

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 5, 2026

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: PENTECOST 6 – A GENUINE FAITH FINDS ITS REST IN CHRIST

Last month we focused on what a genuine *ministry* consists of. In the month of July we are focusing on the characteristics of a genuine *faith*. Today in particular we learn that a genuine faith finds its rest in Christ. Christ invites all who are burdened with guilt to come to Him for rest - that is His forgiveness. God's forgiveness which was made a reality through Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross is also His ultimate glory - not only the thing we praise Him for but also the thing He most delights in.

THIS WORSHIP SPACE IS ACTUALLY A FELLOWSHIP HALL

If you haven't been here before, or are a recent attendee, you may wonder at the room and arrangement of this worship space. It is a temporary worship space. Eventually, it will be a fellowship hall. We are planning one day to build a new sanctuary adjacent to the west wall of this room. During the school year, the east section of this room is closed off, lunch tables are set up, and the elementary school children use it as a lunchroom. Hot lunch is served from the kitchen in the back.

To prepare for worship you may wish to use the prayers on the inside cover of the blue hymnal or on pages 255-258.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Jordan Ertl
Accompanist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

ARE YOU RECEIVING OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER?

It is called “This Week at Peace.” If you are not receiving it each Thursday, please contact our church office at church.office@peacewels.org.

ARE YOU TRAVELING?

Be sure to find a WELS church near your destination. Log on to www.wels.net. Click on “Find a Church/School” in the top menu. Worshiping with our sister congregations is fun and a joy.

HERE’S A SUGGESTION FOR A PODCAST

Try listening to The Life Challenges Podcast from the Christian Life Resources website. Log on to www.christianliferesources.com and click on the podcast icon at the top. This WELS affiliated podcast covers many topics on life issues from a biblical perspective: abortion, IVF, LGBT, suicide, hospice care, navigating politics, organ transplants, dating, etc.

A BIBLE READING PLAN

If you have a blue hymnal at home, it provides a daily lectionary beginning on page 248. This lectionary suggests two brief Bible readings per day for every day of the year. The readings are chosen to fit with the church season.

SPEAKING OF PODCASTS

Your very own Pastor Werre regularly records a low-tech podcast on portions of Luther’s Small Catechism. On your iHeart app or on Spotify search for “Peace Catechism Review.” Try episode #14 (Will my dog go to heaven?).

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

Come unto Me, Ye Weary | **CW 706**

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.¹

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 birth. 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 sins.² 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 This is the greeting with which the Apostle Paul closed his 2nd letter to the Corinthians (2Co 13:14).

² John 20:22-23 – *Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sin, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.*

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE³

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.

³ This liturgical song is a paraphrase of Psalm 34 and Psalm 119:89.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12–23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “Look, you yourself have been telling me, ‘Lead this people up,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’” ¹³So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴The LORD said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵Moses said to him, “If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

¹⁸Then Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

¹⁹The LORD said, “I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy.” ²⁰He said, “You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live.”

²¹The LORD also said, “Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock.

²²It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover

you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen.”

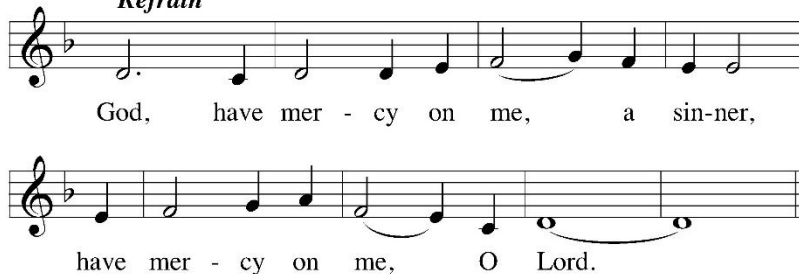
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM⁴

Psalm 51A

Refrain



Psalm Tone



Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

⁴ Psalm 51 is a “penitential” psalm, meaning a psalm that speaks about repenting of sin. This psalm is appropriate for today’s theme because the rest and relief that Jesus provides us is the forgiveness of sins. Forgiveness gives rest to our burdened souls and guilty consciences.

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15–25a

¹⁵For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. ¹⁹So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. ²²I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, ²³but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. ²⁴What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL⁵

Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time, Jesus continued, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

⁵ Four books of the Bible are called “the four Gospels” because they are the four biographies of Jesus’ earthly life & ministry: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We stand for this reading in the same way we stand up when a judge enters the courtroom. It is out of respect and regard for Christ. The Gospel Lesson is the heart and core of the entire service and determines the theme for the day.

SERMON

Romans 7:15-25a

Rest for the Wretched

Please stand

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 We have heard the Word of God (Bible readings & sermon). Now we respond to what we heard by stating what we believe in the Creed. We also respond with the Prayer of the Church and a hymn of praise. The Apostles Creed is an ancient statement of belief originally in the Greek language. It serves to unite believers in the faith and to give expression to our faith.

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Offering plates are by the doors. You may use the QR code to give an electronic offering.



Please stand

THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Prayer for the Nation)

Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER⁷

**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

By Grace I'm Saved | CW 575

Please stand

⁷ If anyone would tell you that written prayers are less legitimate than “off-the-cuff” prayers or “prayers from the heart,” they are wrong. The Lord’s Prayer is a written prayer, taught by Jesus Himself. There is no better prayer in the entire world. Also, all 150 psalms are written prayers. Believers should be encouraged to have a prayer book and to use written prayers.

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.

Amen.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

God Bless Our Native Land | CW 774



2 For her our prayers shall rise to God a - bove the skies;



on him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard-ing with



watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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JULY SERIES

A genuine faith finds its rest in Christ.

A genuine faith is rooted in God's Word.

A genuine faith clings only to the true God.

A genuine faith forsakes all else for the treasures of heaven.

SUNDAY NOTES

- 1) Slides of Peace members, both past and present, are being run before/after each service to help build the momentum for our 125th anniversary celebration on August 9.
- 2) There are updated Peace directories on the table in the back of the worship space.
- 3) The Lutheran liturgical service is a dialog. While many worshipers appreciate having the components of the worship service projected on the wall, projections on the wall can give the impression that the worship service is a disjointed series of random, bumper-sticker snippets strung together without any rhyme or reason. A person gains a better grasp of the flow of the service by following along in the service folder or the hymnal.

In Lutheran liturgical service, there is a serious dialog taking place between God and His people. At times the minister speaks *for* God *to* the people. At times the minister speaks *to* God *for* the people.

First, the minister, speaking for God, invites us to confess our sins. We reply with a confession. Then the minister, speaking for God again, announces to us that our sins are forgiven. We respond by singing a song of praise. And so it continues.

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