

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 4, 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 19

CHRIST PLANTED US IN GRACE TO PRODUCE FRUITS OF FAITH

Salvation is free! There is not a "...but first you have to..." There is not a "...as long as you are good enough..." We Lutherans love to quote from Martin Luther that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, on the basis of Scripture alone. At the same time, Christ did not save us to remain in our sin or to be lumps on a log. Christ redeemed us to produce fruits of faith - that is, behaviors prompted in our hearts by His unexpected kindness, actions born out of our trust in His promises, attitudes shaped by His Ten Commandments. We are to be fruitful, productive trees in the vineyard of His kingdom, showing His glory in our lives.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

This morning's service is modeled after an ancient morning tradition in the Christian Church called *Matins* in contemporary style. It contains two important creeds: *The Venite* ("Come, Oh Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord") and *The Te Deum* ("You Are God, We Praise You").

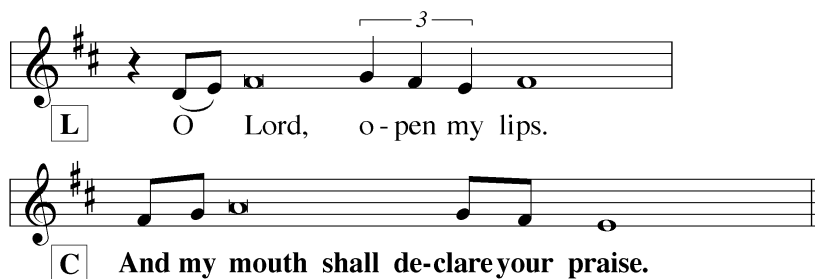
As you prepare for worship, perhaps you'd like to make use of the prayers on pages 255-258 of the blue hymnal.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider Rev. Jordan Ertl
Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre
Accompanist Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr
Instrumentalists.....Tim Gustafson, Deb Hatfield, Skylar Johnson, Mina Matson
Musical Offering Andrew Schumacher
Grades 1 & 2 Teachers Miss Kiernan Handy, Mrs. Lisa Myhre, Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Projection Slides Amy Johnson

MORNING PRAISE

Please stand



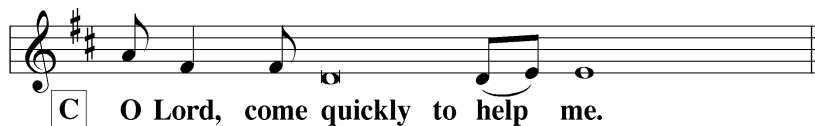
The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note B4. A triplet of eighth notes (C5, D5, E5) is marked with a '3' and a bracket. The bottom staff continues with a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a half note C4. The lyrics are: **L** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



The second line of the first system continues the melody on a single staff. It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics are: **C** And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



The third system consists of a single staff. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics are: **L** Hasten to save me, O God.



The fourth line of the third system continues the melody on a single staff. It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics are: **C** O Lord, come quickly to help me.



The fifth system consists of a single staff. It begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics are: **L** Give glory to God, our light and our life.



The sixth line of the fifth system continues the melody on a single staff. It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5. The lyrics are: **C** Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

The congregation will sing the refrain. The presider will sing the verses.

1
Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

2
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

3
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,

cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain
you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Please be seated

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 63

The congregation will sing the refrain. The presider will sing the verses.



*O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.*

Refrain

*For your love is better than life. My lips will speak your praise.
So I will bless you all my life. In your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; my mouth shall praise you with joy.*

Refrain

*On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night,
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.*

Refrain

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1–7

¹Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard.
My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge.

²He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it.

He planted it with the best vines.

He built a tower in the middle of it.

He also cut a winepress into it.

He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
but it produced only sour grapes.

³“So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard
that I have not already done for it?

When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
why did it produce sour grapes?

⁵Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a wasteland.

It will not be pruned or hoed.

So briars and thorns will shoot up.

I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it.”

⁷Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him.

He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.

He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The children will sing verses 1 and 2. The congregation will join in verse 3 and the final refrain.

**3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus.**

**Ref In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:12–21

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. ¹⁶Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained.

¹⁷Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Judge between me and my vineyard.

What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? Alleluia.

(Is 5:3,4)

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. ³⁷Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ ³⁹They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

⁴³“That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ the Vine | **CW 709**

SERMON

Philippians 3:17-21

Live Like You Belong to Heaven

Please stand

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

The congregation will sing the refrain and the words in bold italics.



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

With the angels in heaven, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

With the cherubim and seraphim, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

With apostles and prophets, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

With the martyrs and your holy Church, ***We sing in endless praise!***

Refrain

Creator of all things, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

O Jesus Christ, the Son of God, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

O Spirit, most holy, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

To the Trinity most blessed, ***We sing in endless praise!***

Refrain

O Christ, King of glory, ***We praise you, we praise you!***

You became a man to set us free; ***We praise you, we praise you!***

You have risen to free us; ***We praise you, we praise you!***

And with all your saints in glory, ***We sing in endless praise!***

Refrain (Last phrase 3X)

Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

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

“Jerusalem the Golden”

Andrew Schumacher, Euphonium

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.

Please stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

The musical score for "LORD, HAVE MERCY" is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a box containing the letter 'L'. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff begins with a box containing the letter 'C'. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

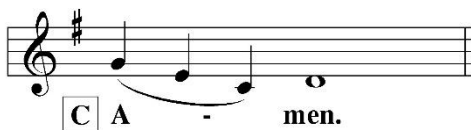
Prayers of Intercession

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.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.





L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.



C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

In You Is Gladness | CW 513



1 In you is glad - ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 If he is ours, — we fear no pow - ers, not of



sun - shine of my heart. By you are giv - en the gifts of
earth or sin or death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis -



heav - en, you the true Re - deem - er are. Our souls are
tress - es; he can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - ing, our bonds are break - ing; who trusts you
sto - ry tell of his glo - ry with hearts and



sure - ly has built se - cure - ly and stands for - ev - er.
voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es in him for - ev - er.



Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are pin - ing to see your
Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for glad - ness, win o - ver



shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing to you are
sad - ness, love him and praise him and still shall



cling - ing now and for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
raise him glad hymns for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

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