PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 28, 2024

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: YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES ... AND I WILL PROVIDE FOR YOU

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 by promising to provide for our needs. Jesus fed the 5000 not only so that the hungry crowd could continue to hear his Word, but also to demonstrate to his disciples as they carried on their work that God would provide for them as well. By providing manna for the Israelites God made them a witness to all other nations of his salvation plan.

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

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 111	page 111 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	Insert	Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor
Communion Hymns	6 7 6	Take and Eat
	624	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Closing Hymn	902	Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Exodus 16:1-15
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 9:8-11
Gospel Lesson	Mark 6:35-44

Sermon Mark 6:35-44

The Lord Provides

TAKE AND EAT

A vocalist will sing the verses of this hymn. The congregation may join in for the refrain.

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

At the age of twenty, Joachim Neander and two college friends attended a Christian service to mock the faith and criticize the preacher. They surely underestimated the power of the Holy Spirit! The message so affected Neander that he no longer scoffed but remained after to pray. He went on to become a powerful hymn-writer in the Christian Church. He died at the age of thirty. Who knows how many more hymns he may have contributed to the Christian faith had he lived longer!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Keyboard	Mr. Andrew Kramer (Sunday), Mrs. Cathy Gresens (Monday)
Projection Slides	Amy Larson

FIRST READING Exodus 16:1-15

On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt, the entire Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai. ²The entire Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat around pots of meat and ate as much food as we wanted, but now you have brought us out into this wilderness to have this whole community die of hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Watch what I will do. I will rain down bread from heaven for you, and the people will go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether they will follow my instructions or not. ⁵On the sixth day they will prepare what they bring in, and it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "At evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the Glory of the LORD, because he has heard your constant grumbling against the LORD. Who are we that you should grumble against us?"

⁸Moses said, "Now the LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because the LORD has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Tell the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling.' " ¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the entire Israelite community, they turned toward the wilderness, and suddenly the Glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses: ¹²"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, 'At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" because they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

He scattered; he gave to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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GOSPEL Mark 6:35-44

It was already late in the day when his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already very late. ³⁶Send them away so they can go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."

They asked him, "Should we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

³⁸He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see."

When they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

³⁹He directed everyone to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and blessed the loaves and broke them. Then he kept giving pieces to his disciples to set in front of them. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³Then they picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

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