

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 20, 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 17 GOD WILL SHOW MERCY TO WHOM HE SHOWS MERCY, AND HE WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM HE HAS COMPASSION**

Why does God choose some to be saved and not others? Scripture does not satisfy our craving for a cause (and in our self-righteous hearts we naturally want that cause to be found in us). In Romans 9 God simply declares, “I will show mercy to whom I show mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” In other words, “Ain’t none of your business. I’m God, I may do as I please. If I choose to save one, but not another, that’s up to me.” What does this answer do? It emphatically demonstrates that salvation is by grace - not something we earned or deserved. When God is gracious, we praise Him for His unexpected kindness. This answer also drives home that we should not take God’s grace for granted. He does not OWE it to us to save us.

## **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 One**..... pg. 154 in the blue hymnal  
**Holy Baptism** (10:30 Service)..... pg. 151 in the blue hymnal

### Hymns

|                                        |                  |                                             |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Opening Hymn (8:00 & 6:30)             | <b>566:1-4</b>   | <i>Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us</i>    |
| Opening Hymn (10:30)                   | <b>648</b>       | <i>Dearest Jesus We Are Here</i>            |
| <b>Psalm of the Day</b> (10:30 & 6:30) | <b>Psalm 100</b> | page 100 in the blue hymnal                 |
| Hymn of the Day                        | <b>581</b>       | <i>Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You</i> |
| Distribution Hymns                     | <b>745</b>       | <i>Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying</i>      |
|                                        | <b>715</b>       | <i>Let Me Be Yours Forever</i>              |
| Closing Hymn                           | <b>566:5</b>     | <i>Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us</i>    |

### Scripture Lessons

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| First Lesson  | Jonah 3:10—4:11 |
| Second Lesson | Romans 9:6–16   |
| Gospel Lesson | Matthew 20:1–16 |

### Sermon

**Jonah 3:10—4:11**

*Should I Not Be Concerned for Ninevah?*

## HOLY BAPTISM – 10:30 SERVICE

In the 10:30 service Fletcher Grace Cromwell, newborn daughter of Dan & Kelly Cromwell, will be clothed with Christ's righteousness in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Welcome, Fletcher, to the Peace family and the communion of saints! *All of you who 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. Monica Wintrone  
**Grades 3 & 4 Teachers**..... Miss Jennifer Lindloff, Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr  
**Projection Slides** ..... Amy Johnson

## FIRST READING

**Jonah 3:10—4:11**

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

<sup>1</sup>But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, “LORD, wasn't this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you relent from sending disaster. <sup>3</sup>So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city. He made a shelter for himself there and sat in the shade under it, waiting to see what would happen in the city.

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD God provided a plant and made it grow up over Jonah to provide shade over his head, to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah was very happy about the plant.

<sup>7</sup>But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered.

<sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, so he said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

Jonah said, “I do have a right to be angry—angry enough to die!”

<sup>10</sup>So the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant. You did not work for it or make it grow. It grew up in one night and perished after one night. <sup>11</sup>So should I not be concerned for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left—and also many animals?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**LES GRADES 3,4** (8:00 Service)

*All I Have Is Christ (CW 580)*

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

**Psalms 100**

## SECOND READING

## Romans 9:6–16

<sup>6</sup>This does not mean that God's word has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are really Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all who are descended from Abraham are really his children. On the contrary, "Your line of descent will be traced through Isaac." <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as his descendants. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "I will arrive at this set time, and Sarah will have a son."

<sup>10</sup>Not only that, but Rebekah also had children by one man, our forefather, Isaac. <sup>11</sup>Even before the twins were born or did anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose in election might continue— <sup>12</sup>not by works but because of him who calls us—it was said to her, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

<sup>14</sup>What will we say then? Does this mean that God is unjust? Absolutely not! <sup>15</sup>For God says to Moses:

I will show mercy to whom I show mercy,  
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.

<sup>16</sup>So then, it does not depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

## The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

## Ephesians 2:8

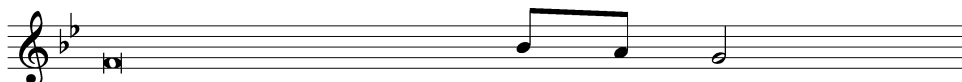


*Refrain*



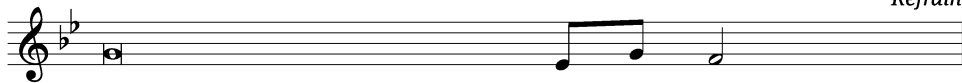
Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### *Tone*



For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—

*Refrain*



and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 20:1–16

<sup>1</sup>“Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. <sup>4</sup>To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’

<sup>7</sup>“They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group and ending with the first.’

<sup>9</sup>“When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. <sup>11</sup>After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: <sup>12</sup>“Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!”

<sup>13</sup>“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. <sup>15</sup>Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose You | CW 581*

## WORSHIP NOTES

- 1) Hymn #745 *Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying* was assigned to our school children this past week for their Hymnology Class. Most weeks of school they study the meaning of a hymn and then memorize that hymn word for word. It so happens that this hymn fits well with today's readings – especially the reading from Jonah as the Lord sent Jonah to preach to the city of Nineveh. God sends every one of us out to reach all people with His Gospel. He calls us to “work in His vineyard” (Mt 20).
- 2) Hymn #715 *Let Me Be Yours Forever* – This is our plea to God. Today's Scripture readings remind us that God is free to do what He wants with His grace and does not owe it to us to save us. Because of our own sinful hearts we are in constant danger of falling away from Him. If we are to be saved, He must give us His Holy Spirit and keep us close to Himself in faith.
- 3) Why is the large candle lit at the 10:30 am service? In short, because there is a baptism! The large candle is called the Paschal candle. It represents the presence of the risen Lord among His people. The Paschal candle is lighted during the Easter season, but also when there is a baptism, since we are joined to Jesus' resurrection in Holy Baptism (see Romans 6, Titus 3, and 1 Peter 3).

The crucifix on one side of the baptismal font and the Paschal candle on the other symbolize the reality that in Holy Baptism we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection for our salvation, just as Romans 6:4 states: *We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life* (See also Colossians 2:11-12).

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Unless otherwise noted, Scripture quotations are from the Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2017 Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Liturgical and musical settings of Scripture based on text from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2026 Concordia Publishing House.