

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 16, 2024

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided 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.

THEME: JESUS OFFERS SOMETHING BETTER: ABUNDANCE IN PLACE OF BLIGHT

For several Sundays we are hearing how Jesus offers something better. Each week will feature a “better thing” Jesus offers. Today we learn that Jesus offers abundance in place of blight. Even our finest acts on earth are blighted with sin resulting in sorrow, anxiety, conflict and ultimately death. By contrast to such barrenness, God’s kingdom is not only continuously growing by the power of the Gospel, but the Holy Spirit is also moving God’s people to live lives abundant with fruits of faith. God’s Kingdom is the verdant pasture where we thrive for eternity.

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 give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

You can review what the Lord’s Supper means for us on page 293 of the hymnal.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Three pg. 188 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 23	page 23 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	491	<i>Come, You Thankful People, Come</i>
Communion Hymns	663	<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>
	604	<i>When All Your Mercies, O My God</i>
Closing Hymn	923	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Ezekiel 17:22-24
Second Lesson	Colossians 1:3-8
Gospel Lesson	Mark 4:26-34

Sermon

Colossians 1:3-8

An Eternal Retirement Plan that Pays Dividends Now

WHY THE 23RD PSALM?

It gives us a beautiful picture of the theme for today. It states that the Lord, our Shepherd, makes us lie down in green pastures and leads us alongside quiet waters – in other words, a lush place of abundance, not an arid desert. As we hear God’s Word and receive the Lord’s Supper we are in that abundant place being refreshed and nourished by His forgiveness and salvation.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Projection Slides Kayla Frank, Amy Johnson

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FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

This is what the LORD God says. I myself will take part of the tip of the cedar and plant it. From the topmost of its shoots I will pluck off a tender sprig, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it. It will produce branches, bear fruit, and become a magnificent cedar. Flying birds of every kind will live under it. In the shelter of its branches they will nest. ²⁴Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the high tree and raise up the low tree, that I make the green tree dry up, and I make the dried-up tree blossom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will carry it out.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:3-8

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

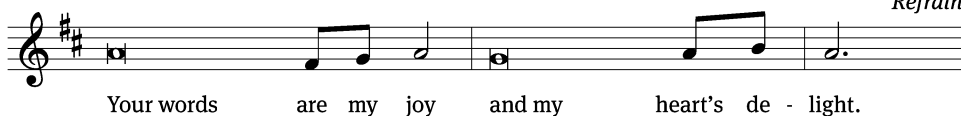
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷and while he sleeps and rises, night and day the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. ³²Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.”

³³With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!