

# Welcome to the historic Stone Church!



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**Thank You for helping with the service today September 1, 2024.**

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## **Prelude**

### **Ringling of the Church Bell**

## **Announcements**

### **Prayer & Confession** *(written by Lloyd Vix)*

**Thank you God for the stillness of the early morning.  
For the sunrise symbolizing one more of your precious days.  
Thank you for the strength to rise this day.  
Remove my guilt as I confess my sins  
requesting forgiveness that I may have everlasting life.  
In your holy name I pray. Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn Hymn # 638 “Blessed Assurance”**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **R**

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **R**

## Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95

- <sup>1</sup> O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
**and a great King above all gods.**
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
**the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
**and the dry land, which his hands have formed.**
- <sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and bow down,  
**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

## Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P: The holy gospel according to Mark. C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

<sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup>“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

### **Hymn ELW # 779 “Amazing Grace”**

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

## **Apostle's Creed**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

## **Noisy Offering/ Offering Collection**

## **Offertory Hymn #512 “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”**

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,  
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

## **The 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, for ever and ever.  
Amen**

## **Invitation to Communion**

*Pastor:* The Table is set. Who is Welcome?

*Congregation Response:* **All are welcome.**

**The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)**

**Communion Hymns: 471,838,392 (vs 1-3),398**

## **Sending Song ELW #890 “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”**

1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

(Refrain)

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**  
**Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**  
**His truth is marching on.**

2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. **R**

3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. **R**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Tolling of the Church Bell**

**Postlude**

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**September 2<sup>nd</sup> Labor Day (Office Closed)**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Serving Group Chairman Fall Supper Job Meeting**

**September 8<sup>th</sup> “WELCOME BACK SUNDAY” 9:30 a.m. worship at Cross of Christ followed by coffee and fellowship.**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> The Saturday Bible Study** will meet at Carmel Ledebuhr's home in the Mound Prairie area. No homework is required. Meet at the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Carmel's home. For questions, please contact Ellen Hongerholt at [ellen@crescendollp.com](mailto:ellen@crescendollp.com) or call 507-459-1989. The group will return to the regular bi-monthly schedule after Sept. 14th.

**September 15<sup>th</sup> Caring Collection** we are collecting Soup, Crackers, Pasta.

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### **Mission Action Projects Lutheran World Relief**

Please consider donations for Kits that will be assembled and sent out in September. Items needed are listed below.

Personal Care kits

Each kit contains:

1-Light or medium weight bath towel (50" x 27"-dark colored)

2-Bars of soap (bath size in original wrappers)

1-Nail clipper

1-Adult size toothbrush (in original packaging or multi-pack in business size envelopes)

1-Sturdy comb

School Kits

Each kit contains:

4-70 sheet notebooks

1-30 centimeter ruler with centimeters and inches

1-pencil sharpener

1-blunt tip scissor

5-unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; rubber banded

5-ball point pens; rubber banded

1-box of crayons (16 or 24 count)

1-2 1/2" eraser





