

The Festival of Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 28, 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We love that you are here today! The library in the back serves as a **quiet room** for parents with children. **Restrooms** are in the hallway to the right and also across the hall on the right side, opposite the school office.

TODAY'S FOCUS

We do not worship or pray to the saints. Nor do we ask them to intervene for us. But the Bible holds them before us as examples of faith and faithful service to God's glory. May the examples of Saint Simon and Saint Jude encourage us to maintain our zeal for the mission of the Church. You may see how the Festival of Saint Simon and Saint Jude fits into the Christian Church calendar on page 160 of the red hymnal.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346). WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

WHO WERE SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE?

Saint Jude was the brother of Jesus (Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3). He is identified as one of the Twelve by the name of Thaddeus meaning "brave heart." (Compare Luke 6:16 with Matthew 10:3.) His name is Judas, but to differentiate him from Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus his name is shortened to Jude. He wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament, an intense, single-chapter book consisting of just 25 verses. In this epistle he humbly identifies himself as the brother of James (vs.1) and merely as a servant of Jesus.

Saint Simon is not to be confused with Simon Peter. He is identified among the Twelve as "Simon the Zealot." Like modern-day "extremists," zealots were a sect willing to resort to acts of violence to preserve the purity of Judaism.

As disciples of Jesus both Jude's and Simon's zeal was sanctified to holy purposes and employed in service to the Kingdom of God.

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor | 530 (vs. 1-4)

PLEASE STAND

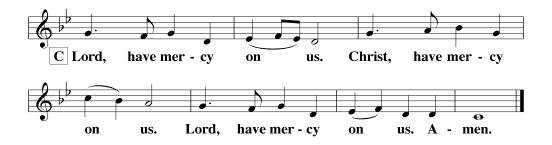
- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son \blacksquare and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

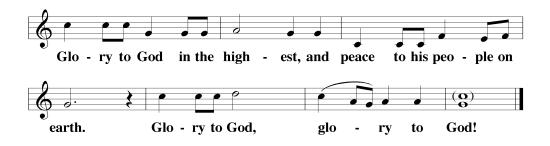
In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



GLORY TO GOD¹

¹ GLORY TO GOD: The song of the angels (Luke 2:14) brings us to the BIRTH OF CHRIST.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially for Saint Simon and Saint Jude. We pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so may we with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 26:7-16

PSALM OF THE DAY

The congregation will sing the second line of each verse, the refrain, and the Glory Be.



Oh, how I <u>love</u> your law!* I meditate on it <u>all</u> day long.

I have more insight than all my <u>teach</u>ers,* **for I meditate on your** <u>stat</u>utes.

I have more understanding than the <u>eld</u>ers,* **for I obey your <u>pre</u>cepts.**

Refrain

I have kept my feet from every <u>e</u>vil path* so that I might o<u>bey</u> your Word.

I have not departed <u>from</u> your laws,* **for you yourself have** <u>taught</u> me.

How sweet are your words <u>to</u> my taste,* sweeter than honey <u>to</u> my mouth!

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning, is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL

John 14:21-27

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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CREED

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.

PLEASE BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints Still Striving | 552 (vs 1, 21, 3)

SERMON

Jeremiah 26:7-16

THEME: "Why must a pastor say things that hurt?"

PLEASE STAND WHEN PRESIDER INDICATES

CREATE IN ME²



PLEASE BE SEATED

 $^{^2}$ CREATE IN ME: This psalm (51:10-12) reminds us of the BAPTISM OF JESUS when the Holy Spirit descended on Him in the form of a dove (Luke 3:22).

OFFERING

Visitors need not feel obliged to participate in this offering. We do ask you to fill out a "Connection" card from the pew in front of you and drop it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Thank you!

Members of Peace have committed themselves to financially supporting the ministry of Peace. They consider their offering to be a deliberate act of worshiping God.

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his way may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, O God. May all the peoples praise you.

Lord God, King of the universe, direct the governments of the world so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Protect us from crime and war. Let freedom of religion flourish that the gospel may be freely preached throughout the world. Cast down rulers who oppress their people. Remove governments who oppose the gospel. Bring relief to persecuted Christians.

Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

Bless President Schroeder of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the district presidents, the circuit pastors, and all professors and instructors of our ministerial schools who oversee and serve your flock. Grant them all the gifts necessary for the godly administration of their duties, the building up of your Church, and the glory of your name.

Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

Bless our synod with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. Lead many young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministries. By the power of your gospel, motivate them so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set before them.

Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us.

Hear us as we pray for a family member, a friend, or for others who do not yet believe in you, who are confused, or who have been disenfranchised from the outward fellowship of your Church.

Silent prayer

Make us the answer to our prayers for others. Move us to share the gospel with those for whom we have just prayed. Prompt us to invite them to hear your Word. Bless the preaching of the gospel everywhere, here among us and in the far corners of the world. Let your kingdom come to us and to many others.

Then the earth will yield its harvest, and God, our God, will bless us. God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth will fear him. Amen.

Special prayers

To you we offer these requests, along with everything else you would have us ask with the words you yourself have taught us...

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

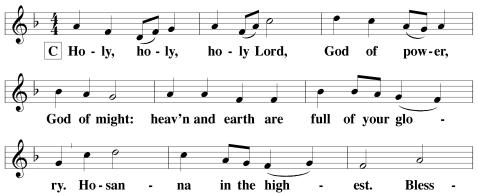
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

who in blessing his saints of the past has given us glorious assurance and hope that, following their example of faith, we may run with perseverance the race marked out for us, and receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY³

³ HOLY, HOLY: This song brings us to JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday when people welcomed Him with shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Matthew 21:9). Indeed, Jesus is about to come to us in the Sacrament.



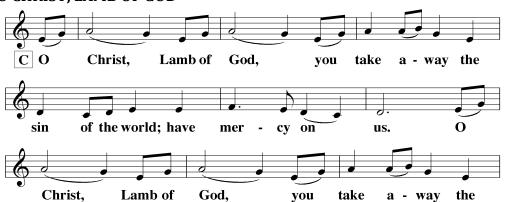
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

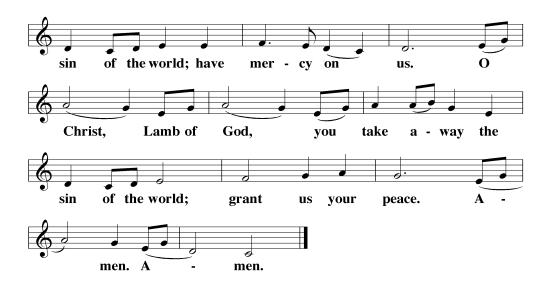
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁴

⁴ O CHRIST LAMB OF GOD: This song brings us to the cross where Jesus was sacrificed to atone for the sins of the whole world (John 1:29).



PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of "Close Communion," meaning we commune members of Peace and churches affiliated with Peace. For further explanation, please see inside the front cover of this bulletin. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

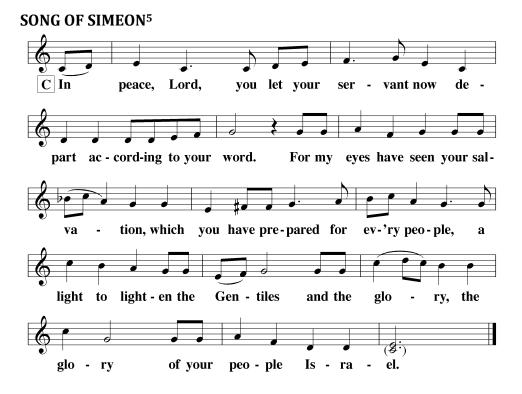
O Christians, Haste | **570** Onward, Christian Soldiers | **532** O Lord, in prayer You Spent the Night | **548**

COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING



⁵ SONG OF SIMEON: This song, though it was sung by Simeon when Jesus was a baby, reminds us of Jesus' departure when He ascended into heaven and now fills all things (Ephesians 1:23).

PRAYER

We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor | 530 (vs. 5)

Onward, then, without despairing! Calm we follow at his Word, Thus through joy and sorrow bearing Faithful witness to our Lord.

INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY

Invite someone to come to church with you!

NOVEMBER 4 8:00 & 10:30 Services Refreshments & fellowship to follow

Invitation slips are available on the tables in the back of the worship space.

SPECIAL DOOR OFFERING FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Next Sunday, November 4, the Collegiate Care Committee will have a door offering to purchase Subway gift cards for our 32 college students. We plan to send a gift card and also a note of encouragement to each student. We want to keep the students connected to Peace and to let them know that their church family is thinking of them. Please keep our college students in your prayers as they pursue their course of study. Thank you for your support. Sue Ross and Linda Sellin

FOLLOWING THE FOOTNOTES

If you have followed the footnotes throughout the worship service, you see that this ancient liturgical format ingeniously walks us through the major events of Christ's life with its five major songs. This is not merely by chance. This worship format, called the "Western Rite," deliberately serves to help keep us Christ-focused.

In gospel freedom our worship could be event-driven, issue-driven, topic-driven, or merely "praise" oriented. Sometimes we exercise that freedom. Though it would not be our intent, a prolonged approach like this could inadvertently turn the focus to us and what we feel is important, rather than keeping it on Christ and what God says is important for us in connection with Christ.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard	Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Ushers	Team #6 8:00 – Larson (c); 10:30 – Schumacher (c)
	Monday Night –McDowell



CHURCH & SCHOOL

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 9:00 am

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