

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 19, 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: WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN – HOW

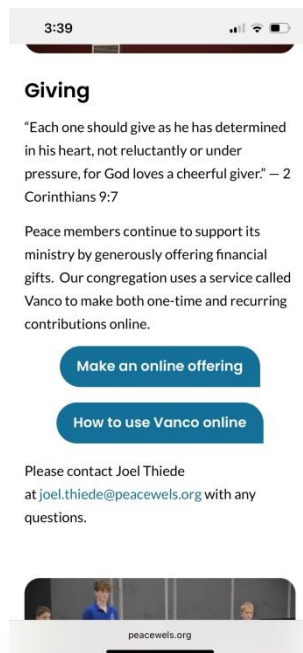
“We Give Thee but Thine Own” has been a popular hymn in Lutheran churches for generations. Typically, a congregation would sing the two verses of this hymn as the ushers would bring the offering forward to the altar to be received and presented by the pastor. It is a reminder that we can’t really “give”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

WAYS TO GIVE REGULAR CHURCH OFFERINGS

- 1) **OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Members of Peace are issued offering envelopes which are mailed to their homes quarterly. A person may use these envelopes for:
 - A. **Cash offerings**, and the envelope can be placed in the plate by the door. The cash offering will be counted, recorded and honored, but it is not advised as the best way.
 - B. **Check**, a check made out to “Peace Lutheran Church” can be placed in the offering envelope and may be placed in the offering plate by the door.
- 2) **ONLINE GIVING** – a person can set up electronic offerings to be taken from their bank account at regular periods of time. Go to our website (peacewels.org) and click on “church” and then “current member information.” You will see something like this:
- 3) Teams of volunteers – under the guidance of our elected Financial Secretary - count the offerings weekly and compare their numbers to the bank’s statement. The system is set up with safeguards. The funds are then deposited into the Peace bank account.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Jordan Ertl
Vocalist.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Accompanist	Mrs. Lyn Proeber
Projection Slides	Amy Larson

OPENING HYMN

*The Lord Is My Light*¹ | CW 825

A vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation will join in the refrain.

Please stand

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever;

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the richness of your grace, may be faithful stewards of all your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

¹ This a Spanish processional hymn – written to be sung during the processional at the beginning of a worship service.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3

⁶Certainly I, the LORD, do not change. That is why you, sons of Jacob, have not come to an end.
⁷Since the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.
Return to me, and I will return to you," says the LORD of Armies.

"You say, "In what way should we return?"

⁸Will a man rob God? You are robbing me!

You say, "How have we robbed you?"

In regard to the tithe and the special offering. ⁹You are being cursed since all of you, the whole nation, are robbing me. ¹⁰Bring the complete tithe to the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Just test me in this, says the LORD of Armies. See whether I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour down blessing on you, until there is more than enough. ¹¹I will restrain the devouring swarm so that it will not destroy your produce from your soil. Your vine in the field will not be without fruit, says the LORD of Armies. ¹²All the nations will call you blessed, because you will be a delightful land, says the LORD of Armies.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 136

The vocalist will sing the verses and the congregation will join in the refrains.



- 1 We give thanks un - to you, O God ____ of ____ might:
- 2 In your wis - dom and love you shaped ____ the ____ skies:
- 3 You have filled all the skies with glo - ry and light:
- 4 From of old you have led your peo - ple in faith:
- 5 You de - liv - ered the ones who called ____ un - to you:
- 6 You have o - pened the sea and brought your peo - ple through:
- 7 You re - mem - ber your prom - ise age ____ to ____ age:
- 8 You give food and ____ life to all ____ liv - ing things:



for your love is nev - er - end - ing;



- 1 We give thanks un - to you, the God of gods:
- 2 You ____ spread out the earth up - on the sea:
- 3 The ____ sun for the day and moon for night:
- 4 You have shown your com - pas - sion, strength, and love:
- 5 From ____ bond - age to free - dom, you brought them forth:
- 6 Brought them in - to a land that flows with life:
- 7 You show mer - cy on those of low de - gree:
- 8 We give thanks un - to you, the God of all:



for your love is nev - er - end - ing.

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SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 16

¹Now concerning the collection for the saints, do as I directed the churches in Galatia to do.

²On the first day of every week, each of you is to set something aside in keeping with whatever he gains, saving it up at home, so that when I come, no collections will need to be carried out.

³When I arrive, those whom you approve will be provided with letters, and I will send these representatives to deliver your gracious gift to Jerusalem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Honor the Lord with your wealth,

With the firstfruits of all your crops;

Then your barns will be filled to overflowing,

And your vats will brim over with new wine. Alleluia. (Pr 3:9-10)

GOSPEL

Luke 21

¹Jesus looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the offering box. ²He saw a poor widow there putting in two small coins. ³He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow put in more than everyone, ⁴for all these put in some of their leftovers as gifts to God, but she, out of her poverty, put in all that she had to live on."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Paid It All*² | CW 562

The vocalist will sing the first verse and refrain. The congregation will join in the remainder.

SERMON

1 Corinthians 16:1-3

We Give Thee but Thine Own – How

HYMN

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*³ | 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

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

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING⁴

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)



² Read about the interesting background to this hymn on the last page of the service folder.

³ This hymn has been sung for generations in many Lutheran churches. Typically, as the ushers bring forward the offering, the congregation sings these two verses.

⁴ Why do we not take an offering during the service? Two reasons: 1) When we moved into this facility in 2017 we found that the configuration of this worship space makes it difficult to do smoothly, and 2) When Covid came we discontinued passing the offering plate and have no reinstated it since.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Father in heaven, these are troubling times. Godlessness and violence are on the increase. Hatred for your truth rages. Materialism and hedonism flourish. Families and homes have broken apart. The love of many has grown cold. Church attendance across our land dwindles and many churches have long abandoned faithfulness to Scripture. Our nation becomes more and more divided.

Father, how can we make a difference? How can we be salt and light in this vast darkness? You have given us your Gospel by which you change hearts and lives. Please put it into our hearts to support the work of the Church robustly with our offerings. As you have enriched us with your gospel, enable us to enrich others with that same eternal gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Father, strengthen our faith in you to provide all that we need in life. Make us regard money not as something to have, but something to use in service to you. Prompt us by your Spirit to decide thoughtfully what portion of our income we will dedicate for the work of your Kingdom. Give us every spiritual gift, and so also make us excel in the grace of giving.

Now, please bless all who are about to receive the Sacrament of your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Strengthen our faith in you and our love for one another. Increase the fruits of faith in our lives as we go about our many vocations. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessory prayers

We ask all these things in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus, for whose sake you are glad to grant us all things. And in His name we 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.**

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 remembrance⁵ 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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,". The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some measures containing rests or fermatas.

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

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

⁵ This is why we instruct members with a Bible Basics Class before we commune them.

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

Where Your Treasure Is | CW 828



1 Sav - ior, thy dy - ing love Thou gav - est me;
 2 O'er the blest mer - cy seat, Plead - ing for me,
 3 Give me a faith - ful heart, Like - ness to thee,
 4 All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,



Nor should I aught with - hold, Dear Lord, from thee.
 My fee - ble faith looks up, Je - sus, to thee.
 That each de - part - ing day Hence - forth may see
 In joy, in grief, through life, Dear Lord, for thee!



In love my soul would bow, My heart ful - fill its vow,
 Help me the cross to bear, Thy won - drous love de - clare,
 Some work of love be - gun, Some deed of kind - ness done,
 And when thy face I see, My ran - somed soul shall be



Some of - f'ring bring thee now, Some - thing for thee.
 Some song to raise or prayer, Some - thing for thee.
 Some wan - d'rer sought and won, Some - thing for thee.
 Through all e - ter - ni - ty Some - thing for thee.

Text: Sylvanus D. Phelps, 1816–95.

Tune: WINTERTON (64 64 6664) Joseph Barnby, 1838–96.

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



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers
deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;

Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk gifts
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts

to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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 Tune: WEBB (76 76 D) George J. Webb, 1803–87.

Sunday School for age 4 thru Grade 8 takes place in the school wing beginning at 9:15.

A quarterly presentation on Peace finances here in the worship space for teens & adults takes place between services, 9:20-10:10.

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JESUS PAID IT ALL

One of the most challenging aspects of public speaking is keeping the audience's attention. Pastors, of course, face this challenge weekly. But no matter how masterful a sermon they may deliver, there will inevitably be a few wandering minds sat in those pews. Perhaps pastors can take solace in the fact that God can use those wandering minds just as easily as He can use the attentive. The prime example of this lies within the story of "Jesus Paid It All."

It happened on a warm summer day in Baltimore, 1865. Initially, there was nothing special about that day for Elvina Hall. It was just another Sunday for her to sing in the choir at Monument Methodist Episcopal Church. The pastor, Reverend Schrick, was preaching a lengthy sermon, and Elvina's mind began wandering. Though, to her credit, it did wander to good things. She began thinking of the cross, and the sacrifice Jesus made for the world. As Reverend Schrick went into a rather wordy prayer, Elvina began writing a poem. She had no paper, so she wrote on the flyleaf of her hymnbook:

Jesus paid it all

All to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain

He washed it white as snow

At last, Reverend Schrick's sermon came to a close. Hall perhaps could not have given a thorough synopsis of the sermon, but she did have a poem she was quite proud of. She went to show her work to Reverend Schrick after the sermon, and as it turned out, the reverend was quite proud of Hall's poem too. Hall only wanted to share her work then be on her way, but the reverend had something else in mind.

As it turned out, another church member had presented a creative work of their own to the reverend earlier that week. The other member was named John Grape, and he was the church's organist. Grape had written a tune for a hymn, yet had no lyrics for it. Reverend Schrick took Hall's lyrics to see if they could go along with Grape's tune. He expected changes would be needed for the two to actually fit, but to his great surprise and joy, he found the tune and lyrics fit flawlessly.

Hall and Grape worked together in the following days to perfect their hymn. At last, they brought their final work to Reverend Schrick. It was beyond anything the reverend initially hoped for, and by his prodding, Hall and Grape submitted "Jesus Paid It All" to Professor Theodore Perkins, a publisher of Sabbath Carols. Perkins eagerly published the hymn, and soon the world was introduced to the timeless classic that is still being sung today.

(By Taylor Brantly, from hymncharts.com)