

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 26, 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: THE REFORMATION OF THE CHURCH & CELEBRATION OF THE 1700TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NICENE CREED

Two celebrations today? On the last Sunday of October we normally celebrate the great “Reformation of the Church” as it was sparked by Martin Luther on October 31, 1517 when he nailed 95 theses to the door of the castle-church. Today, however, we are celebrating another reformation of the Church at a time when there was much doctrinal confusion. This year, 2025, marks the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed. It was composed in AD 325 by a worldwide church council called the “Council of Nicea.” The Nicene Creed did not invent any new doctrines. It was composed to state and clarify Bible truth in the face of false doctrines that had become popular. Ever since then, the Nicene Creed has served as a flag and a proclamation of the unchanging truth of God in an ever changing world.

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	624	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 46	
Hymn of the Day	863	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>
Communion Hymns	797	<i>I Know My Faith Is Founded</i>
	866	<i>If God Had Not Been on Our Side</i>
Closing Hymn	640	<i>God's Word Is Our Great Heritage</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Second Lesson	1 Peter 5:6-14
Gospel Lesson	John 8:31-36

Sermon

1 Peter 5:6-14

Stand Firm in God's True Grace

CLOTHED IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

In a private ceremony following the 10:30 service, Laynee Ann Porter, newborn daughter of Patrick and Stephanie Porter, will be clothed in Christ's righteousness through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. *For all of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ (Ga 3:27).*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Luke C. Werre

Sermon..... Rev. Shaun Arndt

KeyboardMrs. Sarah Bilitz, Miss Cameron Slocum

Instrumentalists Steve White, Jordan Paustian, Kristian Schultz, Nolan

Guenterberg, Weston Myhre, Justin Wintrone, Elias Patterson, Allison Schweiger,

Dax Schweiger, Ross White, Tim Gustafson, Steven Gustafson

Projection Slides Amy Johnson

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 6

¹Moses spoke as follows:

Now this is the body of commands, and these are the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, so you may carry them out in the land to which you are crossing over to receive as a possession, ²so that you may fear the LORD your God by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding to you, as well as to your children and grandchildren, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be long.

³Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. ⁷Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY – 8:00 & 6:30

Psalm 46

PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL GRADES 2 AND 3 – 10:30

Reformation Song | CW 877

SECOND READING

1 Peter 5

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.

¹⁰After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you.

¹¹To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹²I have written to you briefly (through Silas, whom I consider a faithful brother), to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³She who is in Babylon, who was chosen along with you, greets you. So does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

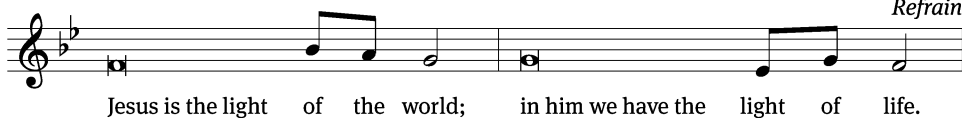
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

John 8

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³²You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³"We are Abraham's descendants," they answered, "and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, 'You will be set free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever.

³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord, our refuge and strength, we praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

Lord, to you alone be glory.

Father in heaven, we praise you for your grace by which alone we are saved.

To God be all glory.

Holy Spirit, we praise you for bringing us to faith in Jesus – by which alone we are saved.

To God be all glory.

Lord Jesus, Son of God, we thank you for the Holy Scripture by which alone we learn of salvation and through which you impart to us all the gifts of heaven.

To God be all glory.

God of history and Lord over the Church we thank you for those defenders of the truth who came before us – especially today we thank you for the ancient Church fathers from whom we have inherited the Nicene Creed. We also thank you for your servant Martin Luther through whom your Gospel was restored to the Church.

To God be all glory.

In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest long.

For wisdom and watchfulness and a firm conviction of your truth, hear our prayer, O Lord.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

For these and all other things we need, we look to your Son, our Redeemer, our Lord and our divine Arbiter.

Amen.

WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) Playing the organ is an instrument of great complexity – the “rocket science” of musical instruments. Peace is blessed with no less than 5 outstanding organists (not counting pianists). This is a jaw-dropping blessing among WELS churches.
- 2) The organ has survived for many centuries as the instrument of choice among liturgical churches. A big reason is its flexibility. It can accompany one individual or a whole crowd. An organ can be played to indicate clearly when to start or stop singing.
- 3) The hymn “A Mighty Fortress” was written by Martin Luther – including the melody. It is based on Luther’s favorite psalm, Psalm 46. Another hymn by Martin Luther is “If God Had Not Been on Our Side.”
- 4) The opening hymn “Praise to the Lord” is often sung for important events. It was the “hymn of the week” for our grade school students this past week.
- 5) The hymn “I Know My Faith Is Founded” is not necessarily an easy hymn to sing. But it is more well-known than a person might at first realize. It was chosen today because it expresses so well the important principles that guided the formulation of the Nicene Creed.
- 6) Today we are using “The Common Service” which begins on page 154 of the hymnal because it was handed down to us from ancient times just like the Nicene Creed. The liturgy hammers home the doctrine of the Trinity and also focuses on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

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