

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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AS WE GATHER: The vineyard is frequently used in Scripture to denote a special place in God’s creation. To have a vineyard and enjoy its fruit is a blessing. When the prophet Isaiah speaks of the goodness of the Lord, he says that God’s favored people “shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit” (Isaiah 65:21). Vineyards were planted with a fruitful harvest in mind. We are the Lord’s planting, and we eagerly await our harvest home.

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.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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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 118:22–23*

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected

People: has become the cornerstone.

Pastor: This is the LORD's doing;

People: it is marvelous in our eyes.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gathered together in the name and presence of our God, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **O Lord, our God, we confess that while Jesus is our cornerstone, the rock upon which our lives and faith are built, we have still put other things before Him. We have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. All too often we speak and act as if we have rejected Jesus as that cornerstone. We humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “When I Behold Jesus Christ”



1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

OLD TESTAMENT READINGIsaiah 5:1-7
(My love song concerning His vineyard.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLEPhilippians 3:4b-14
(Righteousness through faith in Christ.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st 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!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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MESSAGE

Grapes Of Wrath In The Vineyard Of The Lord:
The Good News Ending To A Bad News Story
Matthew 21:33-43

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 located near the sidewalk as you leave.)

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.

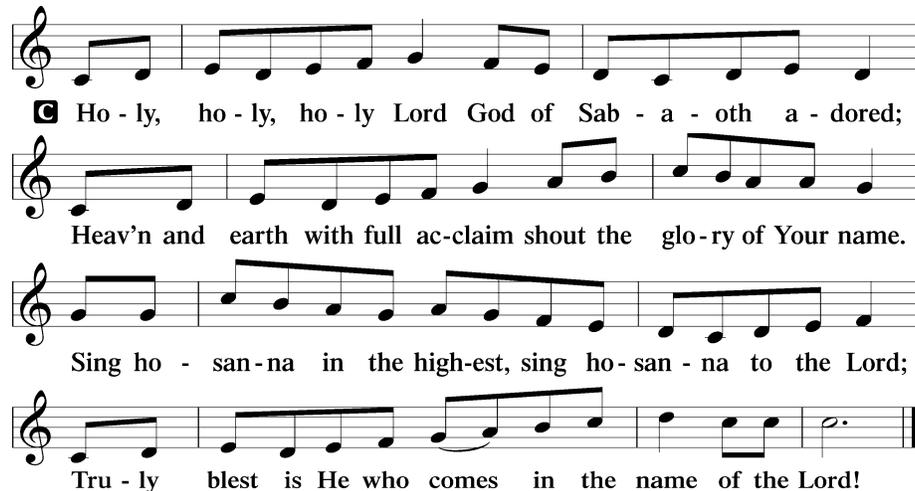
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

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

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: 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)

DISTRIBUTION

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children, but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.

5 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God by Sandi Stepp in celebration of Jennifer'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 one of these studies.

Wednesday 9/16 @ 5:45 and Thursday 9/17 @ 10 AM.

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.

Peace Preschool is hosting an Axxess Fundraiser and we would love your support!

Axxess Fundraising is in full swing! This year you will order your books online at <https://axxesscard.com/fundraising/> Click on "Buy Now". You will pick Peace Preschool under **schools** no need to enter a child's name.

Axxess Memberships are only \$40 and now include all merchants in both Santa Barbara & Ventura Counties!

The Axxess Fundraiser goes through Friday, October, 2nd.

Remember in Your Prayers

For health and healing: Edith Anderson, Lili Baehr, Mrs. Cheung (Veronica Lee's friend), Brody (grandchild of Dave Schmidt's friend), family of Rodger & Carolynn Bronner, Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bill Fitch, Bruce Fraser, Father of Gail Goesch, Beverly Gandy, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), 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:

Charlo Stuart as she mourns the death of her husband David.

Roy Poehler and family as they mourn Ingrid's death.

Pray for all military men and women especially: 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.