

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 5, 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 17 - Let us live **DOWN** to our **HIGH** calling!

We have been made co-rulers with Christ over an eternal Kingdom. The Great King shares His majesty with us and calls us His sons and daughters. How will our status present itself in our lives? Not by narcissism, entitlement and privilege, but by humble service. In many cultures it has been considered the highest privilege to be able to serve a king. Even in America it is considered a privilege for a singer to perform for a president. Everything believers do in life is to serve our King Jesus. It is a high honor for us – even the lowest unsavory task. Do we believe this? He is worthy of our best.

FREE TO WORSHIP HIM WITHOUT FEAR

This morning's service includes a chant entitled, "The Song of Zechariah" (See page 212 in the blue hymnal). These words were originally spoken by Zechariah, a Jewish priest of the temple in Jerusalem (Luke 1:67-79) when his son, John the Baptist, was born. Scripture says that Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied these words.

Of special note, the Song of Zechariah states that the Lord has "set us free to worship Him without fear." This phrase well matches the theme for today's service. Our whole life is lived in service to God – not motivated by fear, but by gratitude, joy and love.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Prayer (8:00 & 10:30 am) pg. 207 in the blue hymnal
Evening Prayer (6:30 pm) pg. 215 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	917	<i>God Himself Is Present</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 103	page 103 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	753	<i>My Worth Is Not in What I Own</i>
Closing Hymn	737	<i>Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	1 Chronicles 29:1,2,10-18
Second Lesson	2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11,12
Gospel Lesson	Luke 17:1-10

Sermon

Luke 17:1-10

It is Great to be the Lord's Servant!

1. We have great work
2. We have great power

CHILDREN SINGING TODAY

We are grateful to have the Kindergarten and 1st Grade from Peace Lutheran School sing during our 10:30 service this morning! May God bless these little ones and cause faith to flourish in their hearts.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Vocalist	Allison Schweiger
Keyboard	Mrs. Monica Wintrone
K & 1st Grade Teachers	Mrs. Karen Riley, Mrs. Lynn Proeber, Mrs. Lisa Myhre
Projection Slides	Kayla Frank

FIRST READING

1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18

¹King David said this to the whole assembly:

My son Solomon, the one God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The work is great because this citadel is not for a man. It is for the LORD God. ²According to all my strength, I have provided these things for the house of my God: gold for the gold items, silver for the silver items, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, wood for the wooden, onyx stones and settings, antimony, stones of many different colors, every kind of precious stone, and alabaster in abundance.

¹⁰David blessed the LORD in the presence of the entire assembly. He said:

Blessed are you, LORD, the God of Israel, our father, from eternity to eternity. ¹¹To you, O LORD, belong greatness, power, glory, victory, and majesty, because everything in the heavens and on the earth belongs to you. You, LORD, are exalted as head above everything. The kingdom belongs to you. ¹²Riches and honor come from you. You are ruling over everything. In your hand are power and strength. It is in your power to make anyone great and strong. ¹³Now, our God, we are thanking you and praising your glorious name.

¹⁴Who am I? Who are my people that we are able to offer willingly like this? For everything comes from you. What we have given to you came from your hand. ¹⁵We are aliens and temporary residents before you, as were all our fathers. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of staying.

¹⁶LORD, our God, all this abundance, which we have provided for building a house for you, for your holy name, is from your hand. This abundance belongs to you.

¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart, and you take pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. Now with joy I see your people, who are present here to bring the offering freely to you.

¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, preserve forever this purpose and way of thinking in the heart of your people. Direct their heart to you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

10:30 GRADES K & 1

Father Welcomes | CW 684

8:00 & 6:30 PSALM

Psalm 103

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:1-5,11-12

¹Paul, Silas, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We are always obligated to thank God for you, brothers, as is fitting, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love that each and every one of you has for one another is increasing. ⁴So we ourselves boast about you in God's churches in regard to your patient endurance and faith in all your persecutions and in the trials that you are enduring. ⁵This is evidence of God's righteous verdict that resulted in your being counted worthy of God's kingdom, for which you also suffer.

¹¹For this reason, we are always praying for you, that our God will make you worthy of your calling and use his power to fulfill every good desire and work of your faith, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you and you in him, in keeping with the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. We are aliens and temporary residents before you, as were all our fathers.

Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope of staying. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 17:1-10

¹Jesus said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for that person if a millstone would be hung around his neck and he would be thrown into the sea than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.

³Watch yourselves.

"If your brother sins, rebuke him. If he repents, forgive him. ⁴Even if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times returns to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

⁶The Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷Which one of you who has a servant plowing or taking care of sheep will say to him when he comes in from the field, 'Come at once

and recline at the table’? ⁸Won't the master tell him instead, ‘Prepare my supper, and after you are properly dressed, serve me while I eat and drink. After that you may eat and drink’? ⁹He does not thank the servant because he did what he was commanded to do, does he? ¹⁰So also you, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants. We have only done what we were supposed to do.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Worth Is Not in What I Own | CW 753

A vocalist will sing verses one & two and the refrain.

The congregation may join in the rest of the hymn.

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PLEASE NOTE FOR NEXT SUNDAY (OCTOBER 12)

8:00 service – In the school gymnasium
(Junior Choir is singing)

10:30 service – In the worship space
(Includes Lord's Supper)

Monday, 6:30 – In the worship space
(Includes Lord's Supper)

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

We encourage children age 4 through 8th grade to participate in Sunday School between services, beginning at 9:15. They meet in school classrooms. If you are not sure where to take them, walk down the school hall and someone will be there to direct you.

Adults and teens will meet here in the worship space beginning about 9:20. Today will be the fourth and final session on Luther's "Fourteen Consolations" taught by Pastor Werre.

175th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WELS

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) – with whom Peace is affiliated – was founded in Milwaukee in 1850. That makes 2025 the 175th anniversary of our dear little church-body. Please have a look at the display from our church library commemorating this anniversary and do be encouraged to check out a book to learn about your church.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OCTOBER 19

In the annual Peace budget meeting last June the Peace council determined to update and inform the congregation more frequently on the congregation's finances. Between services on October 19 there will be a financial presentation for the whole congregation.