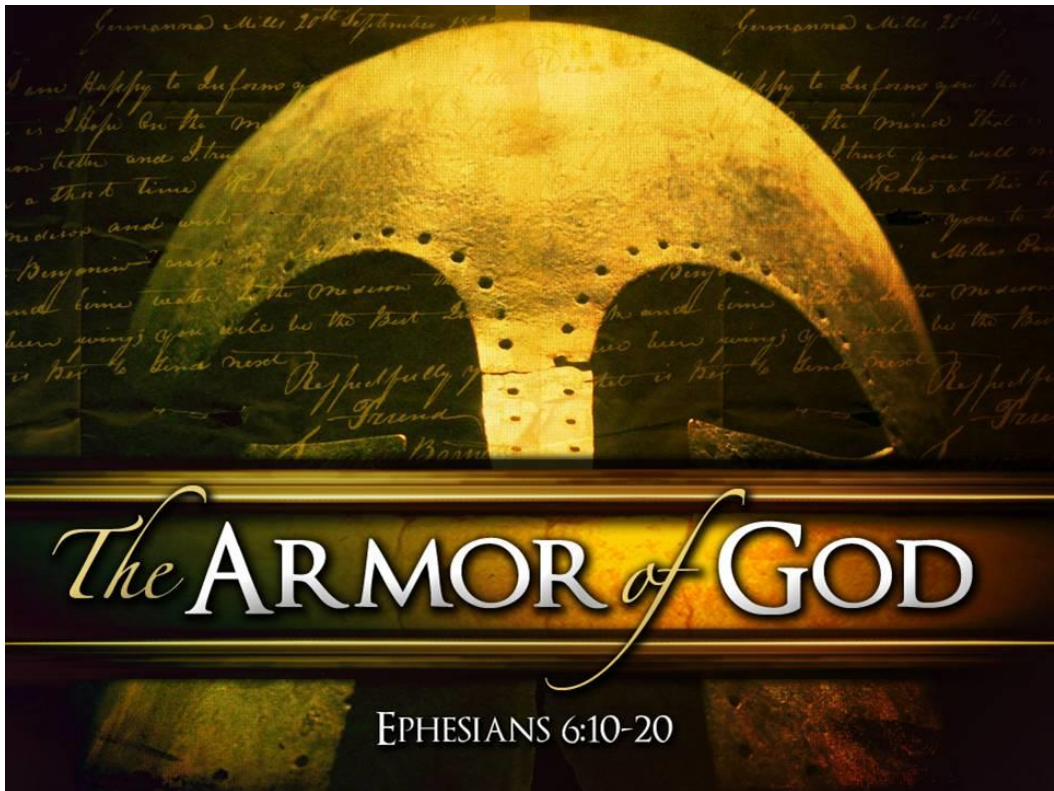


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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2015

LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday School & Bible Class: Sundays at 9:15 am

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Welcome

The Bible readings for today are about keeping God's Word. We must be careful not to add or subtract to it, lest we become hypocrites and remain in our sin. When we keep to it, God armors us against the spiritual forces of this dark world so that we can stand our ground against them. So, today and everyday, put on the armor of God by adhering only to the Word of God.

Visitors

We are so thankful that you joined us for worship! Please fill out a guest card located on the back of the pew in front of you. You can place them in the offering plate as it goes by or hand it to an usher as you leave today. If there is any way that we can serve you, please let us know. God bless your worship!

Information

Restrooms are located on your right as you exit the back of the sanctuary.

The **Fellowship Hall** is located to the left of the sanctuary.

A **Playroom** is available for small children, located to your left as you exit the back of the sanctuary, across from pastor's office.

A **Nursing Room** is available by the entrance to the Ladies' Restroom.

Children's Bulletins and crayons are available from the ushers.

Serving in Worship

Music: Joyce Eggleston

Ushers: Bennett Askew, Andy Hartmann, John Kase, & Gary Turck

Greeters: Dick & Carol Elliott

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Klein



Light of the Valley is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Order of Worship

Opening Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*

1 This is my Fa - ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning ears All
 2 This is my Fa - ther's world; The birds their car - ols raise; The
 3 This is my Fa - ther's world; Oh, let me not for - get That,

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought Of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; He shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa - ther's world; Why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of . . skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass, I . . hear him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be . . glad!

Invocation

As we begin, we ask for God to come and guide our worship and be with us.

STAND

M: In the name of God the Father:

C: Praise to our creating God!

M: In the name of God the Son (†):

C: Praise to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ!

M: In the name of God the Holy Spirit:

C: Praise to our renewing, faith-giving God. Amen!

Prayer and Praise

As we come before God, we praise him for all the wondrous things he does for us.

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided mighty forests and majestic mountains. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: We thank you for the morning mist and the blazing sunset, for all the joys of nature in this part of your world.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countryside, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for accepting our worship and praise.

**C: ♪ This is my Father's world, the seasons, and all time;
 Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
 This is my Father's world; the Son has set it free;
 his praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!**

Prayer of the Day

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

The Word

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not

against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

STAND

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!

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

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ² saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'" ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'" ²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



BE SEATED

Children's Message

The children are invited up to the front of church for a message from the pastor.

Hymn of the Day: CW 455 *Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You*

Sermon

STAND

Confession of Faith

The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth. Today we use the Apostles' Creed.

M: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

Encouragement in Faith

As brothers and sisters united in our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior, we encourage one another with these words from Jude 20-21.

M: Build yourselves up in your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

M: Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait

C: for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you eternal life.

Confession of Sins

In the confession of sins, we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution gives and assures us that we are forgiven by the substitutionary life and death of Jesus Christ.

M: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

M: The almighty and merciful Lord Jesus Christ (†) grants you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.

BE SEATED

Offering

The offering is an opportunity for us to return thanks to God by giving of the blessings that he has given us – both earthly and the spiritual, particularly prompted by the forgiveness of sins given to us through our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

STAND

Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. He promises to listen to them and respond according to his will in a way that is best for us. With that in mind, we approach our God with confidence and faith in him and his promises.

Lord's Prayer

The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

All: 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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



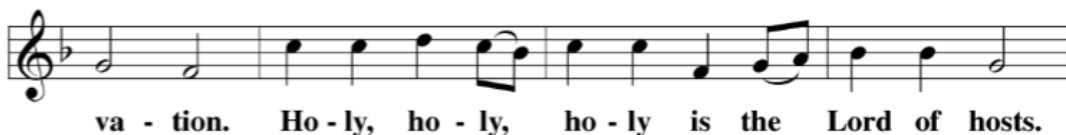
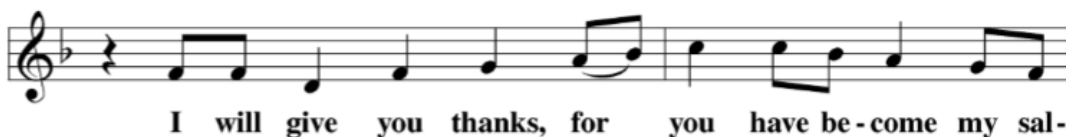
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Christ destroyed death and destroyed the power of Satan. We join the saints and angels in a song of praise to our God in what is called the "Sanctus."



Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

The words we sing are taken from John 1:29. Believers come as spiritual beggars and cry out to Christ, the Lamb of God (Agnus Dei).

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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Distribution



On the basis of what God's Word says, the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in beliefs. Therefore, we kindly ask that only confirmed members of Light of the Valley partake of Holy Communion. We encourage those who would like to receive Holy Communion with us to speak with the Pastor before doing so.

STAND

Thanksgiving

STAND

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

As we close our worship service, we leave with direct blessings from our Lord and God, using the words that God gave to Aaron the High Priest to bless the Israelites (Numbers 6:22-27).

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Closing Hymn: CW 537 Onward Christian Soldiers

Take a moment to reflect on today's message, one of the Bible readings, or on a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, feel free to leave the chapel when you wish and join us in the fellowship hall for some refreshments. Have a blessed week!

Announcements

September Calendar Available

The September calendar is available on the information table below the members' picture board in the fellowship hall. You can also find it and download it on our church website (www.lightofthevalley-wels.org) under the calendar tab.

Kickoff Sunday

To "kickoff" our fall Sunday School program, we will have a special potluck after church on Sunday, September 13. Bring a dish to pass and wear your team colors, if you would like.

September Women's Book Club

The next book club meeting will be this Monday, September 7 at 7:00 pm at the parsonage (1125 Oakridge Dr. in Layton). The book to discuss is "Love Unexpected" by Jody Hedlund. Contact Wendy Klein (wnk1029@gmail.com) for more information and to RSVP. You can also RSVP on the event created on LOTV's Facebook group page.

Next Adult Bible Information Class

A new session of our Bible Information Class will start on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 pm in our fellowship hall. This class presents the Bible's teachings, and thus what Light of the Valley Lutheran Church teaches, and is a prerequisite for communicant membership at LOTV. All materials will be provided. Current members as well as newcomers are all invited to attend. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Klein.

Women's Group Dinner Out

Ladies of LOTV (and non-member ladies as well) are invited to gather for dinner at Texas Roadhouse (685 S Ring Rd. in Layton) at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, September 15. If you have any questions, talk to Cara Toomey (cl2me@yahoo.com) or Kerry Turck (kerryturck68@centurylink.net).

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Choir Practice)

Our choir will begin practicing on Sundays after church starting September 13. Anyone willing to make a joyful noise to the Lord is invited and welcomed. See Joyce Eggleston for details.

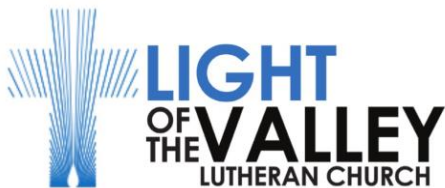
This Week at LOTV

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| Sunday, September 6 | 10:30 am | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| Monday, September 7 | 7:00 pm | Women's Book Club |
| Tuesday, September 8 | 6:30 pm | Catechism (via Skype) |
| Thursday, September 10 | 7:00 pm | AA Meeting |
| Sunday, September 13 | 9:15 am | Sunday School |
| | 9:15 am | Teen Bible Class |
| | 9:15 am | Adult Bible Class |
| | 10:30 am | Worship |
| | 11:30 am | Choir Practice |
| | 12:00 pm | Kickoff Sunday Potluck |
| | 12:15 pm | Church Council Meeting |
| | 3:00 pm | Worship at Rocky Mountain Care |
| | 6:00 pm | Bible Information Class |

Upcoming Events

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| Women's Book Club | Monday, September 7 at 7:00 pm |
| Kick-off Sunday Potluck | Sunday, September 13 at 12:00 pm |
| Women's Group Dinner Out | Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 pm |
| Men's Group | Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am |
| Sr Youth Bowling Outing | Sunday, September 27 at 12:00 pm |

Church Membership: What Does it Mean?



There are over 70 member households at Light of the Valley (LOTV). Church membership is the tangible connection to the family of faith that is our congregation. It is a connection consisting of *unity* in the Bible's teachings and *commitment* to the mission, ministry, and

members of this congregation. Participation in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at LOTV says, among other things, that you are so united and committed to this congregation.

Our Bible Information Class (BIC) explains the Bible's teachings as confessed by our Lutheran church. It also explains the mission and ministry of this congregation so that inquirers can decide if they want to be committed members of it. A new session will begin on Sunday, September 13 at 6:00 pm. Contact Pastor Klein for more information.