

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 25, 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.

THE BREAD OF LIFE SERMON: JESUS IS THE FOOD AND DRINK FOR ETERNAL LIFE

The two most well-known sermons of Jesus are His “Sermon on the Mount” and His “Bread of Life” sermon. Today is the third and last Sunday we focus on His Bread of Life sermon. Jesus gave His flesh and blood into death on the cross and He still gives us His body and blood in the Sacrament today so that we may have eternal life. Therefore, let us not merely settle to consume temporary earthly goods but rather desire to have Jesus. He is the food and drink that results in eternal blessings.

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, see pages 295-296 of the blue hymnal.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting One pg. 154 in the blue hymnal

Creed: The Institution of the Lord’s Supper..... pg. 293 in the blue hymnal

Hymns

Opening Hymn	537	<i>Word of God, Come Down on Earth</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 103	page 103 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	707	<i>Cling Tightly to the Word of God</i>
Communion Hymns	668	<i>Jesus Comes Today with Healing</i>
	665	<i>What Is This Bread</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18
Second Lesson	Hebrews 11:24-18
Gospel Lesson	John 6:51-69

Sermon

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

God’s Commitment to Us Inspires Our Commitment to Him

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sermon Rev. Luke C. Werre

Keyboard Mrs. Sarah Bilitz

Projection Slides Amy Larson

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FIRST READING

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

²Then Joshua told all the people, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, has said."

From ancient times your ancestors, including Terah, who was the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River, and they served other gods.

¹⁴Joshua said, "Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!"

¹⁶The people responded by saying, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 103

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:24-28

By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. ²⁶He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

²⁷By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible.

²⁸By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

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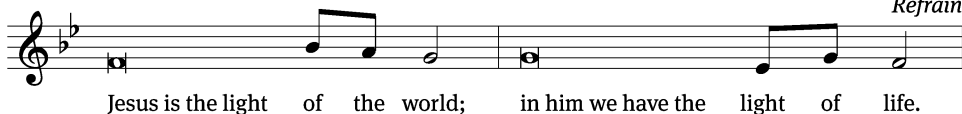
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

John 6:51-69

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.”

⁵²At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹He said these things while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?”

⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶²What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father.”

⁶⁶After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?”

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!