

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 2, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder. Or you can follow the projections on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

JESUS OFFERS SOMETHING BETTER: LOVE IN PLACE OF LEGALISM

For several Sundays we will hear how Jesus offers something better. Each week will feature a “better thing” Jesus offers. Today we learn that Jesus offers love in place of legalism. So often the Christian message is misconstrued as a way to “better” yourself or a set of rules to follow. Far better than this is the love of God which moved Him to send His Son to die on the cross so that through faith in Him we may have everlasting life in heaven.

TO PREPARE FOR THIS SERVICE

Look up page 286 in the blue hymnal and read the Third Commandment and its meaning. The Scripture readings today deal with the “Sabbath Day.” Sabbath is a Hebrew word for rest. God no longer requires believers to take a day of physical rest as He did for the Old Testament believers (see the Colossians reading). He wants us to have the kind of rest that we need for our souls by hearing His Word.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

During the 9:30 service, Kristina Hendricks will declare her unity of faith with us in the Rite of Confirmation. Welcome, Kristina! We wish you God’s blessings as part of the Peace family.

TIME TO SAY FAREWELL

Eric and Hannah Uher have been a huge part of Peace Lutheran Ministries and have blessed us in many ways. Alas! It is time for them to transition to their new field of service in Michigan. On Sunday, June 9, we will observe a “Rite of Farewell” during the 9:30 service. Afterwards, all are invited to stay for light snacks and to wish the Uher’s God’s blessings. There will also be a card basket & cash box for parting gifts.

“PRIDE” MONTH?

Check out the selection of books on the library table in the back of the worship space for resources on what God says about this topic and how Christians should respond.

PEACE SENIORS LUNCHEON

Peace Seniors, 55 and better, will meet for their monthly first Friday luncheon at Prairie Lanes. Our next gathering is June 7th at 11:30. We will order off the menu and celebrate Father's Day by having "Pies for Pop" as our dessert. ☺ Come and spend time with new and former members. Guests are welcome. You do not need to pre-register. Prairie Lanes is handicapped accessible. Looking forward to seeing you!

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER? DON'T FORGET TO WORSHIP!

Log on to wels.net. Click on “Find a church/school.” You can find a WELS church near your destination and attend services there. It is really fun to join voices with fellow believers in other settings.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Vocalist..... Mr. Andrew Kramer
Accompanist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Projection Slides Matt Homstad

SERVICE OF THE WORD

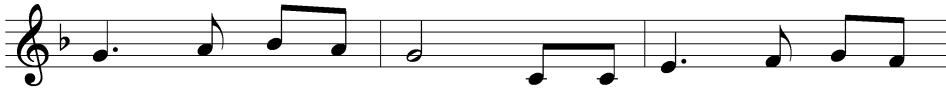
OPENING HYMN

Come Away from Rush and Hurry | CW 913

The vocalist will sing verse 1. The congregation will join in verses 2 and 3.



1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the
2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie
3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con -



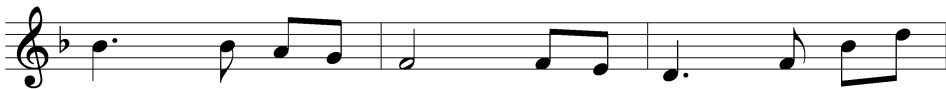
still - ness of God's peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's
down to rest our soul. From the wa - ters of God's
fu - sions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of



wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.
mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.
Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.



Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de -
At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— he a -



mands and fren - zied pace; come to join the peo - ple
saints are rich - ly fed. With the oil of God's a -
lone will sat - is - fy. All our long - ings find at -



gath - ered here to seek and find God's grace.
noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

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Please stand

M: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins.¹ By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are² his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

¹ The minister is acting in his vocation as Christ's representative to the congregation. He is speaking for Christ. Your sins are really forgiven!!

² Notice, it doesn't say, "You CAN be his child." Rather, "You ARE his own dear child."

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE³

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

³ This is a paraphrase of Psalm 34.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15⁴

Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

⁴ Moses sets forth to the Israelites how the Third Commandment should be carried out in Old Testament times.



How lovely is your dwelling place,*
O LORD Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,*
for the courts of the LORD.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house;*
they are ever praising you.

Refrain

Better is one day in your courts*
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God*
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

O LORD Almighty,*
blessed are they who trust in you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

⁵ Obeying the Third Commandment is a happy thing for us! We get to be refreshed by gathering to hear His Word of forgiveness and salvation.

SECOND READING

Colossians 2:13-17⁶

Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY



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!

⁶ In New Testament times believers are set free from any requirements of physically resting on a specific day of the week. These Old Testament rules were a “shadow of things that were coming” – meaning, Christ. Now that Christ has come and has atoned for our sins, we enjoy true rest by hearing that our sins are forgiven and receiving forgiveness in the Sacrament.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23–3:6⁷

Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?”

²⁵He replied to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.”

^{3:1}Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²They were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day, so that they could accuse him. ³He said to the man with the withered hand, “Step forward!” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵Then he looked around at them with anger, deeply grieved at the hardness of their hearts. He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees left and immediately began to conspire against Jesus with the Herodians, plotting how they might kill him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | CW 703

⁷ In another place God says, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.” The Pharisees became more concerned with an outward show of religiousness than with having mercy on the man with the crippled hand. This distressed Jesus.

Observe the Sabbath

ADULT RITE OF CONFIRMATION (9:30)

APOSTLES' CREED (8:00 & 6:30)

**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

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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.**

Please be seated

HYMN

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive | CW 733⁸

Please stand

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

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

⁸ Why are we singing this hymn? Like the Pharisees in the Gospel Reading, sometimes we place expectations on others that we don't even live up to ourselves! This is called legalism. It makes living in harmony with fellow believers mighty difficult! But as Christ offers love in place of legalism we find that readily forgiving each other is the way to exercise true Christian harmony. "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise | CW 931



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
 turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on thy name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, abr. Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901 Text and tune: Public domain

SAVIOR, AGAIN TO THY DEAR NAME WE RAISE

This hymn was composed by John Ellerton (1826-1893), a parish pastor who became one of the best-known hymn-writers of England. Some time after his death when Queen Victoria celebrated the 60th anniversary of her reign, she chose one of Ellerton's hymns to be sung in all the churches of England.

The irony is that Ellerton's ministry was humble and obscure. He labored among common folk – workers in shop and factory; toilers who strained under heavy burdens; laborers with gnarled hands and bent backs whose lives often were drab and empty and hopeless; people always on the edge of poverty.

He was raised in a happy Christian home. He once wrote of his parents, "I used to feel how happy my father and mother were, even more than how good they were."

This particular hymn was written to close out a church music festival which he largely organized. One author depicts the unveiling of this hymn in this way:

"In stanza 1 we must picture the closing session of the Nantwich Festival; its dozen or so choirs robed in their variously-colored gowns and together singing their final prayer, then kneeling for the benediction. In the remaining three stanzas are three prayers for peace: peace of mind for the journeys to the several towns whence the singers have come, peace during the night, peace through the various vicissitudes of life until we attain the peace of eternity. Simple and heartfelt, universal in its application, it emphasized that frame of mind which is essential for successful work- absence from worry. Because we all need this serenity, all hymnbooks contain this perfect expression of that need."

Ellerton wrote some 50 hymns altogether and translated at least 10 Latin hymns into English. He continued to serve in obscurity and near poverty as a parish pastor until his death.

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