

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*September 14, 2025*

## **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.

## **THEME: PENTECOST 14 - CHRIST SHEPHERDS THE STRAYING THROUGH THE CHURCH**

No, He does not sit back in heaven and wait for us to come to Him. Nor should we take the attitude that it is enough that our church doors are open - let them come if they want. Rather Christ emerges from heaven and actively seeks out the lost. How? He works through the congregation of believers to reach those who do not know Him and also to call back those who have strayed and fallen into sin.

## **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.

## **WELCOME TO THE PEACE FAMILY!**

During the 8:00 service Jason & Stacy Dahmen (children: Hailey, Greyson) will become members through the Rite of Confirmation. May God bless their fellowship with us!

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Sunday School for our children begins at 9:15. If you missed the parent orientation last week do not worry! As you walk into the school hall our Sunday School coordinator, Andrea Kratz, will be there to direct you.

## BIBLE CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS & ADULTS

Every one older than 8<sup>th</sup> grade is encouraged to sit in on our Bible Class between services here in the worship space. We will begin about 9:30.

## BIBLE CLASS TOPIC FOR TODAY

Martin Luther owed a debt of gratitude to his local prince, Frederick the Wise, for protecting his life from the powers of Rome and the emperor who wanted him arrested, imprisoned and/or executed. At a time when Frederick was gravely ill, Martin wrote a devotional for his comfort entitled, “Fourteen Consolations.” Today we will have a look at the unique pastoral approach Luther took to strengthen the faith of his earthly protector.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider ..... Rev. Shaun Arndt  
Sermon..... Rev. Jordan Ertl  
Keyboard..... Mrs. Jennifer Werre  
Ensemble .....Rev. Luke C. Werre, Alyssa Gresens,  
..... Kyra Gresens, Tim Gustafson, Steven Gustafson  
Projection Slides ..... Brittany Kuehl

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# SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT<sup>1</sup>

## OPENING HYMN

*Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing | CW 764:1,2, 4,5*

*(Why are we opening the service with a hymn about marriage today? Two of the three Scripture Lessons pertain to marriage. In the first lesson God directs the prophet Hosea to marry an adulterous woman. In the second lesson the Apostle Paul directs the congregation in Corinth to restore a believer who repented of marital infidelity.)*

## INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.<sup>2</sup>

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

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 ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> The liturgical service is a dialog between God and His people through the minister. The people confess their sins... God responds with an announcement of forgiveness. The people respond by praising God and praying for spiritual gifts. God responds by speaking to them through the Scripture lessons – and on it goes.

<sup>2</sup> The rest of the service will be the fulfillment of this greeting.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in

all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

The musical score is written on ten staves. The first nine staves are in the key of D major (two sharps) and common time (C). The melody features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over the notes) on the second, third, and fourth staves. The final staff is in the key of D minor (two flats) and common time, providing a contrasting ending. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

you came to live with us;      you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the

King of glo - ry;      you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY<sup>3</sup>

Let us pray... Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:    A       -       men.

*Please be seated*

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<sup>3</sup> There are 52 "Prayers of the Day" for the all Sundays of a year. Many are centuries old. God answers this prayer by speaking to us in the Scripture Lessons, the Psalm and the Sermon.

# THE WORD

## FIRST READING

## Hosea 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to me, "Go again. Show love to a woman who is loved by another man, a woman who keeps committing adultery. Show love just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, even though they keep turning to other gods and loving the raisin cakes."

<sup>2</sup>So I bought her for myself for fifteen pieces of silver and nine bushels of barley. <sup>3</sup>I said to her, "You will stay with me for many days. You must not be promiscuous. You must not be with any other man, and I will also be for you."

<sup>4</sup>So the people of Israel will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred memorial stones, and without the special vest or family idols. <sup>5</sup>Afterward the people of Israel will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

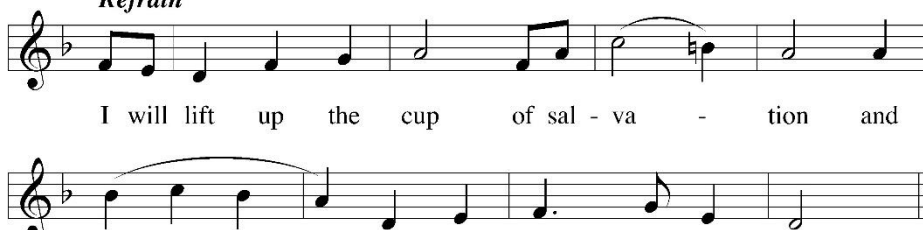
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

## Psalms 116

*Refrain*



I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and  
call on the name of the Lord.

*Psalm Tone*



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;  
when I was in great need, he saved me.

***Refrain***

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.<sup>4</sup>

How can I repay the LORD  
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.

**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***

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<sup>4</sup> Very often, when we stray, it is through the intervention of the Church, a pastor or a fellow believer that God “delivers my soul from death... my feet from stumbling.”



## SECOND READING

## 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Now if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not done it to me, but to all of you to some extent (not to overstate it). <sup>6</sup>This punishment inflicted on such a person by the majority is enough, <sup>7</sup>so that instead you should rather forgive and comfort him, or else such a person could be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>For that reason, I urge you to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>In fact, this was also the purpose of my writing: I wanted to know the result of your being tested, that is, if you are obedient in all things.

<sup>10</sup>If you forgive anyone anything, I do too. To be sure, if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup>so that Satan would not take advantage of us. We are certainly not unaware of his schemes.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## 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!

## GOSPEL<sup>5</sup>

## Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>All the tax collectors and sinners were coming to Jesus to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the experts in the law were complaining, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>He told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, if you had one hundred sheep and lost one of them, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that was lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup>and goes home. Then he calls together his friends and his neighbors, telling them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!’ <sup>7</sup>I tell you, in the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, would not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she finds it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the lost coin.’ <sup>10</sup>In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Chief of Sinners Though I Be* | CW 578

## SERMON

**Hosea 3:1-5**

*God's Living Lesson on Faithful Love*

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<sup>5</sup> Why are we standing for this reading? We stand for something important – like when you stand as the judge enters the courtroom or as the American flag passes by in a parade. Jesus is presenting Himself to us in the Gospel Lesson. We stand in recognition of this.

*Please stand when presider indicates*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

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

*Offerings may be left in the plate by the door as you go out. “Just as you excel in everything... excel also in this grace of giving” (2Co 8:7).*

## **8:00 RITE OF CONFIRMATION (ADULT)**

*Please stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Merciful Father, we strongly plead with you to turn the hearts of all who have forsaken the faith they once embraced, who have wandered from it, or who are in doubt about your truth. Mercifully restore them so that once again they may wholeheartedly take pleasure in your Word, cherish the assembly of believers and live out their lives in service to you. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Gracious Father, give us wisdom, courage and love to speak to those whose attendance has faltered or who are tangled in sin in a way that is timely, appropriate and truthful. Help us take to heart the obligation we have toward each other to help keep each other on the narrow path to heaven. Protect us from sinful pride or judgementalism and fill us instead with grace and empathy. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving Father, bless all who are about to receive your Son’s body and blood in the Sacrament. Grant that we may approach the Sacrament with truly repentant hearts. Refresh us by your forgiveness and send your Holy Spirit to produce in us fruits of faith to your glory. Enable us to live holy lives and make us to be blessings to all who are around us. Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers of intercession*

All these things we ask in the name of our dear Savior, Jesus, and in His name we also join in praying...

## **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

The Lord be with you.



**C: And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts.



**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'.

## 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.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



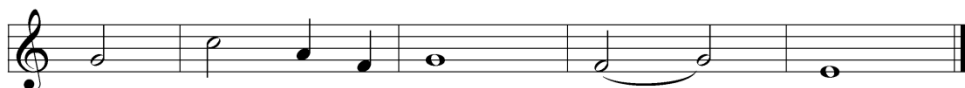
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Please respect our practice of “Close Communion.” For explanation, please see the inside cover of this worship folder. Thank you.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is | **CW 552***

*Just as I Am, without One Plea | **CW 814***

*Please stand when the presider indicates*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**Amen.**



# THANKSGIVING

## THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

## BLESSING

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

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.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Amazing Grace* | CW 576



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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