Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 2023

As We Gather "Black tie optional." "Jacket and tie required." "No shirt, no shoes, no service." There are certain standards of dress for different times and places. When formal attire is required, perhaps we wonder if the garments we have in our wardrobe are good enough. But we need not worry when it comes to what to wear at the wedding feast described in today's Gospel lesson. When our heavenly Father invites us to the wedding feast at which His Son is the Bridegroom, He supplies us with the perfect attire: the righteousness of Jesus given at our Baptism.

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.

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

Welcome Children– If needed, a nursery is located near the church entrance.

PRELUDE WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"





Let the wa-ter and the blood, From Thy riv-en side which flowed, Could my zeal no res-pite know, Could my tears for-ev-er flow, Na-ked, come to Thee for dress; Help-less, look to Thee for grace; When I soar to worlds un-known, See Thee on Thy judg-ment throne,



Be of sin the dou-ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. All for sin could not a-tone; Thou must save, and Thou a-lone. Foul, I to the foun-tain fly; Wash me, Sav-ior, or I die. Rock of A-ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my-self in Thee.

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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 *Psalm 23:1–3*

Pastor: The LORD is my shepherd;

People: I shall not want.

Pastor: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

People: He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord God, in Your Word, You instruct us, saying, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things" (Philippians 4:8). However, our thoughts and actions are often far from pure and soiled with sin. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean from birth and in need of Your forgiveness. Thus, we take refuge in Your mercy, seeking Your grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The Apostle Paul reminds us: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice." (Philippians 4:4)
And we can always rejoice in the Lord, because no matter how far away we wander from God, or how far away we fall, He loves us so that He continually invites us to return to Him, promising that for Jesus' sake He will forgive us and restore us! Rejoice this morning that by your faith in God's Son all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE





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PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; 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
(Death is swallowed up forever.)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE.
("Rejoice in the Lord always.")

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



Al-le-lu - ia.

You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd

chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(After the reading)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You O Christ.

(Children are dismissed for Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, All our sins and griefs to bear! 2 Have we tri als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav y lad en, Cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre-cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share? Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be-cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness—Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol-ace there.

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MESSAGE

"A Presumption of Grace, based on the Gospel"

Matthew 22:1-14

Deacon Bob Hutchison

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 M ary 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 and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your row. The ushers will pick it up after the service.)

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"



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.

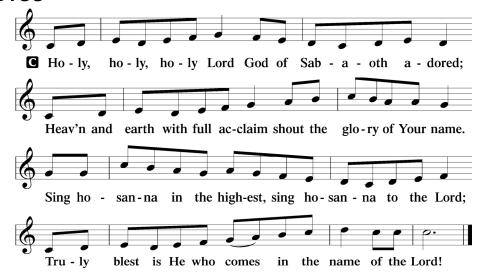
PROPER PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

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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.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

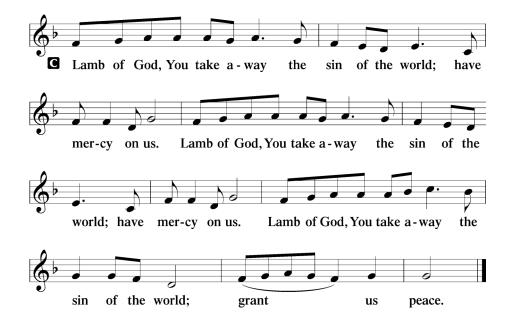
Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He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

AGNUS DEI



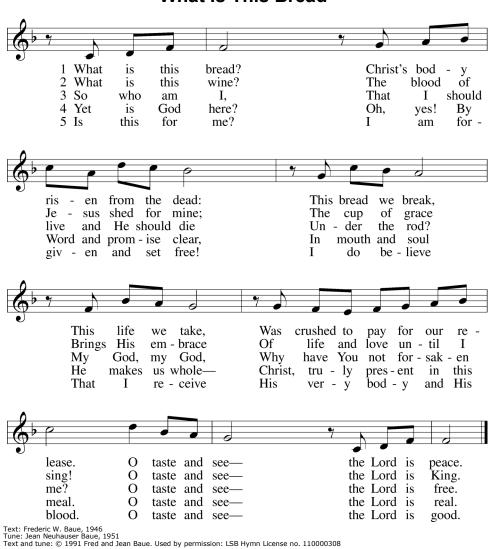
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HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Father, We Thank Thee"

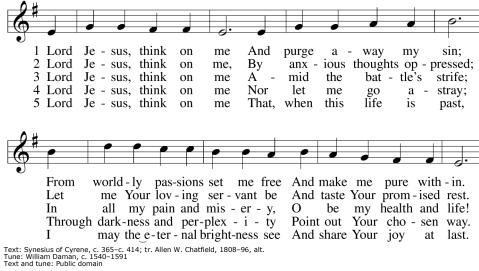


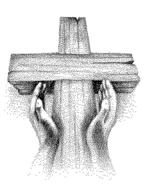
"What Is This Bread"





"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"





POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His

face shine on you and be gracious onto You. The Lord look upon You with His favor and + give you peace.

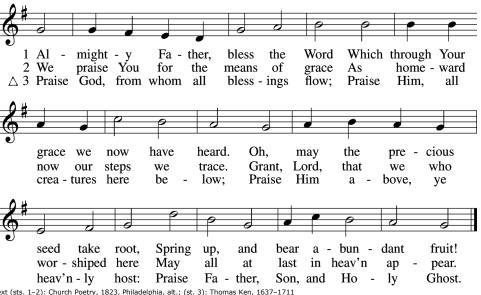
People: Amen.



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CLOSING HYMN

"Almighty Father, Bless the Word"



Text (sts. 1–2): Church Poetry, 1823, Philadelphia, alt.; (st. 3): Thomas Ken, 1637–1711
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois ext and tune: Public domain

ANNOUNCEMENTS POSTLUDE

Attendance 10/8/23:10:00 AM - 73

Saturday 10/7/23 5:00PM- 14

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> Given to the glory of God by the Wanke's and in celebration of Blaine's birthday; also given by Tom & Linda La Jeunesse in celebration of Renaye's birthday.

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Blaine Wanke

Greeter: Jim & Kerry DeVries

Reader: Blaine Wanke
Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Blaine Wanke

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Linda and Bill Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Krumdieck, D. Tegt, S. Fraser

Pianist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US **NEXT** SUNDAY **OCTOBER 22, 2023**

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elder: Blaine WankeGreeter: Luci PommersReader: Todd Harter

Acolyte: Marshall Denninger

Ushers: Dave Schmidt

Roy Poehler Todd Harter

Altar Care: Linda and Bill Young

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Krumdieck, D. Tegt, S. Fraser

Pianist: Karen Foote

Handbell Director: Linda La Jeunesse

THIS WEEK AT PEACE October 15, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Communion Service

10:20 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 (PH)

Thursday: 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (FH)

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

5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: +++++++++++

Saturday: 10:00 am PUMPKIN FEST

5:00 pm Sunset Praise Communion Service

THERE WILL BE ONLY

ONE SERVICE @ 10AM EACH SUNDAY

A traditional service of liturgy & hymns, accompanied with the piano, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

(WHILE WE BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY)

SATURDAY SERVICE "Sunset Praise Service at 5"

A contemporary service with the Praise Band, IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 15, 2023

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS—is held in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of "Recovering the Joy of Theology" watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck at: 805-551-8507.

<u>TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of John. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – This study of 1Peter 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.

<u>LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY</u> will begin a new 9 week study on 1st and 2nd Chronicles held on Thursdays, via Zoom at 10 AM. This study is part of the Life Light Bible study series, with sections on 1 and 2 Chronicles such as "I Will Build the House" and "Rebellion in the House." If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke @ 805-490-8212.

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

<u>THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP</u> is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice.2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. You may take them home after service.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Whatever your passion, whatever your talents, you can be an active part of the team at Peace Lutheran. All the Boards, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Trustees, and Youth Ministry can use new members, new thoughts, and new ideas. Contact Irene Hutchison any Sunday morning or by email at irenehutchison@verizon.net to get more information. We need and want your help!

<u>DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</u> we'll be collecting new or gently used coats & rain gear for Dos Caminos Elementary School. We included rain gear this year as a lot of rain is predicted this coming year. Dos Caminos is expecting a large number of migrant workers' children to start in January. If you purchase a new coat, please leave the tags on the coat as some children have never received a new coat before. We 'll have a couple of totes outside the Fellowship Hall to collect the coats.

Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), John Gingerich, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Norma Regalia, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Karl Wittmann, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger and Ele Zorkocy.

Pray for all military men, women and their families: Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.

OCT. 21ST PUMPKIN FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SIGN UP ON "THE HAPPENINGS BOARD"

COME! JOIN THE FUN!



October 21st 10am-3pm

Price your own pumpkins
Bake Sale
Model Train Demo
Raffle, Games & Vendors
Proceeds from Bake Sale will be donated
to the people of Maui
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SIGN UP ON THE WHITE BOARD

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