

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 9, 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: JESUS OFFERS SOMETHING BETTER: VICTORY IN PLACE OF DEFEAT

For several Sundays we are hearing how Jesus offers something better. Each week will feature a “better thing” Jesus offers. Today we learn that Jesus offers victory in place of defeat. Adam and Eve were defeated by satan in the Garden of Eden. This brought inevitable death, judgment and subservience to demonic whims on all their descendants. But God promised a Savior to win the victory over satan on behalf of the human race. Satan has no power over anyone who trusts in Jesus.

## 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.

## FAREWELL TO THE UHERS

Please join us for refreshments after the 9:30 service to say farewell to the Uhers. There is a card basket & a cash box in the main hall for parting gifts.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Service – Setting Two ..... pg. 172 in the blue hymnal

## Hymns

Opening Hymn	<b>869:1-2</b>	<i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>
Hymn Response	<b>869:3</b>	<i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>
Hymn of the Day	<b>869:4</b>	<i>Onward, Christian Soldiers</i>
Communion Hymns	<b>556</b>	<i>All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall</i>
	<b>444</b>	<i>Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won</i>
Closing Hymn	<b>813</b>	<i>He Will Hold Me Fast</i>

## Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Genesis 3:8-15
Second Lesson	Revelation 20:1-6
Gospel Lesson	Mark 3:20-35

## Sermon

*"Hope in Sad Times"*

Lamentations: 3:22-33

## GUEST PREACHER

We are grateful to Pastor Don Schultz for presenting the sermon to us today. Pastor Schultz currently serves as principal of Lakeside Lutheran High School.

## THANK YOU, PARENTS

Thank you to the parents who have brought their children to the 9:30 service to help us in singing the closing hymn (“He Will Hold Me Fast”) as a parting sentiment to the Uhers.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider .....	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon .....	Rev. Don Schultz
Keyboard .....	Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Projection Slides .....	Brittany Kuehl

## FIRST READING

Genesis 3:8-15

They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

<sup>10</sup>The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

<sup>11</sup>God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

<sup>13</sup>The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN RESPONSE

*Onward, Christian Soldiers* | CW 869:3

**Crowns and thrones may perish,  
kingdoms rise and wane,  
but the Church of Jesus  
constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'gainst that Church prevail;  
we have Christ's own promise,  
and that cannot fail.**

**Onward, Christian soldiers,  
marching as to war,  
with the cross of Jesus  
going on before.**

## SECOND READING

## Revelation 20:1-6

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven. He had the key to the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>He seized the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup>threw him into the abyss, locked it, and set a seal on it, so that he could no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years come to an end. After this he must be released for a short time.

<sup>4</sup>Then I saw thrones, and those who were sitting on them were given the authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshipped the beast and his image, and they did not receive his mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup>(The rest of the dead did not live until the thousand years came to an end.) This is the first resurrection.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is the one who has a share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them. Instead they will be priests of God and of Christ. And they will reign with him for a thousand years.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



Rejoice in the Lord for his love and faith - ful - ness.

*Refrain*

## GOSPEL

**Mark 3:20-35**

They went into a house. A crowd gathered again so that they were not even able to eat a meal. <sup>21</sup>When his own people heard this, they went out to take control of him, because they were saying, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup>The experts in the law who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He drives out demons by the ruler of demons."

<sup>23</sup>Jesus called them together and spoke to them in parables. "How can Satan drive out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand but is finished. <sup>27</sup>On the other hand, no one can enter a strong man's house to steal his possessions unless he ties up the strong man first. Then he can plunder his house. <sup>28</sup>Amen I tell you: Everything will be forgiven people, their sins and whatever blasphemies they may speak. <sup>29</sup>But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." <sup>30</sup>Jesus said this because they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers arrived. While they were standing outside, they sent word to Jesus, calling for him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him. They began to tell him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are outside looking for you."

<sup>33</sup>He replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup>He looked at those who sat around him in a circle and he said, "Look, my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

## Lamentations 3:22-33

- <sup>22</sup>By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail.
- <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.
- <sup>24</sup>My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him."
- <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
- <sup>26</sup>It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
- <sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life.
- <sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him.
- <sup>29</sup>Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope.
- <sup>30</sup>Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace.
- <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not push us away forever.
- <sup>32</sup>Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion on the basis of his great mercy.
- <sup>33</sup>Certainly it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction,  
when he brings grief to the children of men.

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