

**REDEEMER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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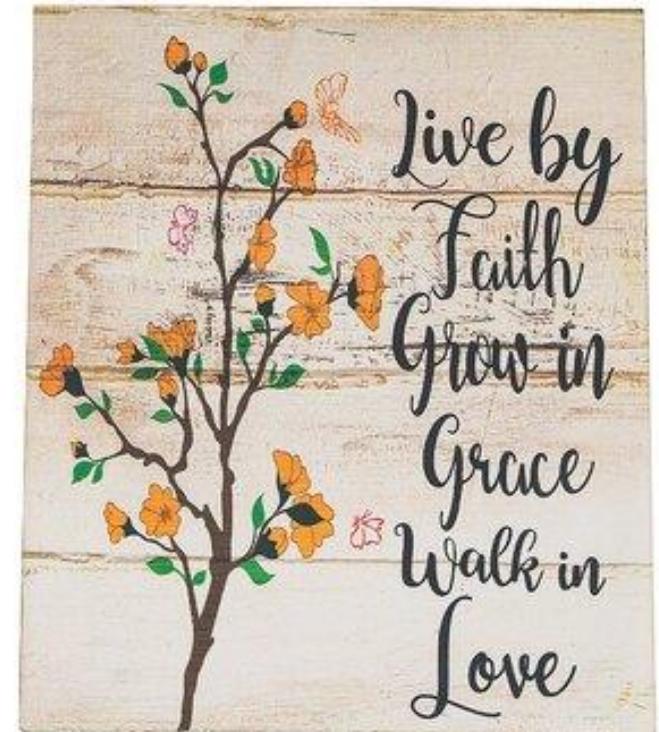
*August 13~ Elvis Night with the Thunderbolts*

*August 16~ Book Cub 7pm*



*Altar flowers  
are given by  
Diana Carr~  
Happy birthday Mom!*

**Altar flowers are still available for October 30.  
Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex.**



# 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”*

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Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

Welcome  
*(Please stand as able)*

*Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

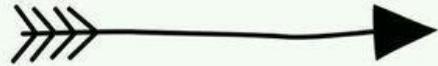
**C: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Song:** “Father, I Adore You”

**Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.  
Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.  
Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.**



HOW COOL IS IT THAT  
THE SAME GOD, WHO  
CREATED MOUNTAINS,  
& OCEANS,  
& GALAXIES, LOOKED AT YOU &  
THOUGHT THE WORLD NEEDED  
ONE OF YOU TOO?

**The Prayer of the Day**

**C:** Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The first reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Genesis*

*First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6*

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Song:**

**"He is Exalted"**

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name.  
Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.**

*The second reading is from the 11<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Hebrews*

*Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

**Sending Hymn: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

- 1 He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole, wide world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands**
- 2 He's got the little bitty babies in His hands**
- 3 He's got everybody here in His hands**
- 4 He's got the sisters and the brothers in His hands  
He's got the fathers and the mothers in His Hands  
He's got the family together in His hands  
He's got the whole world in His hands**

*Dismissal*

**P:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Offertory Prayer**

**C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

*Words of Institution***Lord's Prayer:** *To Be Spoken*

**C: 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.**

*Invitation to Holy Communion*

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*Distribution of Holy Communion**Blessing after Communion*

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*Prayer after Communion*

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

*Blessing*

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**  
(Please stand as able)

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-40*

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom

the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

**P: The Gospel of the Lord.**

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Please be seated)*

*Sermon*

*(Please stand as able)*

**Sermon Hymn: “Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love”**

**Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.**

- 1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.**
- 2 Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race,  
Neighbors are nearby and far away.**
- 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
All these are neighbors to us and you.**
- 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet:  
This is the way we will live with you.**

**Apostle’s Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Prayers of Intercession*

P: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Console those who grieve and embrace those who cry out to you (*especially*). Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Fashion our hearts to strive for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of this congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.  
**Amen.**