

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 19, 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 8 – A GENUINE FAITH CLINGS ONLY TO THE TRUE GOD

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 clings only to the true God. We live in a culture of so-called tolerance in which any belief about God is regarded as equally legitimate. Even within the visible church some will not be worshipping the true God. But the true God insists on His identity for salvation. Whoever does not believe in the true God cannot be saved.

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.

Flowers are provided by Gus & Mina Matson in thanksgiving to God for the occasion of their 3rd wedding anniversary (July 21).

SUNDAY NOTES

- 1) People of Peace Slides: Before and after the services this summer, running slides of the history/people of Peace will be shown leading up to our 125th anniversary celebration on August 9. Enjoy! (We thank Bob Gawel for putting them together.)
- 2) The service today (Service of Word & Sacrament) is from our previous hymnal, *Christian Worship, A Lutheran Hymnal*, published in 1993. It is familiar to many of our longtime Peace members. Our current blue hymnal was published in 2021.
- 3) Today's opening hymn, *Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender*, is over 1000 years old – author unknown – and was originally in Latin. It served as a grand hymn of praise to the triune God and was therefore used especially on Trinity Sunday. A fresh tune was composed by K. Lee Scott in 1986 (which we are singing today). He named the tune "Shades Mountain" after a mountain in Birmingham, AL on which Scott lives. It fits in with our theme today because the triune God is the only true God.
- 4) Here is the worship series we are following in July:
 - 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. Shaun Arndt
Sermon	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Accompanist.....	Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Instrumentalists	Eli & Ezra McCrary
Projection Slides	Tim Hatfield

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN

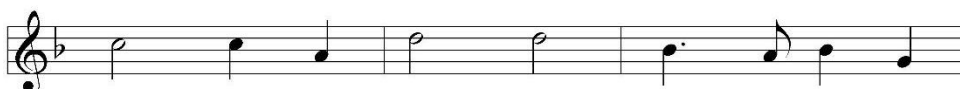
Father Most Holy, Merciful, and Tender | CW93 #191



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der;
2 Trin - i - ty sa - cred, Un - i - ty un - shak - en;
3 Mak - er of all things, all your crea - tures praise you;
4 To the all - rul - ing tri - une God be glo - ry,



Je - sus, our Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing;
De - i - ty per - fect, giv - ing and for - giv - ing;
All for your wor - ship were and are cre - a - ted.
High - est and great - est, o - ver all ex - alt - ed;



Spir - it of com - fort, Ad - vo - cate, De -
Light of the an - gels, Life of the for -
Hear us, Al - might - y, hear us as we
We, too, would praise you, giv - ing hon - or



fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
sak - en; Hope of the liv - ing;
give you Our ad - o - ra - tion.
to you Now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th century; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Tune: SHADES MOUNTAIN (11 11 11 5) K. Lee Scott, b. 1950. © 1987 MorningStar Music Publishers.

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INVOCATION

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

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son $\dagger$ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise hear our prayer, O Lord.

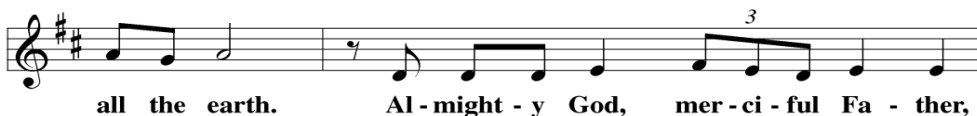


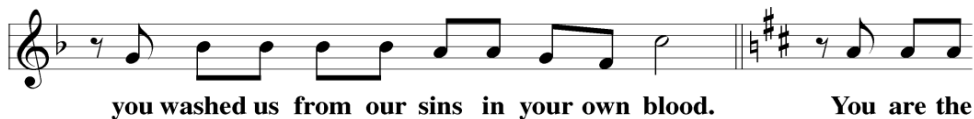
Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter; 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

Isaiah¹ 44:6–11

⁶This is what the LORD, the King of Israel,
Israel's Redeemer, the LORD of Armies, says.

I am the first, and I am the last.

Except for me there is no god.

⁷For who is like me? Let him declare it.

Let him recite in order for me the things that took place
since the time I established an ancient people.

Or let them declare what is yet to come,
and what is going to take place.

⁸Do not tremble, and do not be frightened.

Did I not announce this to you,
and declare it already long ago?

You are my witnesses.

Is there any god except me?

There is no other Rock. I am not aware of any other.

⁹All those who form an idol are good for nothing.

All the things which delight them provide no benefit.

As for their witnesses—they do not see.

They know nothing, so they will be ashamed.

¹⁰Who is this who forms a god or casts a metal image that can provide no profit?

¹¹Look at him! All his associates will be ashamed. The craftsmen are merely men. Let them all gather themselves and take a stand. They will be terrified and ashamed together.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹ Isaiah is one of 17 “prophetical” books in the Old Testament (that is, 17 books written by and named after a Jewish prophet). The Old Testament also contains narrative books and poetical books. There are 39 Old Testament books in all.

PSALM 37

Refrain



We com - mit our-selves to you, O Lord.



Your faith - ful - ness en - dures for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone



Do not fret because of / evil men
or be envious of those / who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon / wither,
like green plants they will soon / die away.

Refrain

Trust in the LORD / and do good;
dwell in the land and enjoy safe / pasture.
Delight yourself / in the LORD
and he will give you the desires / of your heart.

Commit your way / to the LORD;
trust in him and he will / do this:
He will make your righteousness shine / like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the / noonday sun.

Refrain

I was young and now / I am old,
yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children / begging bread.
Turn from evil / and do good;
then you will dwell in the land for- / ever.

For the LORD / loves the just
and will not forsake his / faithful ones.
The salvation of the righteous comes / from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in time of / trouble.

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

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans² 1:18–25

¹⁸Indeed, God's wrath is being revealed from heaven against all the ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who try to suppress the truth by unrighteousness. ¹⁹This happens because what can be known about God is evident among them, because God made it evident among them. ²⁰In fact, his invisible characteristics—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, because they are understood from the things he made. As a result, people are without excuse, ²¹because, even though they knew God, they did not honor him or give him thanks as God. Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless heart was darkened.

²²Although they claim to be wise, they have become fools ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human, or like birds, four-footed animals, and crawling things. ²⁴So, as they followed the sinful desires of their hearts, God handed them over to the impurity of degrading their own bodies among themselves. ²⁵Such people have traded the truth about God for the lie, worshipping and serving the creation rather than the Creator, who is worthy of praise forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

² The book of Romans is one of 21 “epistles” in the New Testament. An epistle is a letter written by an individual to another individual or a group. New Testament epistles are either named after the receiving audience (like the epistle to the believers in Rome – thus “Romans”), or they are named after the person who wrote them (like 1&2 Peter or Jude).

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!

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew³ 13:24–30, 36–43

²⁴He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’ ²⁹‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³ Four books of the New Testament are called the four “Gospels.” They are the four biographies of Jesus’ earthly life and ministry – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Every Sunday we have one reading from one of these four books. The Gospel reading serves as the centerpiece of the service and drives the theme of the day. We stand out of reverence for the words & works of Jesus. The New Testament also has 21 epistles, 1 prophetic book and 1 historical book.

³⁶Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One. ³⁹The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴²The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, You Thankful People, Come | **CW 491**

SERMON

Romans 1:18-25

The Wrath of God Is Revealed

Please stand when presider indicates

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Trumpet – Eli McCrary; Euphonium – Ezra McCrary

“Come, You Thankful People, Come” – arr. by Ezra McCrary

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



Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, work in us through the words we have heard and the Sacrament we are about to receive. Strengthen our faith in your truth and in Jesus our Savior.

For confidence in your precious promises,
For understanding of the Scriptures,
For a consciousness of your will at all times,

give us faith, Lord.

For the refreshment of your forgiveness,
For the certainty that your grace is higher and broader and stronger than all our being,
For the peace that only you can give, which this world can never give,

give us faith, Lord.

For a firm conviction in true doctrine,
For sanctified thinking and selfless motives,
For the desire to attain heavenly gifts - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control,

give us faith, Lord.

For a life that reflects your glory,
For the willingness to bow our will to yours,
For steadfastness in all our daily tasks and responsibilities,

give us faith, Lord.

Prayers of Intercession

For these and every other thing we need, we present our requests to you and pray as Jesus has taught us...

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.

The Lord's Prayer contains:

- The Address (Our Father in heaven)
- 7 Petitions
- The Doxology (For the kingdom, the power...)

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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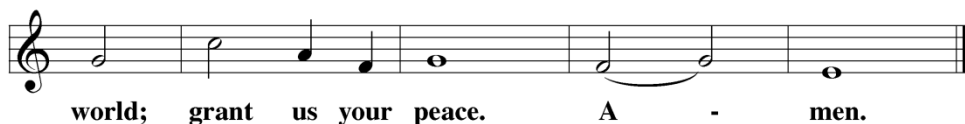
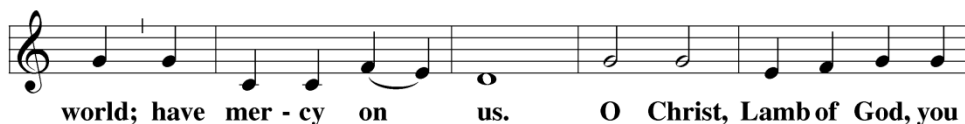
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of “Close Communion.” For explanation, please see the inside cover of this worship folder. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | CW 667

Please stand when the presider indicates

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.



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