

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 12, 2026

## 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 7 A GENUINE FAITH IS ROOTED IN GOD'S WORD

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. Just as a genuine ministry is rooted in God's Word (June 7) so is a genuine faith. God may use ministers and others to plant the seed of His Word in our hearts, but the only Word itself has the power to sprout and grow our faith. Therefore, a believer wants to keep taking in God's Word. The focus of God's Word is always Christ and Him crucified for our sins. This is the foundation of our faith.

## 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

|                    |          |                                           |
|--------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| Psalm of the Day   | Psalm 72 | page 95 in the blue hymnal                |
| Hymn of the Day    | 636      | <i>Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing</i> |
| Distribution Hymns | 858      | <i>God Is Here! As We Your People</i>     |
|                    | 841      | <i>Entrust Your Fear and Doubting</i>     |
| Closing Hymn       | 925      | <i>On What Has Now Been Sown</i>          |

Scripture Lessons

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| First Lesson  | Isaiah 55:6-11        |
| Second Lesson | 1 Corinthians 3:5-11  |
| Gospel Lesson | Matthew 13:1-9. 18-23 |

Sermon

Isaiah 55:6-11

We need this Rain

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.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

|                                                                                   |                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Presider.....                                                                     | Rev. Jordan Ertl                                     |
| Sermon.....                                                                       | Rev. Shaun Arndt                                     |
| Keyboard .....                                                                    | Mrs. Monica Wintrone                                 |
| Ensemble .....                                                                    | Michael, Cathy, Jada, Kyra, Tyler and Alyssa Gresens |
|                                                                                   | “I Will Wait for You”                                |
| - words and music by Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend |                                                      |
| Projection Slides .....                                                           | Amy Johnson                                          |

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6–11

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found!

Call on him while he is near!

<sup>7</sup>Let the wicked man abandon his way.

Let an evil man abandon his thoughts.

Let him turn to the LORD,

and he will show him mercy.

Let him turn to our God,

because he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>Certainly my plans are not your plans,

and your ways are not my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Just as the heavens are higher than the earth,

so my ways are higher than your ways,

and my plans are higher than your plans.

<sup>10</sup>Just as the rain and the snow come down from the sky

and do not return there

unless they first water the earth, make it give birth, and cause it to sprout,

so that it gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

<sup>11</sup>in the same way my word that goes out from my mouth

will not return to me empty.

Rather, it will accomplish whatever I please,

and it will succeed in the purpose for which I sent it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 72

## SECOND READING

## 1 Corinthians 3:5–11

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? They are ministers through whom you believed, and each served as the Lord gave him his role. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. <sup>7</sup>So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. <sup>8</sup>The one who plants and the one who waters are united, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup>In keeping with the grace of God given to me, as a wise master builder, I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. But let each person be careful how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup>In fact, no one can lay any other foundation than the one that has been laid, which is Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

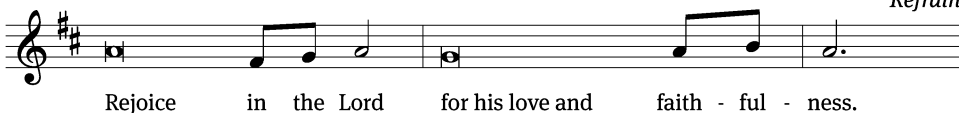
## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Refrain*



*Tone*



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## GOSPEL

**Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus left the house and was sitting by the sea. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd gathered around him. So he stepped into a boat and sat down, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>He told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen, a sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>As he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil. Immediately the seed sprang up, because the soil was not deep. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, the seed was scorched. Because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up and choked it. <sup>8</sup>But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain: some one hundred times, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

<sup>18</sup>“So listen carefully to the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the Evil One comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the seed that was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The seed that was sown on rocky ground is the person who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he is not deeply rooted and does not endure. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>The seed that was sown among the thorns is the one who hears the word, but the worry of this world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it produces no fruit. <sup>23</sup>But the seed that was sown on the good ground is the one who continues to hear and understand the word. Indeed he continues to produce fruit: some a hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times more than was sown.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing* | **CW 636**

## SUNDAY NOTES

- 1) The Hymn of the Day (#636 “Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing) is NOT being played with the tune it was given in the blue hymnal. The tune being played for this hymn today is called “Hyfrydol.”

The second Distribution hymn (#841 “Entrust our Fear and Doubting”) will be sung to the tune “Aurelia.”

These tunes were chosen because they are easier, more familiar and more beloved tunes for worshipers. (Just by way of interest – there is an index of hymn tunes beginning on page 979 of the blue hymnal. Musicians and worship planners use this index regularly.)

- 2) The hymn #841 “Entrust Your Fear and Doubting” does not so match the seed-sowing-plants-harvest idea that threads itself throughout the service today. Rather, this hymn was chosen because it reflects the comfort that many believers take from the words of the First Scripture Lesson – Isaiah 55:6-11: *Certainly my plans are not your plans, and your ways are not my ways, declares the Lord. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my plans are higher than your plans.*

- 3) Throughout the summer slides of past/present Peace members are being shown before/after each service as we build momentum towards our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on August 9.

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