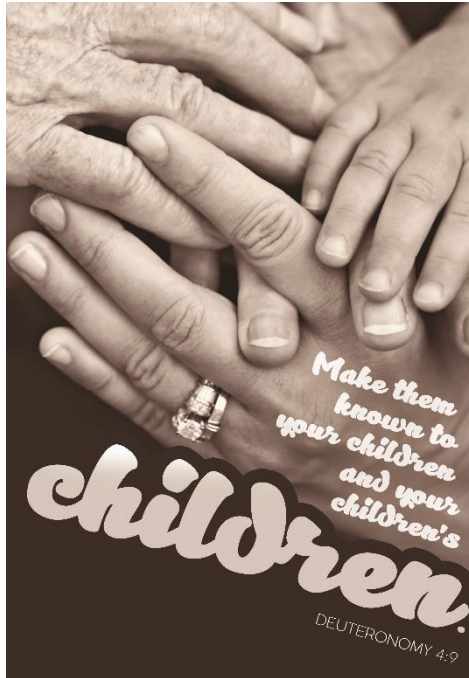


ASCENSION

LUTHERAN CHURCH

15th 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:

Deuteronomy 4:9 ⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, You have given us Your precepts to fulfill. However, we have not lived up to the standard You desire for us to have. Grant us forgiveness through Your Son, our Savior. Send us Your Holy Spirit that He might instill in us the faith to keep Your commandments and instill them in our children. 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 5 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear**

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



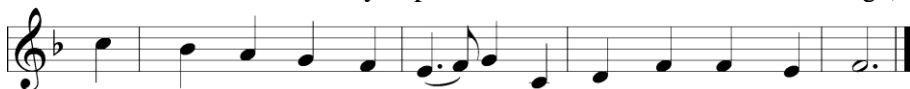
C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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:

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his
might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to
stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle
against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the
authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness,
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly
places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may

be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119 [Selected Verses]

- P** Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
- C** **The unfolding of your words gives light;
it imparts understanding to the simple.**
- P** Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love your name.
- C** **Keep steady my steps according to your promise,
and let no iniquity get dominion over me.**
- P** Redeem me from man’s oppression,
that I may keep your precepts.
- C** **Make your face shine upon your servant,
and teach me your statutes.**

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 7:14-23

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods

clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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 768 Be Strong in the Lord

Sermon:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2;6-9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. . . .⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the

days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

Statutes Meant For Eternity

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 373 By Grace I'm Saved vs 1-5

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 412 May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Vacation Bible School:** For those who are interested, we have scheduled google meets session this Wednesday with Lori-Jo to begin our work on our Vacation Bible School this Christmas season.
- **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 Zack Sippert of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD and Zion Lutheran of Ipswich, SD ***is considering 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
8/4/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 855.00
8/11/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 850.00
8/18/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 905.00
8/25/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 715.00

Usher Schedule:

Month:	Name:
September	Scott Radcliffe
October	Jim Hansen

Upcoming Schedule:

- Sunday September 8th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30
- Sunday September 15th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
- Sunday September 22nd Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30