Epistle Lesson:

Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore it says, *“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”* ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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: TLH 625 O Blest the House Whate'er Befall

Sermon:

John 6:51-69

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever

feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

To Where Will You Go? Jesus is Eternal Life!

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:

LSB 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life Giving Bread

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 399 Thee Will I Love My Strength vs. 1-4

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Voters Meeting:** Our voters meeting will be held immediately following the service today.
- **Mariners Game:** Update Soon.
- **Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference:** I will be gone September 30th through October 3rd (Monday through Thursday) for our PC Pastoral Conference in California.

'Call News:

- Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross in Pheonix, AZ ***has returned the call*** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO ***is considering the call*** to St. John's Lutheran in Okabena, MN following Pastor Albrecht's retirement at the end of the year.

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
7/21/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 770.00
7/28/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 665.00
8/4/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 855.00
8/11/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 850.00

Usher Schedule:

Month:

Name:

August

Dan Darling

September

Scott Radcliffe

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday August 25th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday September 1st Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday September 14th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30