

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 9, 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: WELS 175TH ANNIVERSARY WEEK 1: CHRIST FOR US

Our synod's 175th anniversary theme is "**Christ Through Us**." That is only understood properly if we first establish the concept of "Christ For Us". Jesus' life, death, and resurrection were not for his own benefit, but for humanity's salvation. He lived a perfect life, fulfilled God's law on our behalf, and his death was a substitutionary sacrifice for our sins. The phrase "for us" underscores that salvation is entirely a gift, granted by God through Christ, and not by our effort.

"**Christ For Us**" is central to the Bible's explanation of justification, where believers are declared righteous before God solely on the basis of Christ's work, received through faith. God's wrath against sin has been fully satisfied, and through Christ, we are reconciled to God. We thank God that after 175 years, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod still faithfully proclaims this saving truth.

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 Three pg. 188 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	820:1-4	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>
Psalm of the Day (10:30, 6:30)	Psalm 133	page 133 in the blue hymnal
LES Grades 6-8 (8:00)	868	<i>By Faith</i>
Hymn of the Day	556	<i>All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall</i>
Communion Hymns	675	<i>At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing</i>
	570	<i>God Loved the World So That He Gave</i>
Closing Hymn	820:5-6	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Genesis 3:8-15
Second Lesson	Romans 5:8-10
Gospel Lesson	John 1:9-14

Sermon

Romans 5:8-10

God’s Own Love is FOR US

CLOTHED IN CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS

During the 10:30 service, there will be a public recognition of the baptism of Archer VerVelde. Archer was reborn to eternal life through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on June 10, 2025. Welcome, Archer! *Indeed, as many of you as were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. (Ga 3:27).*

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon.....	Rev. Jordan Ertl
Keyboard	Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Grades 6-8 Teachers.....	Miss Jordan Paustian, Mr. Justin Wintrone
	Mr. Steve White, Mrs. Sarah Bilitz
Projection Slides	Amy Johnson

FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8–15

⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,
you are cursed more than all the livestock,
and more than every wild animal.
You shall crawl on your belly,
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed.
He will crush your head,
and you will crush his heel.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

LES GRADES 6-8 (8:00)

By Faith | CW 868

The children will sing verses 1-2 and the first refrain.

The congregation is invited to join in the remainder of the hymn.

PSALM OF THE DAY (10:30 & 6:30)

Psalm 133A

SECOND READING

Romans 5:8–10

⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, it is even more certain that we will be saved from God's wrath through him. ¹⁰For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, it is even more certain that, since we have been reconciled, we will be saved by his life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faith - ful - ness.

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GOSPEL

John 1:9-14

⁹The real light that shines on everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, yet his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³They were born, not of blood, or of the desire of the flesh, or of a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and dwelled among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall | CW 556

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God, the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, has redeemed us from sin, and the work of your Spirit in our hearts has brought us to faith. According to your promise, preserve us in faith through your Word and sacraments. Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings, and help us use them faithfully. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed faithfully, the message of reconciliation through Christ is the central focus of ministry, and the mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved. For this gift of your grace, we give you thanks. Work in us by your Holy Spirit to rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, forgive us when we fall short of living and working together as your people. Renew in us godly determination to serve you and one another in love. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, you have preserved our synod and blessed its ministry for the past 175 years. We thank you for the faithful ministers of the gospel throughout our history who have taught your truth and proclaimed your Word. Bless us in the future as you have in the past so that our synod, its congregations, and each of us may boldly confess your name for the salvation of precious souls. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special intercessions

Hear us, help us, and hold your guiding hand over us that in all our service your saving name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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