

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 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: OBEDIENCE FROM THE HEART

A loving father gives his son and daughter a list of rules and regulations. Chores, curfews, civilities, dress code—the father makes his will clearly known. The son strives to follow the rules for two reasons. 1) He wants to get his allowance. 2) He is afraid that if he breaks the rules, his father will punish him. The daughter strives to follow the rules, also for two reasons. 1) She believes her father established those rules not to control her but for her safety and blessing. 2) She wants to demonstrate how much she loves and trusts her father. Those two children’s actions might look almost identical. Their hearts are very different!

Likewise, following Christ is not simply a matter of outward observance of laws. It is a matter of the heart. The Law was given so we could see God’s heart and demonstrate how his heart has affected our own. The obedience Christ seeks flows from hearts that have been radically transformed by God’s law and gospel. Christ wants his followers to be less like the son described in the parable above, and more like the daughter, because we see how much our Lord loves us and what He has done for us. Today we see the Lord seeks *Obedience from the Heart.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider ..... Rev. Shaun Arndt  
Keyboard ..... Mr. Andrew Kramer

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Prayer..... pg. 207 in the blue hymnal

## Hymns

Opening Hymn	<b>689</b>	<i>Renew Me, O Eternal Light</i>
<b>Psalm of the Day</b>	<b>Psalm 119E</b>	See Insert
Hymn of the Day	<b>766</b>	<i>Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</i>
Closing Hymn	<b>705</b>	<i>Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways</i>

## Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
Second Lesson	Romans 9:30-10:4
Gospel Lesson	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## Sermon

**Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**  
*Keep the Commandments*

## ANTINOMIANISM & LEGALISM

Today's lessons from God's Word help to guard us against two very different, but equally dangerous errors:

Legalism misuses God's law by turning it into a way to be saved. It is usually accompanied by a denial of how unclean our hearts are with sin by nature. Hand in hand with those who try to follow the law as their salvation often comes self-righteous pride that is quick to look down on others and a desire to use God's law to coerce good behavior out of people. This was the error of the Pharisees in the Gospel lesson.

Antinomianism (Greek for against/replacing the law) sets aside God's law in one way or another – either outright rejecting it or claiming that the law of God has no place in the life of Christian. Our first lesson makes it clear this is an error. God is serious about His law and wants His people to keep it.

Instead, let us take God seriously when His law both commands us and condemns us as sinners. Take Him seriously when His Gospel tells us we are saved by Christ alone. Because of Christ, we have been set free the curse of the law and any notion of using the law to be saved. Because of Christ, we have been set free and given new and grateful hearts inspired and renewed by God's love for us to want to keep and follow God's law.

## FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9*

So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it. <sup>2</sup>Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you.

<sup>6</sup>Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," <sup>7</sup>because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on him? <sup>8</sup>What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

<sup>9</sup>But guard yourselves and guard your whole being diligently, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen and so that those things do not disappear from your heart all the rest of the days of your life. Make them known to your children and to your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119E

## Refrain

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

## Tone

Your statutes are / wonderful;  
therefore I o- / bey them.  
The unfolding of your words / gives light;  
it gives understanding to the / simple.  
Turn to me and have mer- / cy on me,  
as you always do to those who / love your name. *Refrain*

Direct my footsteps according / to your word;  
let no sin rule / over me.  
Redeem me from human op- / pression,  
that I may obey your / precepts.  
Make your face shine on your / servant  
and teach me / your decrees.  
**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 READING

*Romans 9:30—10:4*

What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, have obtained righteousness, a righteousness that is by faith. <sup>31</sup>But Israel, while pursuing the law as a way of righteousness, did not reach it. <sup>32</sup>Why? Because they kept pursuing it not by faith, but as if it comes by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. <sup>33</sup>Just as it is written:

Look, I am putting a stone in Zion over which they will stumble  
and a rock over which they will fall.

The one who believes in him will not be put to shame.

<sup>10:1</sup>Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Israelites is that they may be saved. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but it is not consistent with knowledge. <sup>3</sup>Since they were ignorant of the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness from God. <sup>4</sup>For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. When your words came, I ate them;  
**they were my joy and my heart's delight. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

*Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23*

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. <sup>2</sup>They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. <sup>3</sup>In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. <sup>4</sup>When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. <sup>5</sup>The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

<sup>6</sup>He answered them, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written:

These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

<sup>7</sup>They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

<sup>8</sup>“You abandon God’s commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things.”

<sup>14</sup>He called the crowd to him again and said, “Everyone, listen to me and understand.

<sup>15</sup>There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

<sup>21</sup>“In fact, from within, out of people’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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