

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

September 2, 2018

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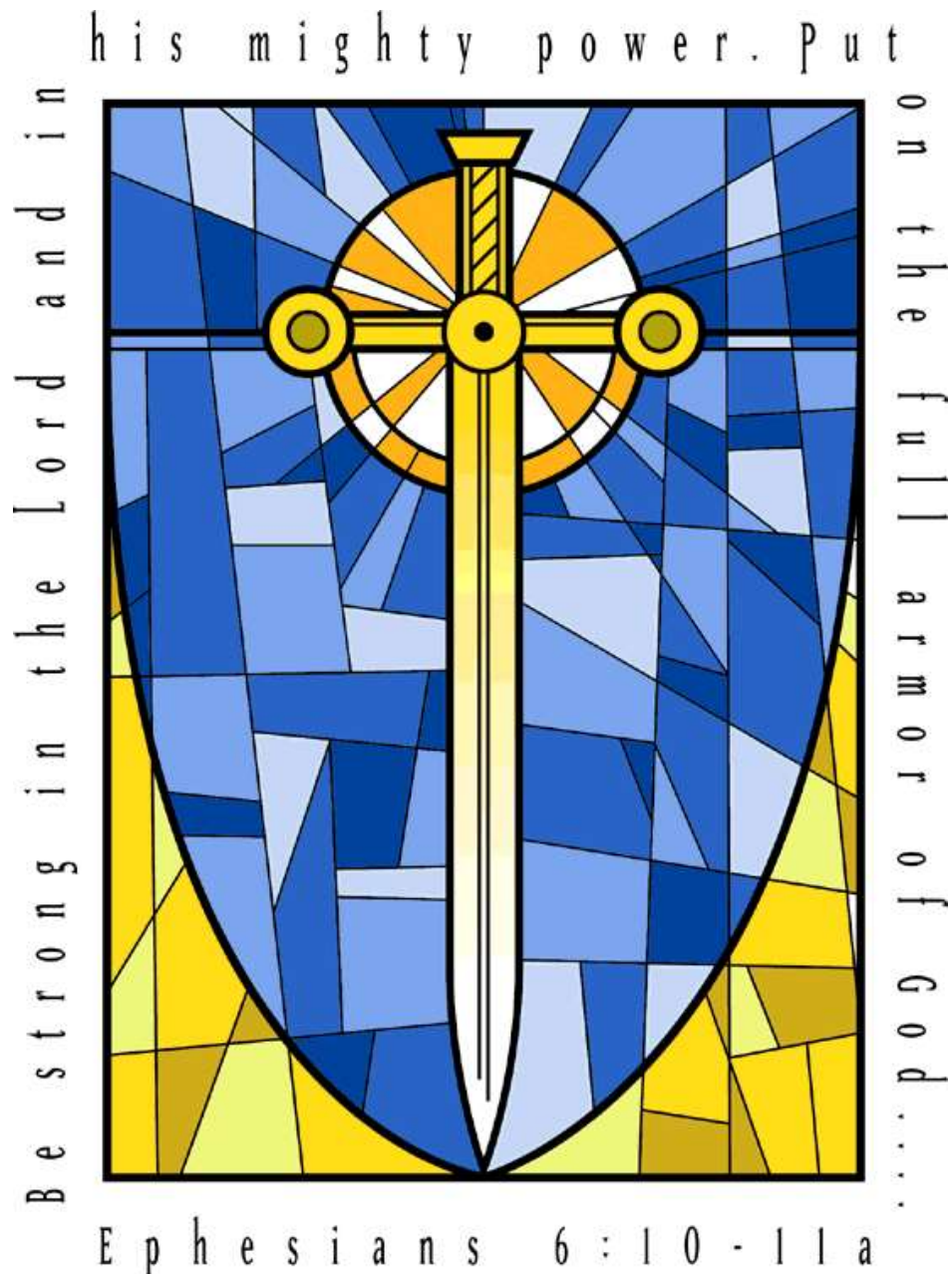


FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Tell Your Children and Your Children's Children

AS WE GATHER

It has been said, "The Church is never more than one generation away from extinction." This bold statement perhaps finds support in the admonition found in today's Old Testament Reading. There Moses writes this concerning the works of the Lord, "Make them known to your children and your children's children" (Deuteronomy 4:9). Each generation has the responsibility, and privilege, of passing on the works of God to the next generation. While much of this teaching happens in the setting of a local congregation, the Christian instruction that happens in the home, in our own family, is key. This teaching is always centered in Jesus Christ, the one through whom our Lord has worked the mightiest work of all—our salvation. That same Savior promises that even the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church!



✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

“With the Lord Begin Thy Task”

Theodore Beck

OPENING HYMN

“Be Strong in the Lord”

LSB 665

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Ephesians 6:13*

Pastor: Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

People: that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,
Pastor: and having done all,
People: to stand firm.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:2, 7, 10*

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
People: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
People: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise "This Is the Feast!"

Refrain:



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



1. — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign, Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent,

People: **that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

(Listen to the statutes and just decrees that I am teaching you.)

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. 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.

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." 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? 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? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20

(Put on the whole armor of God.)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 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. 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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 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. 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, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.

VERSE *Matthew 5:8*

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Choir: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

People: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 7:14–23

(What comes out of a man is what makes him “unclean.”)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. 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.'"

After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him `unclean'? For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")

He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him `unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man `unclean.' "

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor John Larson

NICENE CREED

Text found in the back of the Hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Psalm 119:132

Pastor: We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, "Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your name."

O Lord, You spoke through Your servant Moses, instructing us to teach Your Word to future generations. Grant us diligence in sharing Christ with our children and our children's children, that they may know Him as their Savior.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is Your way with those who love Your name.

Pastor: O Lord, the apostle Paul warns us of Satan and his schemes. We thank You that You do not leave us defenseless but give us Your armor to guard and defend us.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is Your way with those who love Your name.

Pastor: O Lord, You have the power to heal and to restore, and so we humbly ask that You look with favor upon the sick and hurting in body, mind, or spirit, [*especially . . .*]. Give to them strength and restoration according to Your perfect will.

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is Your way with those who love Your name.

Pastor: *Other intercessions may be offered here . . .*

Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is Your way with those who love Your name.

Pastor: O Lord, give us faithful hearts with which to receive Your Son's body and blood at Your Table. Grant that it strengthen and sustain us in the one true faith. Turn to me and be gracious to me,

People: as is Your way with those who love Your name.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

People: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Sonata in F Major - Vivace"

Georg Philipp Telemann
Ann Westra, flute

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.



✠ SACRAMENT ✠

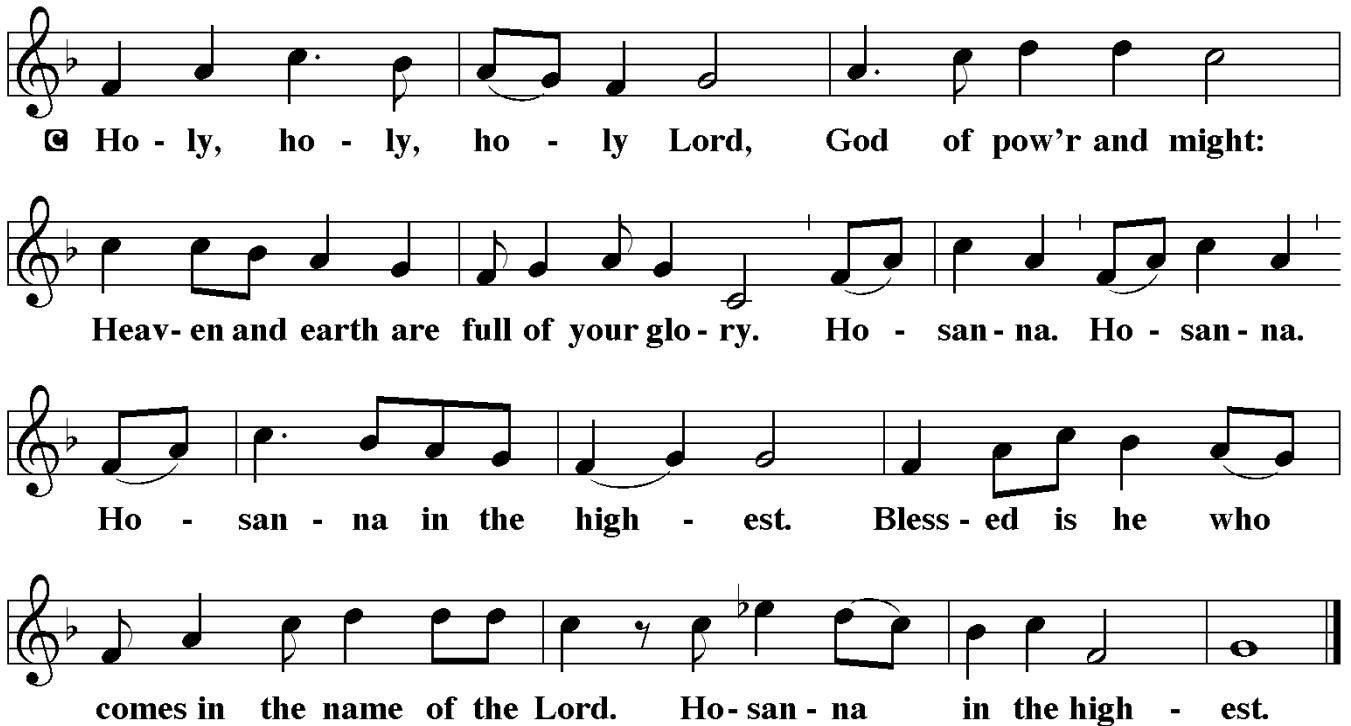
PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who through His suffering, death, and resurrection overcame the devil and his schemes that we might be saved through His victory won for us. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

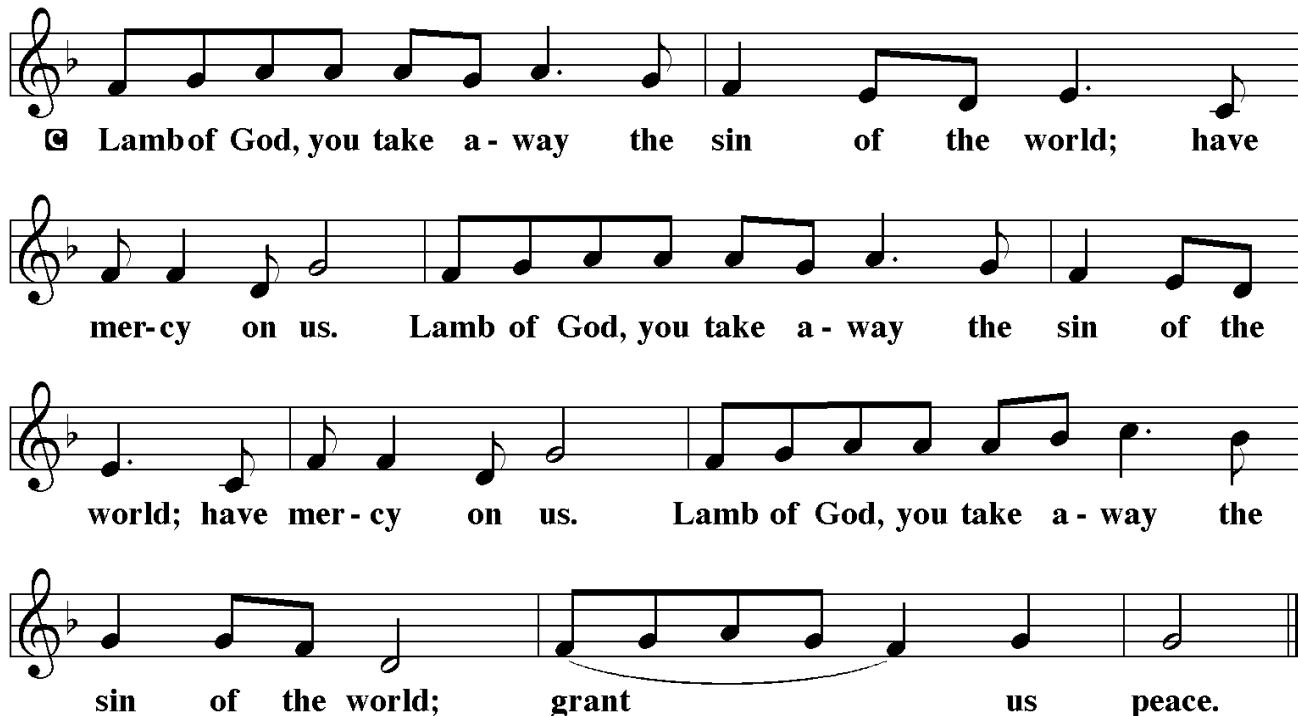
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER *Text found in the back of the Hymnal. (Matthew 6:9–13)*

AGNUS DEI



♩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Water is Wide”

arr. Ron Harris
Ann Westra, flute

“I Know My Faith Is Founded”

LSB 587

“Not What These Hands Have Done”

LSB 567

“Fruitful Tress, the Spirit’s Sowing”

LSB 691

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION *Ephesians 6:13*

Pastor: Therefore take up the whole armor of God,

People: **that you may be able to withstand in the evil day,**

Pastor: and having done all,

People: **to stand firm.**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LSB 924

POSTLUDE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Flor Peters



Serving in Worship

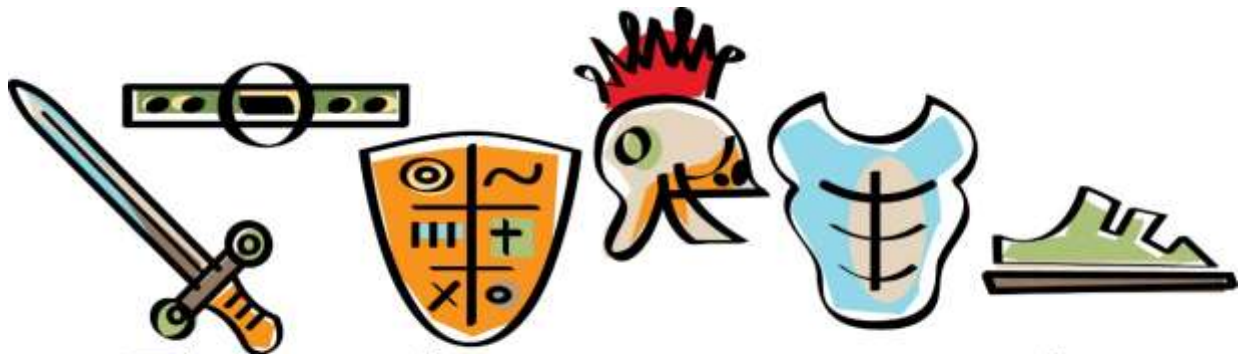
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ELDER 8:00
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SERVER 10:00
ALTAR GUILD

Roger Gaide
Don Loptien
Clyde Wiggins
Margo Pasha
Josh Federico
Erik Schwerin
Art Gordon, Members of the
Congregation
Jason Dierking, Members of the
Congregation
Les Young
Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault,
Sharon Seible, Laurel Shurtleff
The Achziger family in celebration of
Edna's 90th Birthday & Alvera Sturgeon
in celebration of her 90th Birthday (Both
on 9/8)

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Therefore put on the
full armor of God ...

EPHESIANS 6:13, NIV