

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 16, 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 12 SALVATION IS FOR ALL NATIONS THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS

By Jesus alone are we saved. Though Jesus is the Jewish Messiah, God never intended that He would be the Savior exclusively for the Jews. Isaiah 56 (written 700 years before Christ) declares, “My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world.” In Ephesians 2 the Apostle Paul explains how through faith in Christ both Jews and non-Jews become a single people - the people of God. In the Gospel Lesson we see that it was not a Jewish lady, but a non-Jewish lady (a Samaritan woman), who approached Jesus in faith and received the salvation she pleaded for. Whatever your ancestry or your background, you are invited to place your trust in Jesus and you will find salvation with Him.

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

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Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 67	page 67 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	860	<i>In Christ There Is No East of West</i>
Distribution Hymns	723	<i>When in the Hour of Utmost Need</i>
	533	<i>Jesus Lover of My Soul</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Isaiah 56:1, 6–8
Second Lesson	Ephesians 2:13–22
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 15:21–28

Sermon

Ephesians 2:13-22
From Foreigners to Fellow Believers

ADULT CONFIRMATION

During the 9:30 service Mikayla and James Elliot and their daughter Anna will declare their unity in faith with us through the Rite of Confirmation. We welcome them into the Peace family!!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider.....	Rev. Jordan Ertl
Sermon.....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard	Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Piano	Violet Larson: Preservice – “Just As I Am Without One Plea” arr. Zach Unke “God of Grace and Glory” arr. Valerie A. Floeter “Magnificent Marvelous Matchless Love” arr. Valerie A. Floeter Cameron Slocum: Musical Offering - “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Zach Unke
Projection Slides	Kayla Frank

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

¹This is what the LORD says.

Protect justice, and carry out righteousness,

because my salvation is coming very soon.

My righteousness is ready to be revealed.

⁶Then the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him and to love the name of the LORD

and to become his servants,

every one of them who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,

those who take hold of my covenant—

⁷I will bring them to my holy mountain,

and I will make them glad in my house of prayer.

Their whole burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar.

For my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples of the world.

⁸This is the declaration of God the LORD,

who gathers Israel's dispersed people:

“I will gather still more people to my house besides the ones already gathered.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:13–22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace. He made the two groups one by destroying the wall of hostility that divided them ¹⁵when he abolished the law of commandments and regulations in his flesh. He did this to create in himself one new person out of the two, in this way making peace. ¹⁶And he did this to reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by putting the hostility to death on it. ¹⁷He also came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹So then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household. ²⁰You have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the Cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you too are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



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

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GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!”

²³But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, “Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, “Lord, help me.”

²⁶He answered her, “It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs.”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”

²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire.” And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West | **CW 86o**

WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) “*When in the Hour of Utmost Need*” – this hymn reflects the sheer desperation of the Samaritan woman who approached Jesus and it teaches us to pray. (Think of it, her daughter was possessed by a demon!)

There’s a story to this hymn:

After Martin Luther died in 1546 things sort of came apart for the Lutheran Christians. The pope and the emperor, Charles V, were bent on re-conquering the Lutheran lands and reclaiming them for the papacy. They pounced on Lutheran territories with their armies.

The Lutherans were defeated in a decisive battle called the “Battle of Muhlberg” in 1547.

When the people of Wittenberg heard that they were required to turn the city over to the forces of Emperor Charles V, the town pastor, Johann Bugenhagen, had the church bells rung to call the people to prayer.

During the worship service in which he preached and led the people, keeling in fervent prayer, Bugenhagen asked that this hymn be sung.

The city was finally turned over, but fortunately for its people, the emperor treated them with surprising mildness.

This hymn had been written by Paul Eber, a professor of Hebrew at the University of Wittenberg and a co-worker with Philip Melancthon who was an important figure in the Reformation.

Eber also wrote the hymn, “*I Fall Asleep in Jesus’ Wounds.*”

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