

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 12, 2025

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service is printed for you in this worship folder.

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 18 – WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” has been a popular hymn in Lutheran churches for generations. Typically, a congregation would sing the two verses of this hymn as the ushers would bring the offering forward to the altar to be received and presented by the pastor. It is a reminder that we can’t really “give” God anything since everything already belongs to Him. So why do we give church offerings? Scripture has much to say about it. Today and next Sunday we will focus on the why and the how of giving church offerings.

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.

To prepare for the Lord’s Supper you may wish to use pages 295-6 in the blue hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Jordan Ertl
Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre
Accompanist Mrs. Jennifer Were

CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

During the 10:30 service, Harvey Miles Rossiter, newborn son of Craig and Melissa Rossiter, will be reborn to eternal life through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Welcome, Harvey! Congratulations, Craig and Melissa! *All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ (Ga 3:27).*

SERVICE IN THE GYM

The 8:00 service this morning took place in the school gymnasium. That was due to the anticipated attendance of worshipers. The Junior Choir of Peace Lutheran School was singing which numbers about 90 students.

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Please stand

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you. To



you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



- 1 With the an - gels in heav - en, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 2 Cre - a - tor of all things, **we praise you, we praise you!**
- 3 O — Christ, King of glo - ry, **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O — Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You be - came a man to set us free; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With a - pos - tles and proph - ets, **we praise you, we praise you!**
O — Spir - it, most ho - ly, **we praise you, we praise you!**
You have ris - en to free us; **we praise you, we praise you!**



With the mar - tyr - s and your ho - ly Church, **we sing in end - less praise!**
To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, **we sing in end - less praise!**
And with all your saints in glo - ry, **we sing in end - less praise!**

In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

CONFESSION

Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**Baptism means that the sinful nature in us
should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance,
and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death.
It also means that a new person should daily arise
to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.¹**

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

¹ This is taken from Romans 6. When we confess our sins and receive the absolution, we are making use of our baptism. This is why the minister announces forgiveness “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” – the same words by which we were baptized. Our relationship with God began at baptism.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan's power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

10:30 am service continues with the insert.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and imitate you in generosity, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4

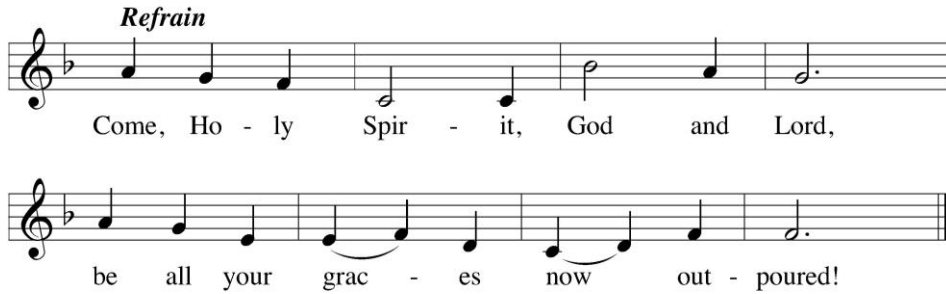
⁴²A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

⁴³"How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" ⁴⁴Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Refrain

Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will turn back to 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

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 8

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion,

for God loves a cheerful giver. Alleluia. (2 Co 9:7)

GOSPEL

Luke 19

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending | CW² 749

SERMON

“We Give Thee but Thine Own – Why”

HYMN RESPONSE³

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*⁴ | CW 750



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive

² What does “CW” stand for? It stands for “Christian Worship” which is the name of our current blue hymnal which was published in 2021. CW93 stands for our previous hymnal “Christian Worship – A Lutheran Hymnal” which was published in 1993.

³ What gives? Why are we not reciting a creed here? Because we began the service with a creed. “You Are God We Praise You” is an ancient creed, rewritten in contemporary format, traditionally known as “The Te Deum.”

⁴ We Give Thee but Thine Own has been sung for generations in many WELS congregations as ushers would bring the offering forward to the altar of the church. It expresses the truth that everything we have belongs to God and we are merely giving to Him what is already His.



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, abr. Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–1889
Text and tune: Public domain

MUSICAL OFFERING⁵

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

Offering plates are found by the doors of the worship space.

A special offering can be made by using this QR code.



“Now about the collection of God’s people... On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” (1Co 16:1-2)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word by which we have been brought to faith in your Son Jesus Christ. Had it not been for your Word, we could not have known Him or grasped the way of salvation. We are grateful that your Word has been faithfully preached and taught in this place week after week. For Jesus’ sake, accept our humble thanks. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that in grace the Holy Spirit has sanctified our lives and elevated our daily use of money as a spiritual act of worship. We also thank you that you have included our weekly offerings in the most noble mission of your Church to make disciples of Christ - for you did not need us or our money, but you desired to make us your coworkers for the growth of your Kingdom on earth. Give us your Holy Spirit so that our church offerings are an act of faith and not of charity, a deliberate reflection of our love

⁵ Why do we not take an offering during our services at Peace? Two reasons: 1) We found that ever since we have moved into this new facility, the offering was difficult to do logistically because of the shape of our worship space, and 2) When Covid came, we discontinued passing the offering plate. We have not reinstated it since but the offerings plates are always placed by the doors as worshipers enter/leave.

for you and not an afterthought. Help us to honor you with our best - not prompted by the needs of a budget but moved by your breath-taking grace. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessory Prayers

For these and all other things we need, we pray to you as our Savior has 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.

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 GOD



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.

During the distribution we will sing the hymns on the following pages.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Gave My Life for Thee | CW93 454



1 I gave my life for thee; My pre - cious
2 My Fa - ther's home of light, My rain - bow -
3 I spent long years for thee In wea - ri -
4 I suf - fered much for thee, More than my
5 And I have brought to thee Down from my



blood I shed That thou might'st ran - somed be
cir - cled throne, I left for earth - ly night,
ness and woe That an e - ter - ni - ty
tongue may tell, Of bit - t'rest ag - o - ny,
home a - bove Sal - va - tion full and free,



And quick - ened from the dead. I gave my
For wan - d'rings sad and lone. I left it
Of joy thou might - est know. I spent long
To res - cue thee from hell. I suf - fered
My par - don and my love. Great gifts I



life for thee; Come, give thy - self to me!
all for thee; Come now and fol - low me!
years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.
much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.
brought for thee; Come, bring thy gifts to me.

6 Oh, let thy life be spent,
Thy years for me be giv'n,
As I for thee was sent
To bear thee home to heav'n.
I gave my life for thee;
Come, give thy life to me.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: OLD 120TH (66 66 66) *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*, London, 1592.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

We Thank You for Your Blessings | CW93 615

1 We thank you for your bless - ings, Al - might - y
2 This day of great thanks - giv - ing We count them
3 But best of all your bless - ings, The rain - bow

Lord, our King; We thank you for the har - vests,
one by one; Our free and fruit - ful coun - try,
of your love, Are all the man - y mer - cies

Yes, Lord, for ev - 'ry - thing: For flow'rs that bloom in
The great things you have done, Our fam - i - ly, our
Your Word brings from a - bove. Our life now has full

spring - time, For rip - 'ning fruit and grain, For
loved ones, The guard - ian an - gels' care, Our
mean - ing— Christ Je - sus is our God! Thanks -

all the pre - cious sun - shine, And for the gen - tle rain.
ver - y self and heart - beat— Lord, hear our thank - ful prayer!
giv - ing shall be liv - ing The way the Sav - ior trod.

Text: Unknown, alt.

Tune: ELLACOMBE (76 76 D) *Gesang-Buch . . . der Herzogl . . . Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784, alt.*

COMMUNION BLESSING

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go ☩ in peace.

Amen.

PRAYER

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. 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

We All Are One in Mission | CW93 566

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great Commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called to service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard;
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**