

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 10, 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: CHRIST'S RETURN TO JUDGEMENT

As we near the end of the Church Year (The new Church Year begins with the first Sunday of Advent which this year is December 1) we turn our thoughts to the end of this world, Christ's visible return as Judge and the ultimate deliverance of His believers to heaven. On the Last Day of this world, all unbelievers will be judged to eternal punishment in hell. Believers will not be judged, but will be taken to heaven. The Scripture readings urge us to be prepared for Christ's return because it will come as unexpectedly as the Great Flood in the days of Noah.

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.

To prepare for the Lord's Supper you may wish to use page 295/6 in the blue hymnal.

TRY THIS PODCAST

It's called "Peace Catechism Review." You can find it on Spotify or the iHeart Radio app on your phone. Each session reviews in conversational fashion the lessons of the 8th grade Confirmation Class curriculum. How many years has it been since you've had a refresher?

THANKSGIVING DAY WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day

(See our E-newsletter "This Week at Peace" for a listing of alternative service times at our sister WELS churches in the area.)

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Why not a gift that encourages the faith? Log on to nph.net. Northwestern Publishing House (nph) is the official publisher of the WELS. All devotionals and books are faithful to Scripture.

LAST DAY FOR POINSETTIAS

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia to adorn the chancel area of our worship space for Christmas, there is a sign up sheet on the back counter of the worship space. These poinsettias are also used for decorating the gymnasium for the children's service.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Presider	Rev. Luke C. Werre
Sermon	Rev. Shaun Arndt
Accompanist	Mrs. Lynn Proeber
Psalm Choir.....	Andrew Kramer, director
Vocalist.....	Andrew Kramer
Projection Slides	Amy Larson

DIVINE SERVICE

(Christian Worship Supplement, Setting I)

Please stand

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

C: **Amen.**

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 nature¹ 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 good². 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

The image shows two lines of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time (C). The first line contains the lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second line contains the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men." The music is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "Amen".

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.

Amen.

¹ This is called “original sin.” It is the sinful condition we are born with. “Surely I was sinful at birth; sinful from the time my mother conceived me” (Ps 51:5). We do sinful things because we are naturally sinful.

² “done what is evil” = Sins of Commission; “failed to do what is good” = Sins of Omission.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

GLORY TO GOD³

The musical score is written in treble clef with a common time signature (C). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, and a fermata. The key signature changes from C major to B-flat major in the final section.

C 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

³ We praise God for forgiving us our sins! What does it mean to praise God? It means not only to acclaim Him for His awesomeness. It especially means to recount His characteristics and His deeds. This ancient liturgical song holds forth many characteristics and deeds of the true God for our salvation. It especially focuses on the Son of God who atoned for our sins.



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



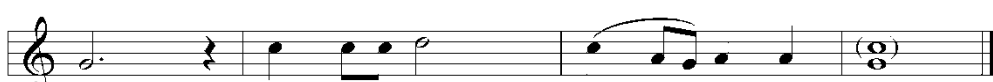
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir-it in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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 LESSON

Genesis 7:11–13, 17–23

¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that very day, all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened. ¹²The rain came down on the earth for forty days and forty nights.

¹³On that same day Noah, Noah's sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons along with them, entered the ark.

¹⁷The flood kept coming on the earth for forty days. The waters became deeper and lifted up the ark until it floated high above the earth. ¹⁸The water kept increasing and overwhelmed the earth, and the ark was carried along on the surface of the water. ¹⁹The water overwhelmed the earth. All the high mountains that were under the entire sky were covered. ²⁰The waters rose more than twenty feet above the mountains and covered them. ²¹All living creatures that moved on the earth perished, including birds, livestock, wild animals, every creeping thing that crawls on the earth, and all mankind. ²²Everything that breathed the breath of life through its nostrils, that is, everything that was on the dry land, died. ²³Every living thing that was on the face of the earth was wiped out, including mankind, livestock, creeping things, and birds of the sky. They all were wiped off the earth. Only Noah was left, as well as those who were with him in the ark.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 31B

Refrain



LORD, you are my ref-uge; in you a-lone I trust.

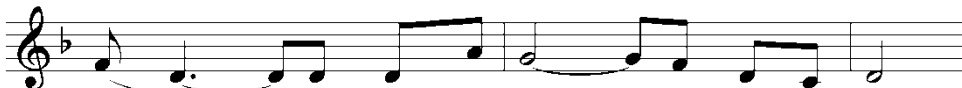
Verses



1 O LORD, in whom my soul con-fides; — my ref-uge
 2 My eyes have wast-ed all their cry-ing; my life with
 3 My life, my days, are in your hand; — naught can the



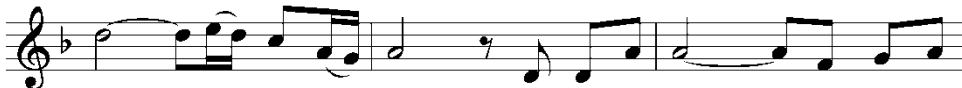
sure a-mid the strife; O let me not in shame re-
 sor-row melts a-way; the lov-ing thoughts of those a-
 threat of death re-move; turn now to me your shin-ing



side, — but through your grace re-claim my life.
 round me in scorn and mem-'ry fast de-cay.
 face; — LORD, save me through your stead-fast love.



Be gra-cious, LORD, for I, in an-guish, your lov-ing
 A-mid the pain of their de-ni-al, I come, O
 LORD, be my rock, my sure de-fense, — my for-tress



mer-cy now im-plore; the ver-y heart with-in me
 LORD, to you for grace; my trust is ev-er in your
 strong, no force can break; you are my guide, now lead me



plant-ed can bear its grief a-lone no more.
 mer-cy, I glo-ry in your smil-ing face.
 forth — to ev-er praise you for your sake.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 3:3–13

³First, know this: In the last days scoffers will come with their mocking, following their own lusts. ⁴They will say, “Where is this promised coming of his? For from the time that our fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they have from the beginning of the creation.” ⁵You see, what they are intentionally forgetting is that the heavens came into existence long ago by the word of God and that the earth came together out of the water and between the waters. ⁶Through these waters the former world perished, when it was flooded with water. ⁷And now, by that same word, the heavens and earth have been stored up for fire, since they are being kept until the day of judgment and the destruction of the ungodly. ⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: For the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow to do what he promised, as some consider slowness. Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance.

¹⁰But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day the heavens will pass away with a roar, the elements will be dissolved as they burn with great heat, and the earth and what was done on it will be burned up. ¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be destroyed, what kind of people ought you to be, living in holiness and godliness, ¹²as you look forward to and hasten the coming of the day of God? That day will cause the heavens to be set on fire and destroyed, and the elements to melt as they burn with great heat. ¹³But according to his promise we look forward to new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 13:13

Alleluia. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place

at the wrath of the LORD Almighty, in the day of his burning anger. Alleluia.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: [C] Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

²¹“Then if someone tells you, ‘Look, here is the Christ!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. ²²For false Christs and false prophets will rise up and perform signs and wonders to deceive even the elect, if it were possible. ²³So be on your guard. I have told you everything in advance.

²⁴“But after that distress in those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light. ²⁵The stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then you will see the Son of Man coming on clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷At that time he will send out his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the farthest end of the earth to the farthest end of the sky.

²⁸“Learn from this illustration of the fig tree: Whenever its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also when you see these things happening, you will know that he is near—at the doors! ³⁰Amen I tell you: This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things happen. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

The musical notation is on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of the following notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The lyrics are: [C] Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | CW 488

*Christ Will Come To Judge: Really? Really. Really!**Please stand when presider indicates***CREATE IN ME⁵**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a common time signature 'C'. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

C 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 -
 hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated

⁴ What are the words the pastor speaks after the sermon has ended? This is called the “votum” which in Latin means a little prayer or wish. Typically, the pastor quotes a Bible verse. A common one is: Now may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds through faith in Christ Jesus (Php 4:7).

⁵These words from Psalm 51, are our response to the sermon: “Lord, use the words I have just heard to make me a new person – create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me!”

MUSICAL OFFERING

A musical offering follows—for meditating on the sermon and signing Connection Cards. Offering plates are not passed during the service. They can be found by the doors.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Savior Jesus, Lord of the Nations, you withheld from us the exact time of your visible return to judge this world. You did give us warnings to look for: wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and famines, the roaring and tossing of the oceans, the love of most growing cold and hatred for your truth. Everything you have said has come true. Since you have given us advance notice...

Make us ready for your return.

Gracious Savior, we thank you for immersing us in your Word. You have given us abundant Bibles and catechisms, worship services and classes. You have made us holy in Baptism. You visit us from heaven in your Holy Supper. You give us grace and eternal life through these. Please help us to make full use of all these things. Make us afraid, not of your return, but only of sinning against you.

Strengthen our faith to look forward to your return.

King of kings, when you return for all to see, seated on your heavenly throne, accompanied by your holy angels, gathering all nations before yourself for judgment, and incinerating this world with fire, we trust your promise that we need not be afraid, for the end and defeat of this world will mean our ultimate deliverance.

With joy we shall lift up our heads.

Prayers of intercession

While we wait here for the culmination of our faith and the fulfillment of all our hopes, we present all our needs to you in the prayer you yourself have taught us...

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.⁶

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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory

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

⁶ This greeting marks the beginning of the second part of the service: The Service of the Sacrament. Indeed, the Lord WILL be with us when He gives us His own body and blood in the Sacrament.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY⁷

C] 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. (8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION⁸

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.

⁷ "Holy, holy, holy" are the words sung by the angels before the throne of God in Isaiah's vision (Is 6:3). We join them in singing these words because we also are truly in the presence of the Lord as He comes from heaven to meet us in the Sacrament (though cloaked under bread and wine).

⁸ We do as Christ did: He spoke words. He distributed bread and wine. The disciples ate and drank it. Christ's words give the Sacrament its power. We receive the blessings of the Sacrament by believing what He says about the Sacrament.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁹¹⁰

C 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.

The musical score is written in a single system with a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, with a clear cadence at the end of the piece.

Please be seated

⁹ This ancient song takes us to the central truth of Scripture: that Christ, the Lamb of God, is the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. This teaching is called “universal justification.” How important to go right to the cross as we are about to receive the body and blood of the Lamb of God!

¹⁰ All these liturgical songs and words are like a gold filigree setting designed to hold up and display a diamond. The diamond is the Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION

Please respect our practice of "Close Communion," meaning we commune members of Peace and churches affiliated with Peace. For further explanation, please see inside the front cover of this bulletin. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less | CW 563
Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | CW 573

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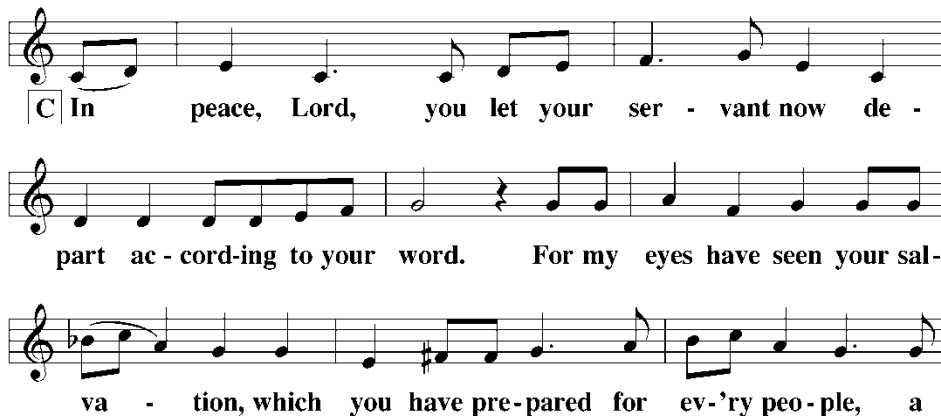
COMMUNION BLESSING

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 SIMEON



C 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 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

His Robes for Mine | CW 568

The vocalist will sing verses 1-2. The congregation will join in verses 3-4.

HOW HYMNS ARE CREATED

Not every poet is also a musician. Typically, the words to a hymn are composed by one person and the melody (or tune) is composed by another person. The notes accompanying the melody (called the “setting”) may be composed by a third person.

Each hymn melody receives its own name as well. In this way a melody may be used for multiple hymns and musicians can simply ask, “What melody are you using?”

Today we are singing hymn #573 “Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness.” If you open to that hymn and look at the bottom left corner, you’ll see that the words were composed by Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf (quite a name, eh?), and the tune was composed by George J. Elvey. A setting for this tune was composed for *The Lutheran Hymnal* published in 1941, though we apparently don’t know who composed that setting.

If you look to the right bottom corner, you’ll see that the name of the tune is “St. Crispin.” (The letters LM refer to the number of beats in the lines of the hymn, but we’re not worrying about that right now.)

On page 964 of the hymnal is an index of the composers of the hymns. On page 979 is an index of the hymn tunes in this hymnal. Musicians like our keyboardists use these indexes regularly.

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