

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 16, 2023

As We Gather There are many kinds of peace in the world and in our life experiences from year to year. Some peace is artificial and involves covering over realities that need to be addressed. Simply saying, “I am at peace,” does not guarantee the full and true shalom that is God’s plan for His children. As part of His ministry, Jesus brings a sword to cut through the façade of false peace and bring us true peace with God, the source of total well-being for time and for eternity.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God’s forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ’s body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God’s forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to the Pastor.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY JULY 16, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elders: Bob Hutchison /Dave Hutter

Greeter: Carol Yung

Reader: Roy Poehler

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick

Ushers: Scott Klittich

Steve Rusch

Altar Care: Linda Young and Irene Hutchison

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, C. Stuart & J. Morici

Pianist: Karen Foote

Praise Band

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT WEEK JULY 23, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elders: Bob Hutchison /Dave Hutter

Greeter: Charlo Stuart

Reader: Blaine Wanke

Acolyte: Marshall Denninger

Ushers: Blaine Wanke

Henry Andermann

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Linda Young and Irene Hutchison

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, C. Stuart & J. Morici

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THIS WEEK AT PEACE July 16, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Communion One Service

9:20 am Sunday School

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group

Thursday: ++++++

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: ++++++

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 16, 2023

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS – Will break for now and resume in August.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets @ 10am in the Coffee House.

Our study is on the book of Luke. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – We will take a break and resume July 6th. This study is held on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am with a continental breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

PRAYER CHAIN - If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: footstepps@verizon.net.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP is posted in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice. 2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each.

THE FOOD BANK - Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome Children - A nursery is located near the church entrance.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 55:11; Matthew 13:22; Romans 8:15*

Pastor: God's Word "shall not return to Him empty," but "the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches can choke the Word, and it proves unfruitful.

People: But we "did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!' "

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess, heavenly Father,

People: that we have failed to study the truth of Your Word, thereby enabling Satan to easily snatch it from our conscious thinking and daily living. Forgive us.

Pastor: We confess, heavenly Father,

People: that we have let difficulties and conflict compete with Your Word, thereby keeping it from growing deep within us. Forgive us.

Pastor: We confess, heavenly Father,

People: that we have worried about our future and ignored Your promises. Forgive us.

All: Open our hearts and minds so that we may again receive the joyful news of Your forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God and in memory of Irene Hutchison's mother, Jacqueline Pape and also by Sandi Stepp in memory of Scott McCanas.

ATTENDANCE ON 7/9/23: 10am -

Sunday School:

**THERE WILL BE ONLY
ONE SERVICE @ 10AM EACH SUNDAY.
A traditional service of liturgy & hymns
accompanied with the piano & praise band
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.
(WHILE WE BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY)**

“Praise and Thanksgiving”



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Because You make of us a kingdom of priests, a holy nation that belongs to You,

People: we thank You, O Lord Christ.

Pastor: Because You proved Your love when we were still sinners and reconciled us by Your resurrection,

People: we thank You, O Lord Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Through the death and resurrection of His only-begotten Son, our heavenly Father has fulfilled His promise that His Word shall always be effective. He has removed the power of everything that would keep you from receiving His love and forgiveness; by the grace of God you are good soil! Cleansed soil. Fertile soil to receive His word of forgiveness. For Jesus' sake, all your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Blessed Lord, who never fails to sow the good seed of Your Word into our hearts of varying soils,

People: grant us open ears to hear Your Word so that, in Your strength, we may ward off the attacks of Satan and the cares of this world and so produce the fruit You desire in ourselves and also a harvest for You in the people around us;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:10–13*

(God's Word shall always be effective.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:12–17*
 (By virtue of our Baptism we can call out to God, “Abba, Father!”)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”



1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest, Sing songs of love and praise;
 2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness, The des - erts bloom and spring,
 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts His good - ness gave,



With joy - ful hearts and voic - es Your al - le - lu - ias raise.
 The hills leap up in glad - ness, The val - leys laugh and sing.
 The gold - en sheaves of har - vest, The souls Christ died to save.



By Him the roll - ing sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move;
 God fills them with His full - ness, All things with large in - crease;
 Your hearts lay down be - fore Him When at His feet you fall,



Sing to the Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
 He crowns the year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
 And with your lives a - dore Him Who gave His life for all.

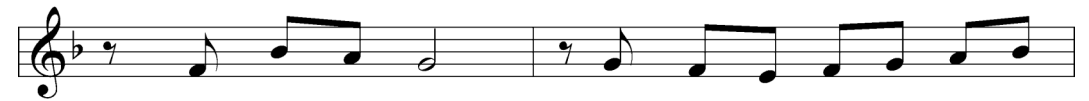
“What Is This Bread”



1 What is this bread?	Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine?	The blood of
3 So who am I,	That I should
4 Yet is God here?	Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me?	I am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*
 (God sends His Word by grace, no matter the reception it receives.)

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

(After *the Gospel is read.*)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

(Children are dismissed for Summer Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast”



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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MESSAGE

Pastor Eric Mettala

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and
invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of
God, begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the
Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin
Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us,
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of the Father.**

**And he will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen**

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: 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 and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen



OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

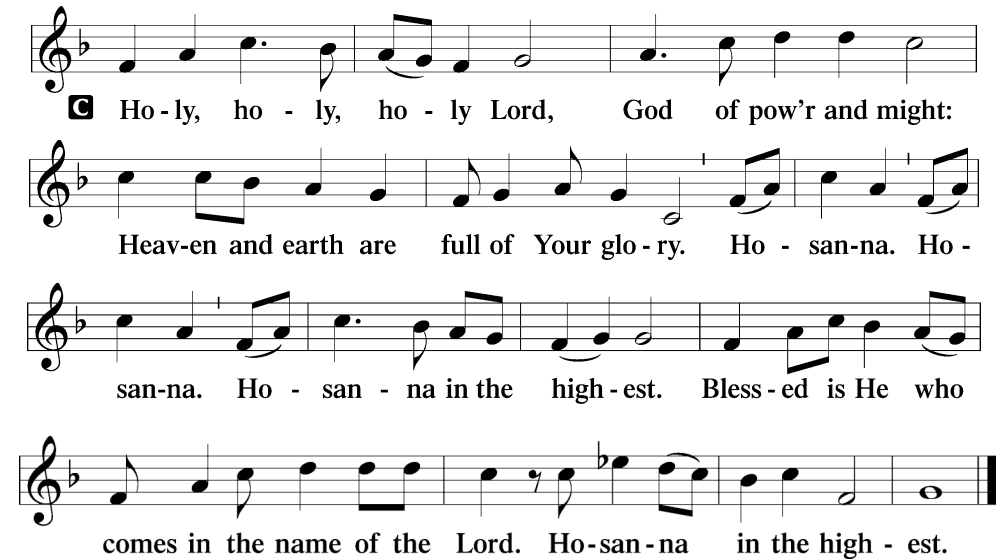
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.