

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 2, 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: ALL SAINTS

Since the 8th century the Christian Church has observed “All Saints Day” on November 1. (which makes October 31 “Hallowed Eve[ning]” or mutated into “Hallowe’en.”) Who are the saints? All believers in Jesus! We are holy (or saints) through faith in Jesus who forgives our sins. Far from celebrating death (which the world does on the Eve) the Church celebrates everlasting life in Christ. In particular, on this day we are encouraged by the example of those believers who have entered heaven ahead of us. They are triumphant over death and are still living. With one voice we and they praise the Lord of Life, the Bridegroom of the Church. We long to be with them and especially with Christ in heaven.

RITE OF SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

In this service we observe a rite to commemorate members of Peace who have passed from this world into life eternal in the last twelve months. They are the saints triumphant. They are now realizing fully the victory over sin, death and hell that our Savior has won for them.

As you prepare for the service, you may wish to use the prayers in the cover of the blue hymnal or on pages 255 to 258.

THANKING GOD FOR A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

2025 marks the 175th anniversary of our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We will thank God for His undeserved blessings to our Synod through these many years as well as consider the work He allows us to carry out through our synod's ministry. We will celebrate with a three Sunday theme:

- Christ *FOR* Us - November 9th
- Christ *THROUGH* Us - November 16th
- Christ *WITH* Us - November 23rd.

MEN’S FALL BIBLE STUDY SERIES

All men and young men of Peace are welcome to attend the evening Bible study. We are working through a 6 lesson series on Apologetics (Defending the Faith) as a way to open up discussions on the Gospel. We meet in the 5th Grade Classroom on the following Tuesday nights at 7 pm for study, snacks and fellowship

TODAY’S BIBLE STUDY: ISAIAH – THE BOOK OF IMMANUEL

Some have called Isaiah “The Fifth Evangelist” (i.e. Gospel writer) because the Spirit given prophecies so clearly portray the life of Jesus Over the next six weeks we will work through Isaiah 6-12, a section sometimes referred to as “The Book of Immanuel (God with Us)” because the prophecy focuses on the name of the Savior as Immanuel. Come learn from some of the well-known Scriptures that we will hear in Advent and Christmas in their Biblical setting.

Today we will learn background information on the book, hear how God called Isaiah as prophet and how this connects to something that happens most Sundays.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Shaun Arndt
Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre
Accompanist Mrs. Monica Wintrone
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

*Jerusalem the Golden*¹ | CW 889

Please stand

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

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth². In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins³. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

¹ The melody of this hymn called “Thaxted” was composed by Gustav Holst for the movement “Jupiter” in his orchestral suite “The Planets.” It was named after the village, Thaxted, in England where he lived much of his life. The words were composed by Bernard of Cluny, a monk who lived in the 1100s. They were part of a greater composition entitled, “The Contempt of the World” – a satiric lamentation over the wickedness of the world and the transitoriness of life on earth, which he dedicated to his abbot, Peter the Venerable.

² Psalm 51:5

³ Jesus gave your pastor the authority to make this announcement (John 20:23). And by this announcement your sins really are forgiven by God in heaven (Matthew 18:18).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE⁴

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

⁴ This liturgical song is a paraphrase of Psalm 34:4 and Psalm 119:89. What is sweeter-tasting to the soul than the word of the Lord's forgiveness which we have just received?

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And the sea no longer existed. ²And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³And from the throne I heard a loud voice that said, "Look! God's dwelling is with people. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them, and he will be their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain, because the former things have passed away."

⁵The one who was seated on the throne said to me, "Look, I am making everything new!" He also said, "Write, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me:

It is done.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

To anyone who is thirsty,

I will give freely from the spring of the water of life.

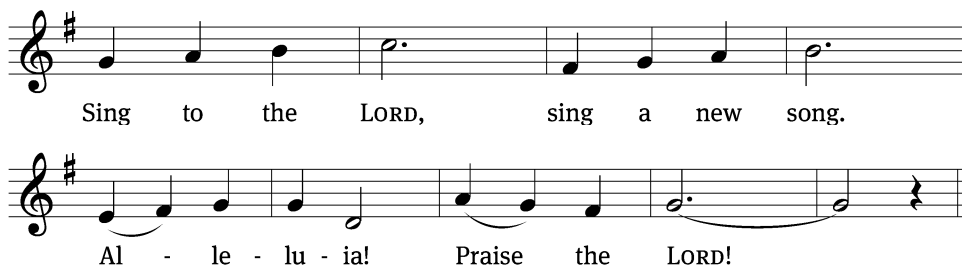
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 149

Refrain



Sing to the LORD, sing a new song.

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the LORD!

Verses



1 Sing praise to the LORD, come sing a new song;
 2 With tim - brel and harp and joy - ful ac - claim,
 3 In glo - ry ex - ult, you saints of the LORD;
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,

a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
 with danc - ing and song give praise to God's name;
 with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;
 but o - ver the earth their faith shall pre - vail;

let Is - rael be glad in their mak - er and sing,
 for God in the faith - ful great plea - sure will seek,
 go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in his might
 all king - doms and na - tions shall yield to their sword—

let all Zi - on's peo - ple re - joice in their King.
 with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.
 thus God shows great glo - ry, sing praise to the LORD.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11

³²And what more should I say? There would not be enough time for me to continue to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets. ³³By faith they conquered kingdoms, carried out justice, obtained things that were promised, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, were made powerful after being weak, became mighty in battle, and caused foreign armies to flee. ³⁵Women received back their dead by resurrection. And others who were tortured did not accept their release, so that they may take part in a better resurrection. ³⁶Still others experienced mocking and lashes, in addition to chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were tempted; they were killed with the sword; they went around in sheepskins and goatskins, needy, afflicted, and mistreated. ³⁸The world was not worthy of them as they wandered in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Please stand

GOSPEL⁵

Luke 6

²⁰Jesus lifted up his eyes to his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor,
because yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you whenever people hate you,
and whenever they exclude and insult you
and reject your name as evil because of the Son of Man.

²³"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy because of this: Your reward is great in heaven! The fact is, their fathers constantly did the same things to the prophets."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

⁵ The Gospel Lesson (from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) is the centerpiece of the worship service, not the sermon.

Rite of Saints Triumphant

November 2024 – November 2025

M: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (*John 11:25-26*)

Harvey Soldner (89)

January 5, 2025

M: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: And after my skin has been destroyed yet in my flesh I will see God. (*Job 19:25-26*)

Jeff Privett (69)

February 9, 2025

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (*2 Timothy 4:7-8*)

Dean Wetzel (71)

February 17, 2025

M: Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

C: I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise. (*Luke 23:42-43*)

Janet Peterson (75)

April 6, 2025

M: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

C: We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-14*)

Steve Schult (67)

April 28, 2025

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever. (*Psalms 73:26*)

Joan Eggert (80)

May 21, 2025

M: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed—in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

C: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52*)

Ann Dorn (74)

August 14, 2025

SERMON

Revelation 21

“Out with the Old and in with the New.”

APOSTLES’ CREED⁶

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

⁶ Notice there are 3 parts (called articles) to the Creed – one for each person of the Trinity. The Creed defines the faith into which we were baptized and, god-willing, the faith in which we all will die. It is a regular custom to recite the Creed at a Christian funeral.

MUSICAL OFFERING

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.



“Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. (2Co 9:13)

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember all your faithful servants who throughout the ages have witnessed to your name: the mighty and the lowly, great leaders and humble servants, those who in prosperity still lived for you and those whose faith in the day of trouble did not fail, those in far away places and those in our own congregation. We rejoice that they now rest from their labors in your presence. For their testimony and their example,

We thank you, Lord.

As we join our work and worship with theirs, may we acknowledge ourselves to be part of that great cloud of witnesses from every age and place. Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity in your presence, and in the love that reveals us to be your children. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord of life, help us take to heart that the day of your visible return is imminent. Let us be encouraged by the anticipation of the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. Lift our spirits by the hope of the great Resurrection and the joy of meeting you in the skies. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessory prayers

These things we ask in the name of the Firstfruits of the Resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ, who also taught us to pray...

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.**

Please be seated

HYMN

Blessed Are They | CW 886

Please stand

PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun | CW 380

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