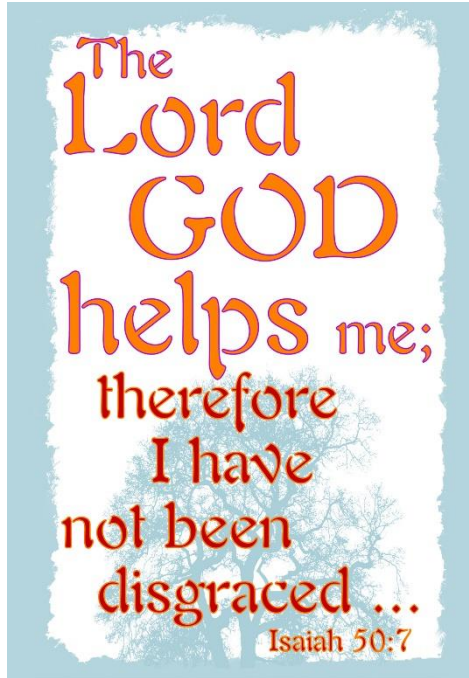


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LUTHERAN CHURCH

17<sup>th</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 9:23-24** <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, On our own, it is impossible to come to you in faith. Even now, our sinful nature threatens to turn our eyes away from You. Grant us strength, O Lord, that we might trust in You above all things. Strengthen our faith through Your Word that we might stand strong in You as our Fortress. 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

**LSB 849 Praise the One Who Breaks**

## 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.

**Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup>He who

vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup>Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup>Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God.

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 116 [Selected Verses]

- P** I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- C** Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- P** The snares of death encompassed me;
- C** the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- P** Then I called on the name of the Lord:
- C** “O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- P** Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.
- C** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

## Epistle Lesson:

## James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. <sup>4</sup>Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup>but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless our Lord and Father,

and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### Confession of Faith:

### Apostles Creed

**G** 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 145 Jesus Refuge of the Weary**

**Sermon:****Mark 9:14-27**

<sup>14</sup>When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup>And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. <sup>16</sup>And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” <sup>17</sup>And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup>And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” <sup>19</sup>And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” <sup>20</sup>And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup>And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup>And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” <sup>23</sup>And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” <sup>24</sup>Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” <sup>25</sup>And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” <sup>26</sup>And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” <sup>27</sup>But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

## Jesus Cures Our Unbelief

**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 342 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

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 421 Come Follow Me, the Savior Spake

Silent Prayer

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## Announcements

### Upcoming Events:

- **Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference:** I will be gone September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday through Thursday) for our PC Pastoral Conference in California.
- **Mission Festival:** Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a joint service with Redemption for mission festival. Guest Pastor Drew Naumann will be delivering the message.
- **Help Needed:** If anyone is available to help Lance move back into his apartment, we plan on doing so after church on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Any boxes or vehicles that can help with transport is greatly appreciated.



## ‘Call News:

- Pastor Zack Sippert of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bowdle, SD and Zion Lutheran of Ipswich, SD **has accepted the call** to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN.
- Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO **has accepted the call** to St. John’s Lutheran in Okabena, MN following Pastor Albrecht’s retirement at the end of the year.
- Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA **has received the call** to St. Stephen’s Lutheran in Mt. View, CA.
- Pastor Timothy Wheaton of Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO has announced his retirement effective on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
8/18/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>905.00</b>
8/25/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>715.00</b>
9/1/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>550.00</b>
9/8/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ <b>1125.00</b>

## Usher Schedule:

Month:

September

October

Name:

Scott Radcliffe

Jim Hansen

## Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30