

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 11, 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 20 – COME EARLY TO THE DINNER PARTY! DON'T DELAY!

Jesus depicts the Kingdom of God as a great banquet to which all are invited. Notice how earnest his invitation is. Also notice how quickly those who refuse or delay are left behind - or worse, destroyed by His anger. Then the invitation is extended to others. Today, let's take to heart the urgency of God's invitation. Let us gladly accept the life-saving feast He freely offers to us starving, dying sinners. And what is the main course of this feast? Christ Himself - offered to us in Word and Sacrament.

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.

To prepare for the Lord's Supper you may wish to use pages 295/6 in the blue hymnal.

SERVICE NOTES

- 1) The Peace Lutheran School Junior Choir is singing today at our sister congregation, Zion, Leeds. This will likely affect attendance today. 3 students at Peace are members of Zion.
- 2) Psalm 45 – How does this psalm fit in with the theme of the day? Psalm 45 depicts a wedding. Christ is the groom and His Church is the bride. He is praised as “the most excellent of men.” At a wedding there is usually a wedding banquet – a feast of celebration. The wedding banquet is a picture the Bible often uses to depict the joy of heaven.
- 3) Why are there candles on the altar? When Lutherans emigrated to America from Europe in the 1700-1800s, they quickly discovered that the majority of American churches did NOT believe in the Real Presence of Christ’s body and blood in the Lord’s Supper. So to differentiate themselves from other American churches and to give a clear testimony that they believed in the Real Presence Lutherans began to have lit candles on the altar.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Jordan Ertl
Sermon Rev. Shaun Arndt
Accompanist..... Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

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SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT¹

OPENING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd | CW 553²

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 ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

¹ This order of service is taken from our previous (red) hymnal which was published in 1993. Our current (blue) hymnal was published in 2021. Both hymnals are entitled "Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal."

² In keeping with today's theme about the Lord's feast of salvation, Psalm 23 says "He sets a table before me in the presence of my enemies."

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:

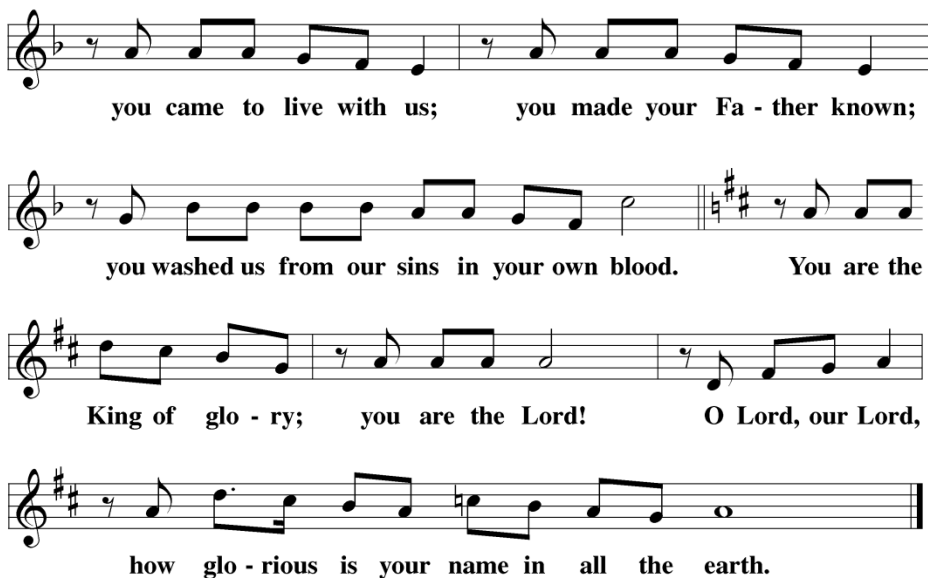


The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and seventh measures of the first system. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to one flat (Bb).

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON³

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat,
and with the finest wines.

⁷On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.

⁸He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.

⁹On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

³ We follow a lectionary – that is, a weekly schedule of Scripture readings – throughout the entire year. You can see this lectionary beginning on page X in the front pages of the blue hymnal. One reason for using a lectionary is that it helps insure that we get to hear the whole counsel of God.

PSALM 45

Refrain



Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-



lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

Psalm tone



My heart is stirred by a noble theme*
as I recite my verses for the King.

You are the most excellent of men,*
and your lips have been anointed with grace.

Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;*
clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

In your majesty ride forth victoriously;*
let your right hand display awesome deeds. **Refrain**

Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;*
a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

You love righteousness and hate wickedness;*
therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;*
therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

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 1:16–17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, “The righteous will live by faith.”

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!

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:1–14

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.

⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’

⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king's servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main crossroads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Delay Not! Delay Not | CW 712

Come to the Banquet

Please stand when presider indicates

NICENE CREED⁴

**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.**

⁴ Not only does a creed provide unity of expression in our faith, it also provides a template for the preacher. Nothing he says should contradict or fall outside the parameters of what is spelled out by this creed.

**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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

Honoring God with a portion of our financial blessings is a biblical expression of how we worship Him. [Jesus said] “Come and offer your gift” (Mt 5:24).

Offering plates are by the doors of this worship space.

You may use this QR code to make an offering with your phone.



Please stand

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.⁵



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.

⁵ The Bible calls the Lord's Supper "the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks." An English-ized version of the Greek word for giving thanks is "eucharist" (pronounced YOO-ker-ist). Thus traditionally, another name for the Lord's Supper is the Holy Eucharist.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁶

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."

⁶ The minister makes the sign of the cross to emphasize the word "is." Is means is. The bread and wine do NOT represent Christ's body and blood. In bread and wine Christ is actually giving us His real body and blood from heaven. This is not merely symbolic. It is real.

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.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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 HYMNS

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy | CW 509
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



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.

