

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 21, 2024

## 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: YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES ... TO ADMINISTER MY SHEPHERD CARE

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he declared to his Church: You will be my witnesses. This is his plan for reaching the world with the gospel. It is not optional for us. It is our ultimate calling as believers. But Jesus has not abandoned us to fulfill this task on our own. He is present with us and equips us to witness for him. In today's Bible readings, Jesus equips us to administer his shepherd care. Our God is "hands on" as He reaches the lost sheep and also shepherds His flock - He does His shepherding through His called ministers in particular and through His believers in general.

## 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.

## WHAT ARE THE WORSHIP LEADERS WEARING AROUND THEIR SHOULDERS?

The colored cloth around their shoulders is called a stole. It signifies their ordination into the public ministry. The stole resembles a yoke – such as what a farmer might put over the necks of a pair of oxen as they pull a plow. It signifies the burden of responsibility that the minister carries for the souls under his care. That burden has been placed on him by Christ when the congregation called him into the public ministry.

## COLORS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

As a liturgical church we follow a Church Year calendar (See pages VII and VIII in the front pages of our blue hymnal). The purpose of the Church Year is to help keep us focused on Christ – His life and ministry.

To highlight the seasons of the Church Year, the Christian Church uses colors. Here is what the colors represent:

Green = Spiritual Growth

White = Joy

Blue = Hope or anticipation

Purple = Repentance

Red = Fire of the Holy Spirit

Of course, these things – stoles and colors – are not commanded in the Bible. In Gospel freedom we use them as tools to help us in our devotional exercises.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider..... Rev. Luke C. Werre  
Sermon ..... Rev. Charlie Vannieuwenhoven  
Accompanist..... Mrs. Lisa Schoenherr  
Projection Slides ..... Brittany Kuehl

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# SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT

## OPENING HYMN

*We Have a Gospel to Proclaim* | CW 741



1 We have a gos - pel to pro - claim, good news for  
2 Tell of his birth at Beth - le - hem, not in a  
3 Tell of his death at Cal - va - ry, hat - ed by  
4 Tell of that glo - rious Eas - ter morn: emp - ty the



all through - out the earth, the gos - pel of a  
roy - al house or hall, but in a sta - ble  
tomb, he came to save; in lone - ly suf - f'ring  
tomb, for he was free. He broke the pow'r of



Sav - ior's name; we sing his glo - ry, tell his worth.  
dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.  
on the cross, in love for all his life he gave.  
death and hell that we might share his vic - to - ry.

5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,  
by all creation glorified;  
he sends his Spirit on his Church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6 Now we rejoice to name him King;  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim;  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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## INVOCATION<sup>1</sup>

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.**

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<sup>1</sup> The historic liturgy is a dialogue between God and His people. The presider invites us to confess our sins. God responds (through the presider) by announcing we are forgiven. We respond by praising Him in His Trinity and we pray for His blessing. He responds by speaking to us in the Scripture Lessons... and so it goes on, back and forth.

This is called “liturgical” worship which means the worshipers play an active role in a deliberate and purposeful dialog versus a style of worship where people passively sit back and are entertained.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY<sup>2</sup>

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:

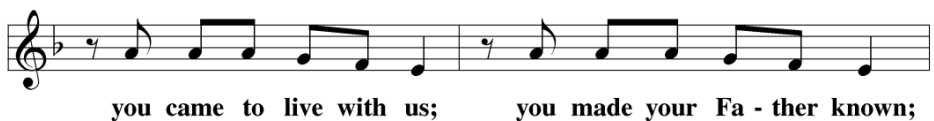


The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

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<sup>2</sup> "Lord, have mercy" is the most basic and fundamental prayer of a believer. It is a prayer that permeates all of Scripture. It flows from the forgiveness of sins we have just received. From that forgiveness we are given the courage to approach His throne seeking His mercy.

## O LORD, OUR LORD





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... O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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 LESSON

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock.  
You have driven them away.  
You have not taken care of them,  
but I will certainly take care of you,

because of the evil things you have done, declares the LORD.

<sup>3</sup>I will gather what is left of my flock

out of all the countries where I have driven them,  
and I will bring them back to their pastures.

They will be fruitful and multiply.

<sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them  
who will shepherd them.

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,  
nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.

<sup>5</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
who will reign wisely as king  
and establish justice and righteousness on earth.

<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will dwell securely.

This is his name by which he will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

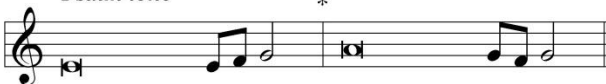
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 65<sup>3</sup>

#### *Refrain*



#### *Psalm tone*



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<sup>3</sup> See note at the end of the psalm.



Praise awaits you, O God,\*  
you call forth songs of joy.

You care for the land and water it;\*  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The streams of God are filled with water\*  
to provide the people with grain.

### ***Refrain***

You crown the year with your bounty,\*  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

The grasslands of the desert overflow;\*  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;\*  
they shout for joy and sing.

**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***

(Note 3 – With its references to flocks, meadows and grasslands, Psalm 65 reflects the theme of Jesus our Shepherd. We are most familiar with the description from the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm: “He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the quiet waters.” The green pastures and quiet waters are His Word and Sacraments.

## **SECOND LESSON**

## **Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-21**

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Carefully consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>17</sup>Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls as men who will give an account. Obey them, so that they may do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no benefit to you.

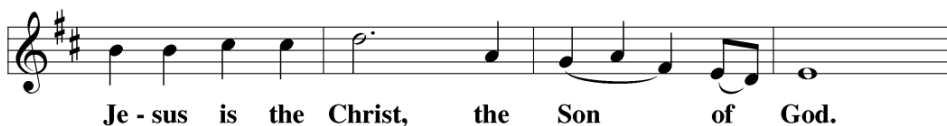
<sup>18</sup>Pray for us, because we are sure that we have a good conscience, and because in everything we want to conduct ourselves in an honorable way. <sup>19</sup>I urge you to do this even more, so that I may be restored to you quickly.

<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of peace—who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament—<sup>21</sup>may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY



*Please stand*

## GOSPEL LESSON <sup>4</sup>

**Mark 6:30-34**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” For there were so many people coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat. <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>But many people saw them leave and knew where they were going. They ran there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus stepped out of the boat, he saw a large crowd. His heart went out to them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. He began to teach them many things.



*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep* | CW 551

## SERMON<sup>5</sup>

**Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-21**

*Their Words are God's Words.*

*Please stand when presider indicates*

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<sup>4</sup> Why are we standing for this Bible reading? Because the Gospel Lesson (from Matthew, Mark, Luke or John) sets the theme for the day. This reading speaks directly of the life, ministry and words of Jesus. This reading is the heart and core of the service.

<sup>5</sup> We are grateful to Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven for being our guest preacher today. Pastor V. currently serves as Dean of Students at Luther Preparatory School in Watertown.

## **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.*

*Please stand*

## 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.**

## 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<sup>6</sup> 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.

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<sup>6</sup> These sentences are called the "Proper Prefaces." In the Bible, the Lord's Supper is dubbed "the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks" (1Co 10:16). Drawing from the Greek word for "giving thanks" it is sometimes called "the Eucharist." The purpose of these sentences are to state reasons for which we give thanks as Christ is about to visit us in the Lord's Supper.

## 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 INSTITUTION<sup>7</sup>

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."

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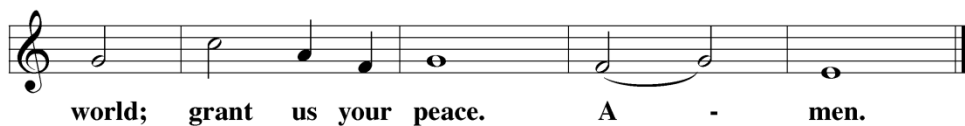
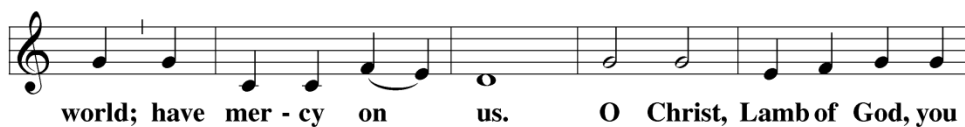
<sup>7</sup> "In the administration of the Holy Supper the words of institution are to be publicly spoken or sung before the congregation distinctly and clearly. They should in no way be left out. The hearers' faith about the nature and fruit of this Sacrament should be aroused, strengthened and confirmed by Christ's Word" (Formula of Concord, Article VII).

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my  $\text{†}$  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 HYMNS<sup>8</sup>

*Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King | CW 899*  
*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want | CW 555*

*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**

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<sup>8</sup> What does "CW" mean when we post the hymn numbers? It stands for the official title of our blue hymnal: Christian Worship.



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.

