

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 18, 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: THE BREAD OF LIFE SERMON: JESUS IS THE BREAD THAT GIVES WISDOM

The two most well-known sermons of Jesus are His “Sermon on the Mount” and His “Bread of Life” sermon. Last Sunday, today and next Sunday we will focus on His Bread of Life sermon. The Father draws us to Jesus, the Bread of Life from Heaven who alone gives true Wisdom and Eternal Life. Only through God’s *gift* of faith in Jesus, do we know our God and the Life He gives us.

## OPENING SERVICE OF OUR SCHOOL

Our Lutheran Elementary School begins classes this Wednesday and our Early Childhood Center begins its school year curriculum after Labor Day. Today’s service serves as the opening service for our School ministry. There is no need for special Christian education readings today. The appointed lessons of the Church Year (cf. pages IX-XXIII in the front of the hymnal) provide the perfect theme for the start of our school year at Peace! There is no greater wisdom we can give our children and students than to teach them about Jesus, The Bread of Life.

## INSTALLATION OF MS. JORDAN PAUSTIAN

Our new sixth grade teacher, Ms. Jordan Paustian will be installed in the 9:30 am service. A cash and gift card box to welcome her will be on the back counter today and next Sunday. See the back inside cover for more info on Ms. Paustian.

**FUN FACTS ABOUT MS. PAUSTIAN**



Ms. Jordan Paustian, our new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, grew up in Racine, Wisconsin. After she graduated from Shoreland Lutheran High School, she enrolled at Martin Luther College (MLC), our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod’s School for ministry. Following her graduation from MLC in 2012, Ms. Paustian served 1 year with the Friends of China ministry, 5 years as 6<sup>th</sup> grade and social studies teacher at Cactus Middle School in Arizona, and 5 years at Life

Lutheran in Texas, teaching 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade science and art. Ms. Paustian loves art, hiking, photographing nature, reading and writing. She is able to solve a Rubik’s cube and loves her three adorable nephews. Please thank our Lord of the Church for bringing Ms. Paustian to us and welcome her to our ministry team at Peace. A cash and gift card box to welcome her will be on the back counter today and next Sunday.

**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.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP**

- Presider ..... Rev. Shaun Arndt
- Accompanist ..... Mrs. Jennifer Werre
- Projection Slides ..... Amy Johnson

# GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

*Please stand*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

Oh, how I love your instruction!

**I meditate on it all day long.**

Your words are a lamp for my feet

**and a light for my path.** (*Psalm 119:97,105*)

## HYMN RESPONSE

*Speak, O Lord | CW 633:1*

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
to receive the food of your holy Word;  
take your truth, plant it deep in us,  
shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today  
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
all your purposes for your glory.**

## CONFESSION

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

**so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

*(2 Timothy 3:16,17)*

Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**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.**

## **HYMN RESPONSE**

*Speak, O Lord | CW 633:2*

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
holy reverence, true humility;  
test our thoughts and our attitudes  
in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see  
your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.**

## **HYMN RESPONSE**

*Speak, O Lord | CW 633:3*

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,  
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us,  
truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built,  
and the earth is filled with your glory.**

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house.  
She has carved out her seven pillars.  
<sup>2</sup>She has prepared her meat.  
She has mixed her wine.  
She has already set her table.  
<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant girls.  
She calls from the highest point in the city,  
<sup>4</sup>"Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here."  
To someone who lacks sense she says,  
<sup>5</sup>"Come, eat my food,  
and drink the wine that I have mixed.  
<sup>6</sup>Abandon your naïve ways and live.  
Travel the road to understanding."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

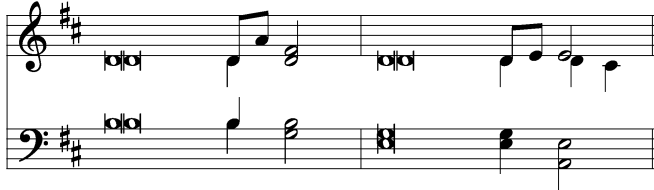
Psalm 23A

Refrain



I will live in the house of the LORD all the days, all the days of my life.

Tone



The LORD is my / shepherd,  
 I lack / nothing.  
 He makes me lie down in green / pastures,  
 he leads me beside quiet / waters,  
 he refreshes / my soul.  
 He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.  
 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no / evil,  
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me. *Refrain*

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.  
 You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.  
 Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
 and to the Holy / Spirit,  
 as it was in the be- / ginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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## SECOND LESSON

## *1 Corinthians 2:6–16*

Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. <sup>7</sup>Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.) <sup>9</sup>But as it is written:

What no eye has seen and no ear has heard  
and no human mind has conceived—  
that is what God has prepared for those who love him.

<sup>10</sup>But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>Indeed, who among men knows a man's thoughts except the man's spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God's thoughts except God's Spirit.

<sup>12</sup>What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God. <sup>13</sup>We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words. <sup>14</sup>However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated. <sup>15</sup>But the spiritual person evaluates all things, and he himself is evaluated by no one. <sup>16</sup>Indeed, "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Who will instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

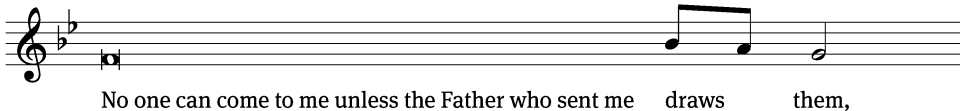
*John 6:44*



### *Refrain*



### *Tone*



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## GOSPEL

*John 6:35-51*

“I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>36</sup>But I said to you that you have also seen me, and you do not believe. <sup>37</sup>Everyone the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup>For I have come down from heaven, not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me: that I should lose none of those he has given me, but raise them up on the Last Day. <sup>40</sup>For this is the will of my Father: that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life. And I will raise him up on the Last Day.”

<sup>41</sup>So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They asked, “Isn’t this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’”

<sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Stop grumbling among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the Prophets, ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. <sup>46</sup>I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.



<sup>48</sup>“I am the Bread of Life. <sup>49</sup>Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ, the Word of God Incarnate | CW 528*

**SERMON**

***John 6:35-51***

*“Our School is Out of this World!”*

*Please stand when presider indicates*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **MUSICAL INTERLUDE**

*A musical interlude follows – for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.*

## **INSTALLATION OF MS. JORDAN PAUSTIAN (9:30 am Service)**

### **FACULTY HYMN**

*Feed My Lambs*  
Words & Music by Natalie Sleeth  
Arranged by Tom Fettke

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PRAYER**

Lord Jesus, you have the words of everlasting life. We give thanks to you for the gift of your Word and all who proclaim it. We thank you for, and ask you to bless Christian parents, grandparents, pastors and teachers, who lead children to trust you as their beautiful Savior and to follow you as their best and kindest heavenly friend. We give thanks to you for the many opportunities you give us each day to grow in your Holy Word, opportunities that assure us of your forgiveness and your constant presence.

**For all your good gifts, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Through Word and Sacrament, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we may always eagerly learn of you and be filled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace. Teach us to believe your promises and to obey your will, so that our lives may reflect the beauty of your teachings. Instill in us a love to grow in understanding of your word by studying the Scriptures at home and with our church family.

**Give us hearts eager to hear and learn your saving truths.**

As we begin a new school year, we ask for your blessing on our Peace Lutheran School and our Early Childhood Center. Enable us to proclaim our Lord Jesus as the Bread of Life, who gives eternal wisdom. Grant blessings upon Christian schools that faithfully proclaim your truth. Especially bless the schools of our fellowship: Lakeside Lutheran High School, Luther Preparatory School, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, Bethany Lutheran College, Wisconsin Lutheran College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

**Grant all who teach and all who learn true peace that comes from your promises.**

Bless the teaching of your Word in all our WELS and ELS schools so that each day, all students “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Bless all in our Lutheran schools to be brave confessors of their faith that they may boldly proclaim “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:10-11)

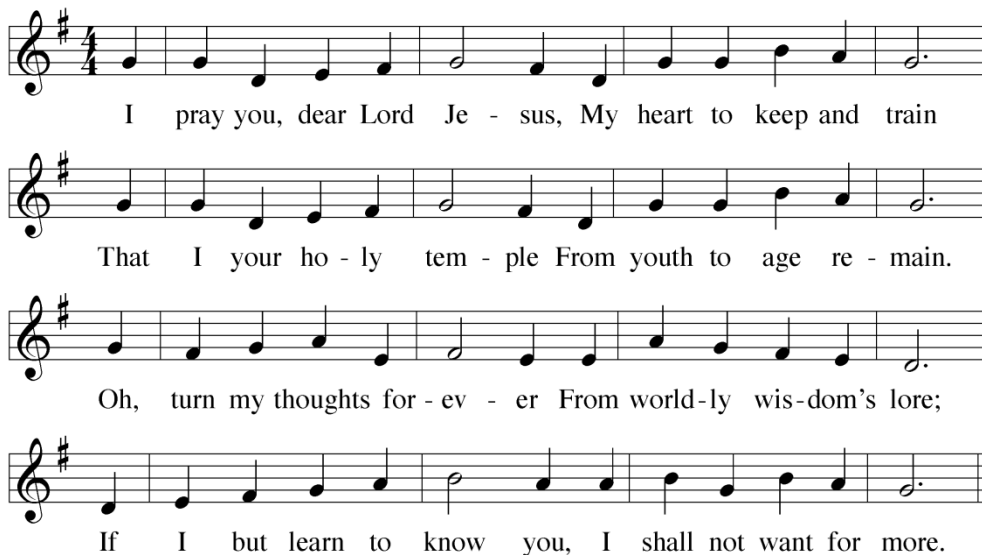
**Lead all your people to say with the Apostle: ‘I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.’ (Romans 1:16)**

*Special Intercessions*

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word and hear our prayer:

**HYMN**

*I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus | CW93 510*



I pray you, dear Lord Je - sus, My heart to keep and train  
That I your ho - ly tem - ple From youth to age re - main.  
Oh, turn my thoughts for - ev - er From world-ly wis-dom's lore;  
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.

**MONDAY NIGHT ONLY:**

*Service concludes on pages 168-170 in the blue hymnal.  
Monday Guests – please see the note on our communion practice on the back inside cover of this folder.*

## **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**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **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.

**Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus* | CW 924



- 1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace
- 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word
- 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
- 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.

- 5 Abide with your protection  
among us, Lord, our strength,  
lest world and Satan fell us  
and overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
among us with your love;  
grant steadfastness and help us  
to reach our home above.

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## LEARN MORE – BIBLE BASICS CLASS BEGINNING SOON

- Equips you with a basic, working knowledge of the Bible
- Presents Bible doctrine in organized, simplified fashion
  - Serves as entrance course for Peace membership
    - However, no obligation or cost
    - Great review for long-time Christian

### TWO OPPORTUNITIES – PICK ONE

**Thursdays beginning September 5 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

(This curriculum runs for about 8 weeks and asks for some additional study outside the classroom)

Please register [luke.werre@peacewels.org](mailto:luke.werre@peacewels.org) or (608) 837-5346

**Wednesdays beginning September 11 - 6:30–8:30 p.m.**

(This curriculum runs for about 10 weeks with minimal study outside of class)

Please register [shaun.arndt@peacewels.org](mailto:shaun.arndt@peacewels.org) or (608) 837-5346

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