

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 24, 2025

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: PENTECOST 11 – A WORLD-WIDE SALVATION. ONE NARROW DOOR.

There is one door to heaven. That door is Christ. There is no other way to heaven. This may sound like a limiting thing, but there is also no limit to how many are invited to pass through that door. We are saved through faith in Christ alone. But Christ provides a world-wide salvation. All are invited to believe in Christ. The door is narrow. We're not saved by Christ and.... but by Christ alone. In the Scripture lessons today, God makes clear that people from all over the world will be brought to faith in Christ and will be saved. His salvation has no borders, no prerequisites. Trust in Christ. Stay with Christ. He is the narrow door.

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.

Flowers were provided to give thanks to God for the birthday of Norm Vike and Trevor and Jared Vike (twin sons) which was on August 20. (Yes, all three) ☺

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 103	page 103 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	860	<i>In Christ There Is No East or West</i>
Communion Hymns	402	<i>Glory Be to Jesus</i>
	Insert	<i>From Greenland’s Icy Mountains</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Isaiah 66:18-24
Second Lesson	Hebrews 12:18-24
Gospel Lesson	Luke 13:22-30

Sermon

Luke 13:22-30
The Answer Is... What about You?

Being received into membership by the Rite of Confirmation during the 6:30 service is Deborah Erdmann. Welcome Deb! May God bless you in our midst.

ISN’T “GLORY BE TO JESUS” A LENTEN HYMN?

Yes it is! Then why are we singing it today? Because it makes a reference to the Hebrews 12 lesson. Verse 4 of the hymn says, “Abel’s blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies...” but Hebrews 12 speaks of “the sprinkled blood [of Jesus] that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.” For a historical reference to the blood of Abel, please look up Genesis 4:10.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon.....	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard	Mrs. Sarah Bilitz, Ms. Violet Larson
Projection Slides	Amy Larson

FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:18–24

¹⁸As for me, because of their works and their thoughts,
the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages.
They will come, and they will see my glory.

¹⁹Then I will set up a sign among them,
and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations,
to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers,
to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands,
who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory.
Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

²²For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103¹

¹ Psalm 103 states: “As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” And in the Gospel Lesson Jesus declares people will come “from the east and the west” to recline at the table in God’s Kingdom.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰because they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." ²¹The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²²Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 13:29



Refrain

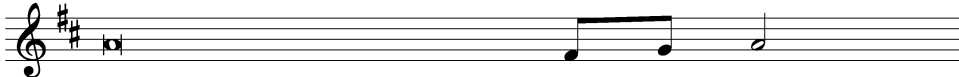


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

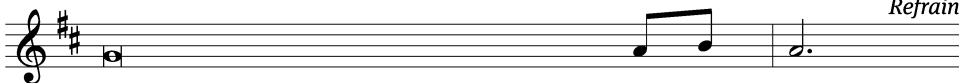


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Tone



People will come from east and west and north and south,



and will take their places at the feast in the king - dom of God.

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

²²He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone said to him, “Lord, are only a few going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open for us!’ He will tell you in reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷And he will say, ‘I don’t know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.’ ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West | CW 860

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1 From Green-land's i - cy moun - tains, From In - dia's
 2 What though the fra - grant breez - es Blow soft o'er
 3 Can we whose souls are light - ed With wis - dom



cor - al strand, Where Af - ri - ca's bright foun - tains
 dis - tant isles, Though ev - 'ry vis - ta pleas - es,
 from on high, Can we to those be - night - ed



Roll down their gold - en sand, From man-y an an - cient
 Yet sin the land de - files. In vain with lav - ish
 The lamp of life de - ny? Sal - va - tion! Oh, sal -



riv - er, From man-y a palm - y plain, They call us
 kind - ness The gifts of God are strown; The hea - then
 va - tion! The joy - ful sound pro - claim Till each re -



to de - liv - er Their land from er - ror's chain.
 in their blind - ness Bow down to wood and stone.
 mot - est na - tion Has learned Mes - si - ah's name.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, abr., alt.

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN (76 76 D) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.