

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



of AFTON



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Welcome

Opening Hymn

Almighty God Your Word is Cast

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Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in the mercy of God, let be still before God, confessing our sin and listening for mercy.

God of abundant peace,

We admit our failings and mistakes to you.

**We confess our desire to control and constrain your love,
we own our struggle to live as your Word invites us to live.**

We allow other, less-worthy voices to shape us,

We lash out in fear and self-righteousness rather than listen with compassion.

God of abundant peace, we admit our failings and mistakes to you.

We hope now in your forgiveness, we stand humbled before your extravagant love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

People of God,

Remember how loved you are by God! Through generous compassion and endless faithfulness, God forgives us all our sins through Jesus Christ. Let us open our lives to the call of discipleship and the invitation to be healers of hurts and restorers of that which is broken. Let us extend the wide welcome of God to all the world. **We will and we ask God to help and guide us. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 85: 8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹ Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹ Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹² The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³ Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake,

they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper

Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

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Holy Baptism of Cheyenne Virginia Weisbrod

Prayers of Intercession

Words of Institution

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.

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

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