



PENTECOST 15

True obedience to God comes only
from a heart of faith.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We love that you are here today! The library in the back offers a “**quiet room**” for parents of little ones. **Restrooms** are in the hallway to the right and also through the doors across the hall on the right side.

TODAY’S FOCUS

For five Sundays we have heard excerpts from Jesus’ “Bread of Life” sermon. Jesus gives us not only eternal life in heaven, but also new life with God right now. Our new life is marked by obedience to God and His Word. True obedience that God loves is not an obligatory slavishness. Rather, it is a willing compliance of gratitude and trust, motivated by God’s unexpected kindness.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Service of the Word pg. 38 in the hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn (Sunday)	582	<i>Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun</i>
Opening Hymn (Monday)	589	<i>Now the Day Is Over</i>
Hymn of the Day	286	<i>The Law Commands and Makes Us Know</i>
Third Hymn	459	<i>O God, My Faithful God</i>
Closing Hymn	462	<i>Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9	(Church Bible, pg. 279)
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 51b	(insert)
Second Lesson	James 1:17-27	(Church Bible, pg. 1881)
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-8,14, 15,21-23	(Church Bible, pg. 1663)

Sermon

James 1:17-27
Live as God’s Firstfruits

WHY DO WE SING THE PSALMS?

The Psalms are the word of God. God is the true composer of them. His Spirit inspired King David and others to write the words. God designed us to be musical creatures. Music is part of our worship of God. He provided the Psalms as the original hymnbook for the Jewish believers of Old Testament times. We no longer have the original melodies, but the words are still relevant and powerful for us today. The Holy Spirit still works through the words of the Psalms to create and strengthen faith in our hearts.

ABOUT OUR WAY OF WORSHIP

In Christian freedom, we choose to use a liturgy. “Liturgy” comes from an ancient Greek word that means, “the work of the people.” In other words, our worship isn’t passive - the people sitting back and being entertained.

Our worship is active. God and His people are earnestly engaged in a joyful and sacred dialogue with each other.

First, (through the pastor) God invites us to confess our sins. After we confess, he announces that we are forgiven. As a result, we sing a song of praise to Him. Then we pray for Him to work in our hearts. He responds by speaking to us through the Scripture readings. Back and forth it goes - God speaks, we respond, we speak, God responds.

A LITURGY IS A TOOL FOR TEACHING US ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

For example, the Bible says, *But with you [O Lord] there is forgiveness. Therefore you are feared (Psalm 130:4).* No true relationship with God can begin without our sins first being removed. The liturgy begins with a confession of sins and an announcement by the pastor that our sins are forgiven. This results in our praise and further dialogue with God.

Flowers were provided by Andy & Kristin Huebner to thank God for Al & Marianne Ketelhohn’s 58th wedding anniversary. Al and Marianne are Kristin’s parents.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

PresiderRev. Shaun Arndt
Organist..... Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Ushers..... Team #4 8:00 – A. Huebner (c); 10:30 – M. Pilgrim (c)
Monday Night – C. McDowell



Mission Statement

As men, women and children united in faith and worship by the Word of God, we are **committed to making disciples**, using the gospel to win the lost for Christ, and nurturing believers for Christian service, all to the glory of God.

Service Times

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am; Monday 6:30 pm

Television: Sunday 12:30 pm
channel 98 analog; channel 983 digital

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