# Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2022

As we gather. The Lord, our God, put a choice before His people, "life and good, death and evil." In His great love for all people He urges us to "choose life!" Because of our sin and separation from God, however, we madly choose death and evil---always. By our fallen nature, we "cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ the Lord or come to Him." That's why God first chose us. But, on our behalf, His Son chose death, and by His death sin has been rendered powerless. Now, because "the Holy Spirit calls [us] by the gospel, enlightens [us] with His gifts, sanctifies and keeps [us] in the one true faith," we believe and choose the life already chosen for us. The gift of forgiveness of our sin, restoration with God, and eternal life, reflect God's abundant love in our life and in our world---even as we painstakingly bear the burden of our own crosses. Quotations adapted from *The Third Article* 

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 a Pastor.

<u>Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.</u> If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

A special welcome to those with young children. A childcare room is located in the Fellowship Hall near the church office. Childcare is provided through the morning hours. If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher

RINGING OF THE BELL PRELUDE WELCOME

#### **+PREPARATION+**

#### OPENING HYMN





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#### **INVOCATION**

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

People: Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

Deuteronomy 30:15

People: The LORD knows the way of the righteous. Psalm 1:6a

Pastor: Therefore choose life, loving the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 30:19b

People: Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the LORD.

Psalm 1:1-2, adapted

#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Dearly beloved, in order that we may receive life and good from God we must first confess our ways of death and evil. Our sin constantly separates us from the love of God and lures us to the way of loneliness and death. We confess our sin in the faith and hope of the promised forgiveness of our sin for the sake of Jesus Christ.

(Silence for reflection.)

People: I confess to almighty God, and to you my brothers and sisters that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds, and chosen the way of death and evil. In sincere sorrow God's gift of faith moves me to plead for forgiveness and the earnest desire to choose life and good for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord.

Pastor: Love the Lord your God, obey His voice and hold fast to Him, for He is your life. In His limitless mercy, and for the sake of Jesus' life, death and resurrection for us, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

#### **HYMN**

# "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for

us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever.

People: Amen.

#### **+THE WORD OF GOD+**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** . . . . . . . . . . Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(The Choice of Life and Death)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

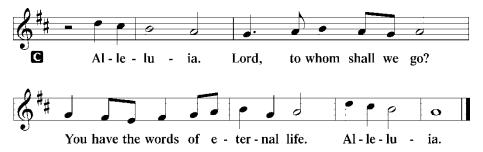
(Love, Faith, Freedom)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE**



**HOLY GOSPEL**.....Luke 14:25-35 (*The Cost of Discipleship*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## "When Morning Gilds the Skies"



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#### **MESSAGE**

"What You Are Is God's Gift to You—What You Make of Yourself Is Your Gift to God: The Tough Side of Discipleship"

Luke 14:25-35

Pastor Rob Rebensal

## **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.

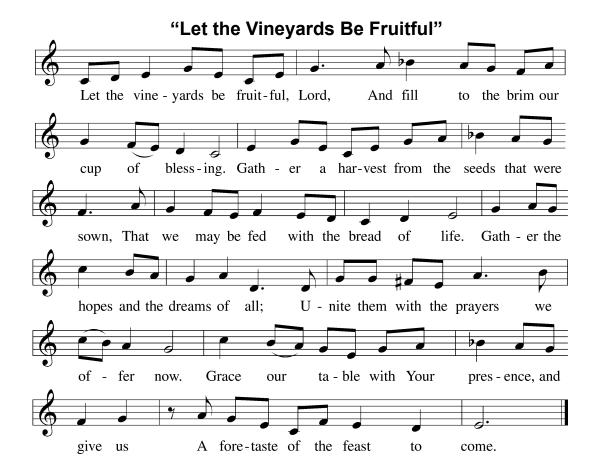
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen

#### **OFFERING**

Please sign the red fellowship book located at the aisle seat in each row 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**



#### 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.

#### PROPER PREFACE

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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**



#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor:

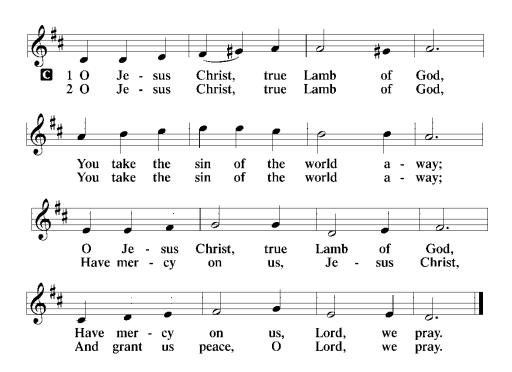
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given 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.

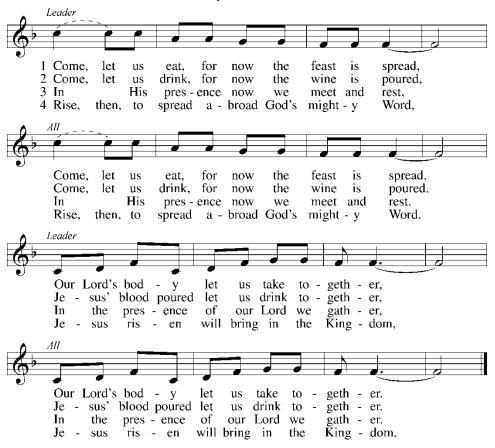
#### **AGNUS DEI**



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## **HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION**

# "Come, Let Us Eat"



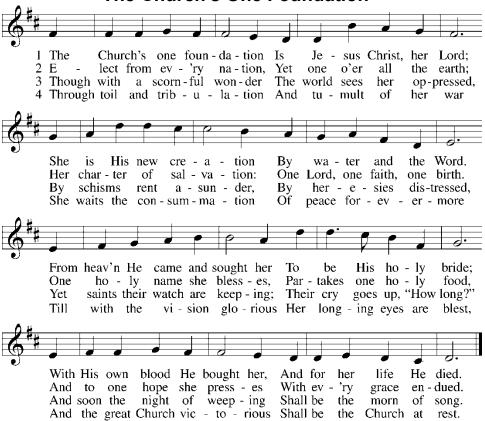
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## "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"



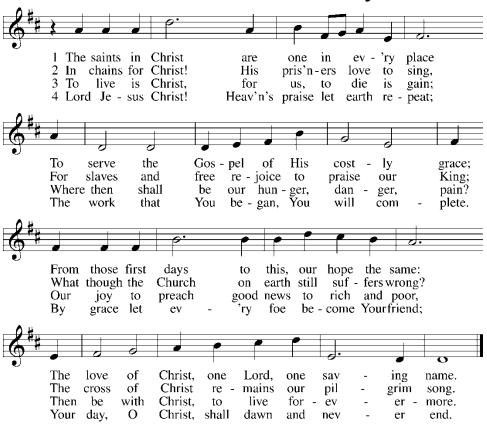
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## "The Church's One Foundation"



Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

# "The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place"



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#### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

#### BENEDICTION

Pastor: Because of Christ You have chosen life and good. May God give You

strength to live faithful to His calling.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May you take up your cross and follow Christ in faith, hope, and love.

People: Amen

Pastor: The blessing of God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be

upon you today and forever.

People: Amen

### **CLOSING HYMN**

# "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"



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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **POSTLUDE**

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Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by the members of Peace.

Attendance on 8/28/22: 10:30am-100

# THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, September 4, 2022

9:00 am <u>11:00 am</u>

Elder: Al Bosman Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton

Greeters: Susan Klein

Readers: Al Bosman Susan Weaver

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Dave Schmidt
Roy Poehler

Jim DeVries

Altar Care: Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Organist: Karen Foote

## THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY, September 11, 2022

<u>9:00 am</u> <u>11:00 am</u>

Elder: Al Bosman Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton

Greeters: Carol Yung

Readers: Lori Schultze Stacy Hunter

Acolyte: Shane Muller
Ushers: Ken Anderson
Glenn Benitz
Scott Ehlers

Altar Care: Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Organist: Karen Foote

## THIS WEEK AT PEACE September 4, 2022

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service

11:00 am Praise Service (FH) 9:20 am Sunday School

10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed Tuesday: +++++++

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

6:00 pm High School Bible Study

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

Thursday: 6:45 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom

Friday: 11:30 am Memorial Service for Verna Rawlinson

Saturday: +++++++

9/11 Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)

9:20 am Sunday School

10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)
1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 4, 2022**

<u>TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> will resume Tuesday, 9/6 with our study of Daniel. For more info, contact Connie @ 805-987-5116.

<u>MEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u>- This study is on "Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord" on **Thursdays**, 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter @ (805)386-7007.

<u>THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY</u> we are doing a 9 week Zoom series which is held 8/11 - 9/16, a Video Walking with God in the Desert by Ray Vander Laan. If you would like to join this study, please contact Diana Wanke at: (805)490-8212.

**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 2022 FLOWER CHART** is in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Arrangements are \$40.00 each. A check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 9:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

<u>THE FOOD BANK-</u> Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

**DOOR OFFERING TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL MINISTRY** - In April 2021, Rev. Paul was our guest Pastor. Paul and Gena Nelson are serving in Indonesia, based in Medan. In this role, Paul works closely with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church and helps train and mentor local pastors and lay leaders. Please pray for Paul and Gena as they serve in Indonesia. We will be collecting a door offering **September 18th** to help support their work. The latest copy of his newsletter is posted on the Peace Happenings Board. Thank you for your generosity.

**FALL BLOOD DRIVE** - The Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, September 24th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join in this outreach to help some of our most physically vulnerable population. Sign-ups for donations will be taken after each service on Sundays, September 11th and 18th. If you have questions please contact Linda Young at 805 236-4820 or by email at <a href="mailto:nephronurse@verizon.net">nephronurse@verizon.net</a>.

# Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Carolyn Cooper, Brian Derozer, Melissa Dupuis, Bob Foote, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Sean Jakubowski, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Rick Mahlke, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Anna Peloso, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Sheldon (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy. *Pray for all military men and women especially:* Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland and Henry Andermann.