

# Peace Lutheran Church

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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

**As We Gather** “It’s still all about Jesus.” It was all about Jesus when the Lord God first promised a Savior to Adam, Eve, and their descendants. It was all about Jesus with every foretelling of the coming Christ by Old Testament prophets. It was all about Jesus at the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. It was all about Jesus as the apostle Paul penned, “We hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law” (Romans 3:28). It was all about Jesus when Martin Luther posted his Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 1517. It’s still all about Jesus today as we receive the Means of Grace—Word and Sacrament. It will be all about Jesus when He returns in glory on the Last Day. As we observe the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we celebrate that it always has been, and always will be, all about Jesus!

**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.



# RINGING OF THE BELL

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### + PREPARATION +

#### OPENING HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, A sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land All threat'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, No thanks to foes, who



to - rious; He breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod And wins sal -  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, Whom God Him -  
your us, We trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; They can - not  
fear it; For God Him - self fights by our side With weap - ons



va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe Has sworn to  
self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be? The Lord of  
o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage; In bat - tle  
of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house, Goods, hon - or,



work us woe. With craft and dread - ful might He  
hosts is He, Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord, God's  
we'll en - gage. His might is doomed to fail; God's  
child, or spouse, Though life be wrenched a - way, They



arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
can - not win the day. The King - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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## INVOCATION and CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: As you come to Christ, the living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

**People: For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame."**

Pastor: So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

**People: "The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and, "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense."**

Pastor: They stumble because they disobey the Word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. *1 Peter 2:4–9*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is proper that we examine ourselves, confess our sins, and ask His forgiveness.

**People: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, cleanse us from all unrighteousness, and set us free to serve in His name.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

*(The confession reflects the "Solas"---"alones"--of the Reformation: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: We confess, merciful God, that we have let ourselves be enslaved to our selfish egos. We have expected to find Your favor because of our good works instead of relying on Your grace alone. Forgive us and reform us to know again the freedom You offer through Your perfect pardon.**

Pastor: Our Savior's sacrifice was once and for all. God's grace covers all your sins.

**People: We confess, O Holy Spirit, that we have sought other assurances than those You have revealed through the sacred Scriptures. Our faith has waxed and waned according to our health, wealth, and earthly success; we have become captive to them instead of relying on Scripture alone. Forgive us and reform us to know again the freedom that rests on the gracious revelation of Your eternal plans for us.**

Pastor: God's inspired Word speaks about our Savior, Jesus Christ, who has forgiven all your sins.

**People:** We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have become proud of our religious rituals, personal morality, and good names. We have trusted ourselves instead of Your gift of faith alone. Forgive us and reform us to know again the freedom that relies totally on Your promises.

**Pastor:** Through Baptism the Holy Spirit has worked faith in your hearts, and through God's Word and the Lord's Supper that faith is sustained and strengthened. What God promises, God delivers. By your faith in the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## HYMN

### "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-trieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"  
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The LORD of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.** *Psalm 46: 7*

Pastor: Let us pray

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## +THE WORD OF GOD+

**FIRST READING** ..... Revelation 14: 6–7

*(The Messages of the Three Angels)*

Reader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.** *Psalm 46:7*

**EPISTLE READING** ..... Romans 3:19–28

*(The Righteousness of God through Faith)*

Reader: The Lord of hosts is with us;

**People: the God of Jacob is our fortress.** *Psalm 46:7*

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

“Celebration Day”

**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... John 8:31–36

*(The Truth Will Set You Free)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 "Nothing but the Blood"



1 What can wash a - way my sin? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
2 *For my par-don this I see—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
3 Noth-ing can for sin a - tone— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;  
4 *This is all my hope and peace—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus;



1 What can make me whole a - gain? Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
2 *For my cleans-ing this my plea—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
3 Naught of good that I have done— Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.  
4 *This is all my right-eous-ness—* Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.



O! pre-cious is the flow That makes me white as snow;



No oth - er fount I know, Noth-ing but the blood of Je - sus.

MESSAGE

"The Anniversary Bells Toll for Thee, Lords & Ladies:  
500 Years of Voluntary Servitude"

John 8:31-36

*Pastor Mike Schultze*

## **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**

*Offering plates will not be passed but are placed near the entry door.*

## **RITE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)**

Logan Krause  
Connor Stevenson  
Daniel Stevenson  
Gabby Liu

## CONFIRMATION HYMN (11:00) "Thine Forever, God of Love"



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;  
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.  
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;  
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.  
All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### + SERVICE 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.**

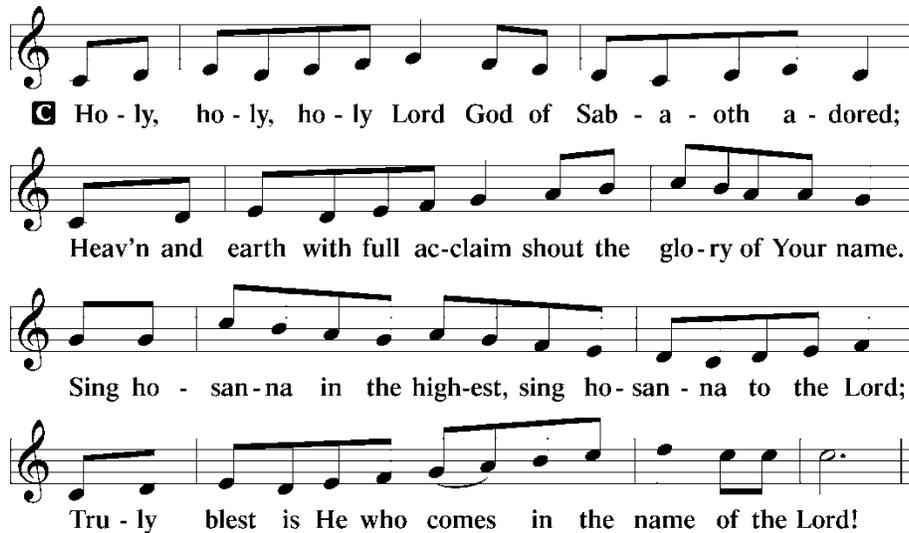
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## 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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the 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 cup is the new testament in My + blood, 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.**

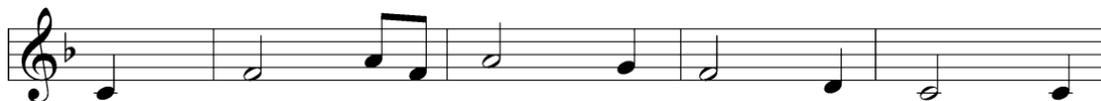
## AGNUS DEI

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*(Please be seated)*

## HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

### “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## “How Firm a Foundation”



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 “The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 “When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.



What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’rign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

## “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



*Refrain*  
 On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## 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.

All: Amen.

## 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.

People: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN "Lift High the Cross"

*Refrain*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.

1 Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where our Cap-tain trod,  
2 Led on their way by this tri-um-phant sign,  
4 O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree,



Our king vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
The hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.  
As Thou hast prom-ised, draw us all to Thee.

*Refrain*

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

**Attendance:**     8:00 **31**    9:30 **20**    11:00 **27**    Total **78**

**ALTAL FLOWERS:** Given to the glory of God in celebration of Susan Klein's birthday.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for October-December are now available for you to pick up either at the check-in table or in the church office during the week.

### JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

**Women's Bible Study** with a study on the Holy Spirit. Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information.

**Men's Bible Study** This new study, "Bible Symbols", meets via Zoom **Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information. Please pick up your copy of the study in the church office.**

**LifeLight** is meeting with Zoom classes for now: Contact Blaine or Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 if you would like to join this study.

*Wednesday 9/16 @ 5:45 Our study will be on "End Times".*

Each individual life certainly comes to a conclusion. But what about the whole thing? Is humanity doomed just to muddle along as it has in the past? Or is there a goal, a final reckoning, an ending that makes sense? Christians believe not only that the world had a beginning (Creation) and a glorious middle (our Lord's death and resurrection), but that it will also have an end.

But day after day, year after year, generation after generation, the world goes on as it has in the past. The narratives of the Bible may inspire us; the truths of our faith may encourage us; but we long for the promised ending, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Without it, even the Christian "story" makes no sense. Over the course of 9 sessions, this study explores what the Bible has to say about the end times and what the divine Author has prepared, which is far greater than any of us could write or imagine, for His story ends in glory—the glory of Jesus' return and the resurrection of God's faithful into that glory forever.

**THE HANDBELL CHOIR** has resumed rehearsals. If you are interested in joining please contact Linda LaJeunesse 805-443-3527.

**PEACE PUMPKIN PATCH:** While the Fest will not take place, we will still open the Peace Pumpkin Patch Tues., 10/27 - 10/31 from 3-7pm. Donations of pumpkins and volunteers appreciated. Let Sandra Miller from the Youth Board or Pastor Mike know if you can help.

## Remember in Your Prayers

**For health and healing:** Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Brandy (Joyce and Melissa's cousin) and her husband Robbin, Terry Breckinridge, Brody (grandchild of Dave Schmidt's friend), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), John Hollenbeck, Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Ryan McCracken, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, Jim Pedersen, Rawlin Radle, Joanne Riccardi (friend of Pat Massey), Shane Shelton (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Orion Solu (nephew of Craig & Peggy Frye), Llewyn Rae Spencer (infant grandson of Gary & Char Spencer), Leslie Stenke, Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

**For peace and comfort:**

For Doris Miller as she mourns the death of her husband Ron.

**Pray for all military men and women especially:** Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Palos, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Amy Waddell, Lucas Wentlandt. Also remember their families in your prayers.

Please keep the nation and all those in authority in your prayers, along with front line healthcare workers. We will get through this together, because we never go through anything alone.

### THIS WEEK AT PEACE OCTOBER 25, 2020

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Services  
9:30 a.m. Praise Service (FH)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study  
11:30 a.m. New Life Church Service

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (via Zoom)  
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 5:45 p.m. LifeLight Bible Study (viz Zoom)

Friday 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

Saturday 6:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Services  
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