

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 23, 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: JESUS OFFERS SOMETHING BETTER: ORDER IN PLACE OF CHAOS

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 order in place of chaos. What a scary place the world would be if everything that happened were random! But the same God who created this world not only preserves and keeps things working according to its created order, but also controls all things with the special purpose of preserving His believers to their eternal salvation. Nothing is random. Everything is according to God’s purpose.

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.

*You may review how God uses water for salvation on page 291 of the blue hymnal.
You may find personal prayers on page 255 of the blue hymnal.*

LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME

The words to this hymn were written by Julie Katarina von Hausmann. Born in 1825, she grew up in Latvia (which was part of Russia) in a family of seven daughters! She was not robust and suffered frequent migraines. People around her knew her to be a shy woman but with a keen intellect.

Julie was engaged to be married to a young pastor who had accepted a Call to become a missionary to East Africa. A few months after he had left for Africa she sailed there to join him, but upon arriving found that her fiancé had died of tropical fever.

After returning home, Julie accepted positions as governess (or nanny) in private homes but had to give that up because of her health. She ended up caring for both her aged mother and her father until they died.

While she was caring for her parents, a pastor friend, Rev. Gustav Knak, insisted that she should publish her lyrics. Many of her hymns and poems were conceived while she was lying awake nights because of recurrent headaches and were jotted down immediately the next morning. These lyrics were published in a three volume set in 1862. She agreed to do this only if it were done anonymously and only if the proceeds would benefit a hospital and orphanage in Hong Kong. How different this is from much Christian contemporary music which is written for profit today!

The remainder of her life was spent living with her various sisters until the Lord called her home in August of 1901.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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DIVINE SERVICE I

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | CW 849:1-2



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;



di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,



so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.

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Please stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.¹

C: Amen.

¹ Because this is the way our relationship with God began - at the baptismal font in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.²

Amen.

² We are making use of our baptism when we have the minister announce to us that our sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. It is through Baptism that God washes our sins away (Acts 2:38-39; Ephesians 5:26).

PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.


GLORY TO GOD

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a repeat sign.


Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



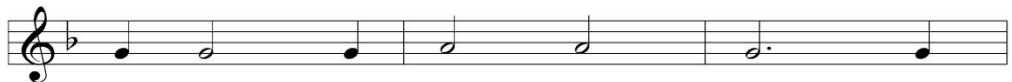
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



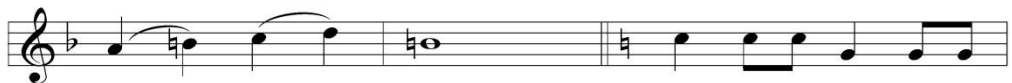
world; have mer - cy on us.




You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



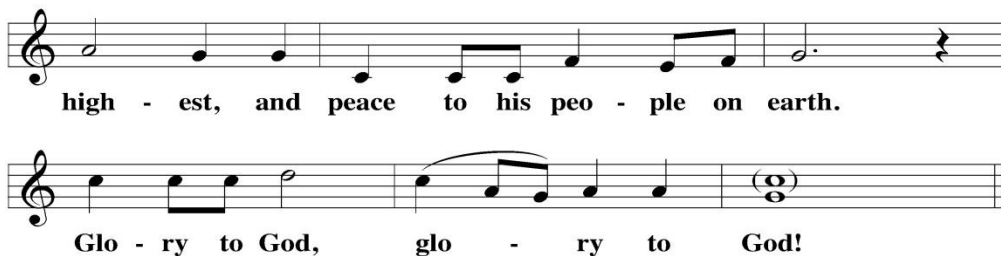
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



PRAYER OF THE DAY³

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... O Lord our God, so govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world that your church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD responded to Job out of a violent storm. He said:

²Who is this who spreads darkness over my plans with his ignorant words?

³Get ready for action like a man!

Then I will ask you questions,
and you will inform me.

⁴Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you understand anything about it.

⁵Who determined its dimensions?

³ There is a specific Prayer of the Day for every Sunday of the year. The purpose of this prayer is to ready us for hearing God speak to us through today's Scripture lessons.

I am sure you know.
 Who stretched out the surveying line over it?
⁶What supports its foundation?
 Who set its cornerstone in place,
⁷when the morning stars sang loud songs together,
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸Who locked up the sea behind doors
 when it burst out of the womb?
⁹When I clothed the sea with clouds,
 when I wrapped it with thick darkness as its swaddling cloths,
¹⁰when I broke its power with my decree,
 when I locked it up behind barred, double doors,
¹¹I said, "You may come this far, but no farther.
 Here is the barrier for your proud waves."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 124⁴

The congregation will sing the refrain and the portions in bold.

Refrain

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 the Mak - er of heav - en and earth.

⁴ Why are we singing a psalm? The Psalms were the hymnal of Old Testament believers. They were mostly written by King David, but every word is inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Psalms foretell the coming of Christ, speak of the work of Christ and also express poetically the believer's experience. Jesus Himself sang psalms when He was here on earth. We do not know the original melodies or music that accompanied the Psalms. Therefore we are using modern arrangements for them.

Psalm Tone



If the Lord had not been on our side—let Israel say—
if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us,
when their anger flared against us,
they would have swallowed us alive;

**the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,
the raging waters
would have swept us away.**

Refrain

Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird
out of the fowler's snare;

**the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.**

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

SECOND READING

Acts 27:13-26

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they could carry out their plan. They raised the anchor and sailed close to the shore of Crete.

¹⁴But before long, a hurricane-like wind, called the “northeaster,” rushed down from the island. ¹⁵Since the ship was caught in it and could not head into the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶As we sailed on the sheltered side of a small island called Cauda, we were barely able to secure the skiff. ¹⁷After hoisting it on board, the men tied ropes around the ship to reinforce it. Then, fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and in this way were driven along. ¹⁸Because we were tossed around so violently by the storm, the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹On the third day, they threw the ship’s gear overboard with their own hands. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the violent storm kept pressing down on us, finally all hope that we would be saved was disappearing.

²¹After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have followed my advice and not set sail from Crete and avoided this damage and loss. ²²But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because there will be no loss of life among you. Only the ship will be lost. ²³In fact, last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand before Caesar. And surely God has graciously given you all those who are sailing with you.’ ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, because I believe God that it will be exactly the way I have been told. ²⁶However, we must run aground on some island.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 4:41

Alleluia. They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this?”

Even the wind and the waves obey him!” Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

On that day, when evening came, Jesus said to them, “Let’s go over to the other side.”³⁶After leaving the crowd behind, the disciples took him along in the boat, just as he was. Other small boats also followed him.³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves were splashing into the boat, so that the boat was quickly filling up.³⁸Jesus himself was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. They woke him and said, “Teacher, don’t you care that we are about to drown?”

³⁹Then he got up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” The wind stopped, and there was a great calm.⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still lack faith?”

⁴¹They were filled with awe and said to one another, “Who then is this? Even the wind and the sea obey him!”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

CREED

The First Article (Creation)⁵

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

What does this mean?

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

⁵ Why are we reciting a creed? Creeds serve as a response to the Word of God we have just heard. Creeds serve to remind us of the truth. Creeds give us a concise way to express what we believe to others. Creeds unite Christians who believe the same things together. Today’s creed comes from the Small Catechism of Martin Luther.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor | CW 812

Verse one will be sung by a vocalist. The congregation may join in the remaining verses.

SERMON

Acts 27:13-26

When the Lord doesn't calm the storm...

Please stand

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



Please be seated

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Litany of Thanksgiving in Suffering*)

We praise you, Lord, for everything you have ever taken away or refused to give us.

We trust you to remove anything that might stand between us and the Savior.

Thank you, God, for every trouble you allow into our lives.

Through each sorrow, you draw us closer to your Word and promises.

Father, we laud you for the loved ones you have called to yourself in heaven.

By their deaths, you not only rescue your children from this world's sorrows, you also remind us to prepare for eternity.

Savior, we express our sincere appreciation for never having enough money.

With every penny you withhold, you turn us to the one thing needful, and lead us to pray for our daily bread.

We exalt you, King of Creation, for the hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, blizzards, and floods you allowed this past year.

By these, you warn the wicked of your impending judgment, and provide channels for their charity to believers.

Jesus, Head of the Church, thank you for not revealing how you will rescue your people in the face of seemingly impossible problems.

By withholding your answer, you lead us not to rely on human wisdom, but to trust only your divine wisdom.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

At every turn in life, turn our hearts to true repentance and sincere thanksgiving...

So when you say, “All things work together for good,” we come to trust that you really mean “all things.” Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER⁶

**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.**

THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is good and right so to do.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

⁶ Those who would say that off-the-cuff prayers are somehow better than written prayers are wrong. The Lord’s Prayer is a written prayer, as well as all the psalms (150 of them!). Written prayers help facilitate thoughtful prayers. Written prayers can be prayed again, word for word. Here’s an idea, take this worship folder home and pray this Prayer of the Church again during the week!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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 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 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.

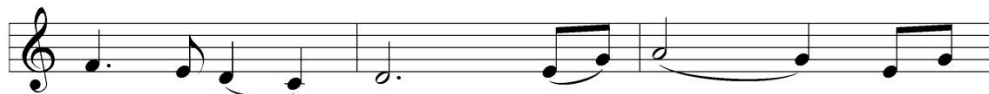
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O Christ, Lamb of



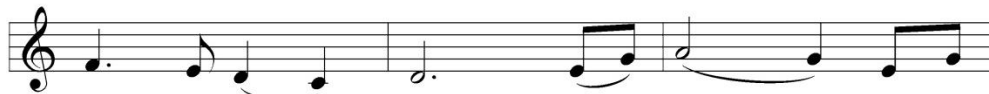
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Eternal Father, Strong to Save | CW 805

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid | CW 589

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COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may this true body and blood of our 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.

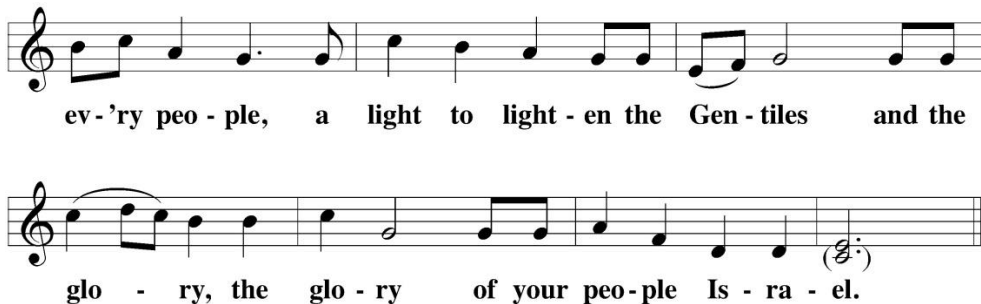
Amen.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON⁷

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

⁷ This song is recorded in Luke 2:29-32. Simeon praised God when he held in his arms the baby Jesus – the very Savior of the world! We have beheld the very same Jesus who came to us with salvation in the Lord’s Supper. Just as Simeon was ready to “depart in peace” so are we.



ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

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

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me | CW 849:3

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen
and night has come,
I know that you will strengthen
my steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessèd Friend;
so take my hand and lead me
unto the end.**

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