

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 8, 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.

## EMBRACING OUR MISSION: EMBRACING THE MINISTRY OF THE MEANS OF GRACE

Is it time to call a third pastor to Peace? Our theme today and for the next two Sundays is “Embracing Our Mission.” Peace is being asked to engage in a capital appeal over and above regular giving to be able to provide financially for a third pastor for three years. The goal of having a third pastor would be to facilitate Peace congregation into becoming a community of small groups. In the Gospel Lesson today, Jesus points out that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. The harvest is surely plentiful here at Peace! Jesus therefore tells us to pray for the Lord to send harvesters into the field. Therefore, as we embrace our mission, let us embrace the ministry of the means of grace.

## 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. Luke C. Werre
Sermon .....	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Accompanist .....	Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Projection Slides .....	Kayla Frank
Vocalist.....	Mr. Andrew Kramer

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

We are grateful to these individuals who have answered yes to the divine Call of ministry in teaching the Word to our children in Sunday School. They are:

Paul Guenterberg	Family Ministry Board Chair
Kerri Brunk	Grades PreK & K
Amanda Thiede	Grades PreK & K
Allie Bartels	Grades 1 & 2
Brandon VerVelde	Grades 1 & 2
Andrea Kratz	SS Coordinator, Grades 3 & 4
Paxton Denning	Grades 3 & 4
Peggy Gawel	Grades 5 & 6
Nate Metzger	Grades 5 & 6
Jake Gosdeck	Grades 7 & 8
Dan Larson	Grades 7 & 8
Jennifer Werre	Music

Please pray for these men and women that the Lord would bless their teaching on His behalf and enrich our children with faith in Jesus.

## **PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF** *(10:30 Service)*

*Please stand*

### **INVOCATION**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ<sup>1</sup>, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Amen.**

### **CONFESSION**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,  
we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

### **DECLARATION OF GRACE**

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

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<sup>1</sup> The sign of the cross is traditionally made to emphasize the redeeming work of God the Son. The Father did not die on the cross. Nor did the Holy Spirit. The Son died to redeem us to God and to eternal life.

## HYMN RESPONSE

## *The Church's One Foundation*<sup>2</sup> | CW 855:1,3



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

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<sup>2</sup> This hymn is one of 12 hymns composed to match the twelve articles of the Apostles Creed by Samuel J. Stone and published in 1866. This hymn matches the article, *We believe in... the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints*. We are using it today as a response to the forgiveness of sins we have just received through the pastor. Through this announcement of forgiveness the Holy Spirit will preserve His Church for eternity.

# The Word

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have publicly called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church, through your Son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING<sup>3</sup>

***Jeremiah 1:4-10***

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>5</sup>Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,  
and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

<sup>6</sup>But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!"

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD."

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:  
There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms  
to uproot and to tear down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

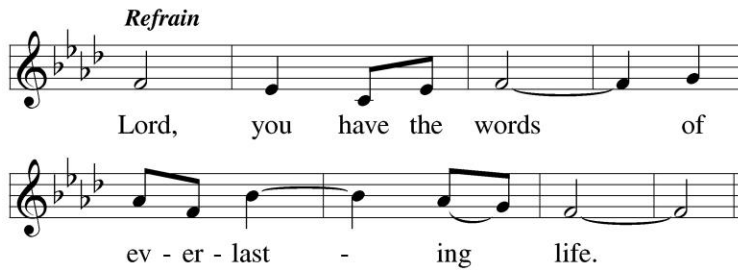
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<sup>3</sup> The Holy Spirit is present in this service. He is always present in His Word and Sacraments. Even as you are hearing these Scripture readings, the Holy Spirit is present and working in our hearts. This is true whether you feel it or not.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 119b

*Refrain*



Lord, you have the words of  
ev - er - last - ing life.

*Psalm tone*



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Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;\*  
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law\*  
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,\*  
for there I find delight.

### *Refrain*

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;\*  
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,\*  
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!\*  
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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*

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## SECOND READING

## *Ephesians 4:3-16*

<sup>3</sup>Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. <sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

<sup>7</sup>But to each one of us grace was given, according to the measure of the gift from Christ. <sup>8</sup>That is why it says, "When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive and gave gifts to his people." <sup>9</sup>Now what does it mean when it says "he ascended," other than that he also had descended to the lower parts, namely, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things. <sup>11</sup>He himself gave the apostles, as well as the prophets, as well as the evangelists, as well as the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the purpose of training the saints for the work of serving, in order to build up the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup>This is to continue until we all reach unity in the faith and knowledge of the Son of God, resulting in a mature man with a stature reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup>The goal is that we would no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, when people use tricks and invent clever ways to lead us astray. <sup>15</sup>Instead, speaking the truth in love, we would in all things grow up into Christ, who is the head. <sup>16</sup>From him the whole body, being joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows in accordance with Christ's activity when he measured out each individual part. He causes the growth of the body so that it builds itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## VERSE OF THE DAY<sup>4</sup>

Alleluia. It is Christ who gave some to be pastors and teachers

**so that the body of Christ may be built up. Alleluia.**

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<sup>4</sup> The purpose of the Verse of the Day is to emphasize the theme of the day with an important passage as we turn our attention to the Gospel Lesson.

## **GOSPEL<sup>5</sup>**

***Matthew 9:35 – 10:4***

<sup>35</sup>Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were troubled and downcast, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers into his harvest.”

<sup>10:1</sup>Jesus called his twelve disciples to himself and gave them authority to drive out unclean spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness. <sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lord Jesus, You Have Come | CW 897*

## **SERMON**

**Ephesians 4:3-16**

Time to Build

*Please stand*

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<sup>5</sup> The Gospel Lesson is the central event of the worship service. It comes from one of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. We stand for it because of its importance.



## CREED

*Augsburg Confession, Article V<sup>6</sup>*

**So that we may obtain this faith,  
the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments  
was instituted.**

**Through the Word and Sacraments,  
as through instruments,  
the Holy Spirit is given.**

**He works faith when and where it pleases God,  
in those who hear the good news  
that God justifies those who believe  
that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.**

**This happens not through our own merits,  
but for Christ's sake.**

**Our churches condemn the Anabaptists and others  
who think that through their own preparations and works  
the Holy Spirit comes to them without the external Word.**

*Please be seated*

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.  
Offering plates are by the doors of this worship space.*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord Jesus, we thank you for instituting the ministry of the means of grace for your Church on earth. We thank you for providing us with pastors and teachers to administer the Word and Sacraments on your behalf. Please send your Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament to build your Church in this place and everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

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<sup>6</sup> The Augsburg Confession is considered the defining document of the Lutheran faith. It was composed in 1530 when Emperor Charles V offered to give the Lutherans a hearing in the city of Augsburg, Germany in order to try to heal the rift in his empire between Lutherans and Roman Catholics. The Augsburg Confession is not an addition to the Bible. Rather, we regard it as a creed because it faithfully and accurately expresses the teachings of the Bible.

Gracious Shepherd, you have instructed us to ask for more workers to go into the harvest field. Help us to weigh the ripeness of the harvest here in Sun Prairie. Guide our common discussion on this matter in the coming weeks. Grant us wisdom and faith to reach a God-pleasing resolve. Lord, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Lord of love, as you give yourself to us in the Sacrament today, comfort us with your forgiveness. Bless us with peace. Strengthen our bond with fellow believers. Enliven us with a new obedience to you. Lord, in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers of intercession*

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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  $\text{†}$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of "Close Communion." For further explanation, please see the front inside cover of this bulletin. Thank you.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*God Is Here! As We His People* | CW93 532



1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the  
preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in  
Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it  
ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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**COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may this true body and blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith into life everlasting. Your sins are forgiven. The peace of God is with you.

**Amen.**

*Please stand*

**PRAYER**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BLESSING<sup>7</sup>**

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.**

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<sup>7</sup> The blessing (Numbers 6:24-26) is not merely a nice wish. The words actually give the things that they say.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious* | CW 854:1,2

The vocalist will sing verse 1. The congregation will join in verse 2.



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly  
2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to



na - tion, cho - sen race, called as God's own  
his most mar - v'ulous light, brought his truth to



spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace;  
life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.



know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to  
Let your light so shine a - round you that God's



all his might - y deeds, tell of love that  
name is glo - ri - fied and all find fresh



knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

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**PUBLIC INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF** (8:00 Service)

**EMBRACING OUR MISSION – SPECIAL PRESENTATION** (Both services)

## “EMBRACING OUR MISSION” CAPITAL APPEAL

Today begins a capital appeal entitled “Embracing Our Mission” aimed at funding a third pastor for 3 years at Peace. Here are the timeline / highlights of this appeal.

- September 8th, 15th, & 22nd - Brief presentations after services
- September 22nd - Pastor Donn Dobberstein, WELS Chairman on Discipleship, presentation between services
- September 29th - Open forum between services
- October 6th - Church picnic (Welcome new members)
- October 13th - Voter’s meeting
- October 27th - Commitment cards due
- November 3rd - Results announcement
- November 17th - Voter’s meeting (potentially to extend a Call for a third pastor)

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