

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

June 30, 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: LIFE IN PLACE OF DEATH

Today is the final Sunday of a series entitled: Jesus offers something better. Each week has featured a “better thing” Jesus offers. Today we learn that Jesus offers life in place of death. Sometimes we not only perceive death around us but when we are low we even feel death inside of us. But consider that with a single utterance Jesus raised a young girl from the dead. With a single utterance in Holy Baptism He raised you from spiritual death to everlasting life. His Word of grace is a life-giving power for all who believe.

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 until: 1) you’ve had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Membership classes are regularly conducted. WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

One blessing of using the services in our hymnal is that it helps solidify our affiliation with our sister congregations in the WELS. If one were to worship in another WELS congregation using the same service they would be speaking the same language of worship so to speak and a person would feel at home.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Hymns

Psalm of the Day	Psalm 116	page 116 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	833	<i>I Run to Christ</i>
Communion Hymns	840	<i>All Men Living Are But Mortal</i>
	811	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>
Closing Hymn	831	<i>Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Lamentations 3:22-33
Second Lesson	2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Gospel Lesson	Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

Sermon

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

When God Lets Things Go Too Far

WHY SHOULD CROSS AND TRIAL GRIEVE ME?

The words to this hymn were penned by Lutheran pastor (and well-known hymn writer) Paul Gerhardt. Gerhardt (1607-1676) was familiar with sorrow. Not only had he been deposed from his office as pastor for refusing to compromise with false teachers, his wife and 4 of his 5 children had died premature deaths.

About 20 years ago, a young man – a friend of Pastor Werre’s – who, after an exploratory surgery, had awakened to be told that his cancer was inoperable then recited verse one of this hymn from memory.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Keyboard	Mr. Andrew Kramer
Vocalist	Allison Schweiger
Projection Slides	Amy Larson

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FIRST READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail.

²³They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.

²⁴My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life.

²⁸Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him.

²⁹Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope.

³⁰Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace.

³¹For the Lord will not push us away forever.

³²Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion on the basis of his great mercy.

³³Certainly, it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction, when he brings grief to the children of men.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 116

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

We hold this treasure in clay jars to show that its extraordinary power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; perplexed, yet not despairing; ⁹persecuted, yet not forsaken; struck down, yet not destroyed. ¹⁰We always carry around in our body the death of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹To be sure, while we are living we are continually being handed over to death because of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal flesh. ¹²So then, death is working in us, but life is working in you.

¹³Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken," we also believe, and therefore we speak. ¹⁴For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. ¹⁵In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and more people give thanks.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



Tone



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GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43

When Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him near the sea. ²²Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³and repeatedly pleaded with him, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place your hands on her so that she may be healed and live.”

²⁴Jesus went with him.

³⁵While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?”

³⁶But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” ³⁷He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

⁴⁰They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “*Talitha, koum!*” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) ⁴²Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. ⁴³Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!