

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather The end of the Church Year is about the end—literally. The time of God’s mercy will end and God will call all people to account. Today, we encounter the difficult parable of the talents with the promise that to him who has, more will be given. What does this mean for us? We live in an age of egalitarianism in which we expect to be treated the same. God does not treat us the same; our differences matter to God. He loves us equally but acknowledges our differences. To one He gives ten, to another five, and to another one. All are His gifts, to be used for His purpose. Different, but uniquely precious, we use them for His glory and so He promises us to enter into His joy.

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.

Large print bulletins are available. If you would like a large print bulletin please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "O Worship the King"



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust Thy mercies, how tender
and feeble as frail, how firm to the end,
In Thee do we trust, Our maker, defender,
nor find Thee to fail. redeemer, and friend!

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess to You,

People: O Lord, and to one another, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You above all things nor our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us our sins and grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

FIRST READING Zephaniah 1:7-16

(The great day of the Lord is near.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

(The day of the Lord will come suddenly, so live as children of light.)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



Refrain
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

(The parable of the talents)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-fifth 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 "O Great God of Nations"



1. O great God of na - tions, re - vive us, we pray, Raise pro - di - gal
 2. For - sake not Your peo - ple though far we do roam, As he - don - ists,
 3. In faith and in gra - ti - tude, then, must we share The good news of



hearts to con - tri - tion to - day; In pride have we turned from Your
 spend - thrifts, a - ban - don - ing home; But fin - al - ly, throw - ing our
 Je - sus with lands ev - ery - where, With peo - ples still grop - ing and



life giv - ing Word, Em - brac - ing the dark - ness while truth goes un - heard. Cre -
 fol - ly a - side, We see You are wait - ing with arms o - pen wide. We
 stum - bling in night; For them You com - mand us to send out the light. To



- ate deep with - in us a clean heart to - day, Re - new a right
 plead Your for - give - ness, our Fa - ther, we pray, O heal pride - ful
 shout from the roof - tops, pro - claim o'er the wave, That Christ has re -



spir - it, and teach us to say: A - wak - en, my soul, and send
 blind - ness and teach us to say: How might - y the love that can
 - deemed from the depths of the grave: Pour out, then, Your Spir - it, a -



an - thems a - bove, To Him Who is yearn - ing to bless you in love.
 con - quer our sin, And o - pen the door to the ban - quet with - in.
 - fresh in this hour, En - a - ble our tongues to speak out with Your power.

MESSAGE

There's No Shame In Having Just One Gift,
 It's Just A Shame Not To Use It:
 Burying Your Talents Can Be A Grave Mistake
Matthew 25:14-30

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.

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, for when Your children were marked by sin for death, You gathered them to Yourself through the blood of Your Son and the power of Your Holy Spirit, that we who wear Your name by Baptism may be equipped for every good work in this life and be kept blameless and holy for the life which is to come. 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.**

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."

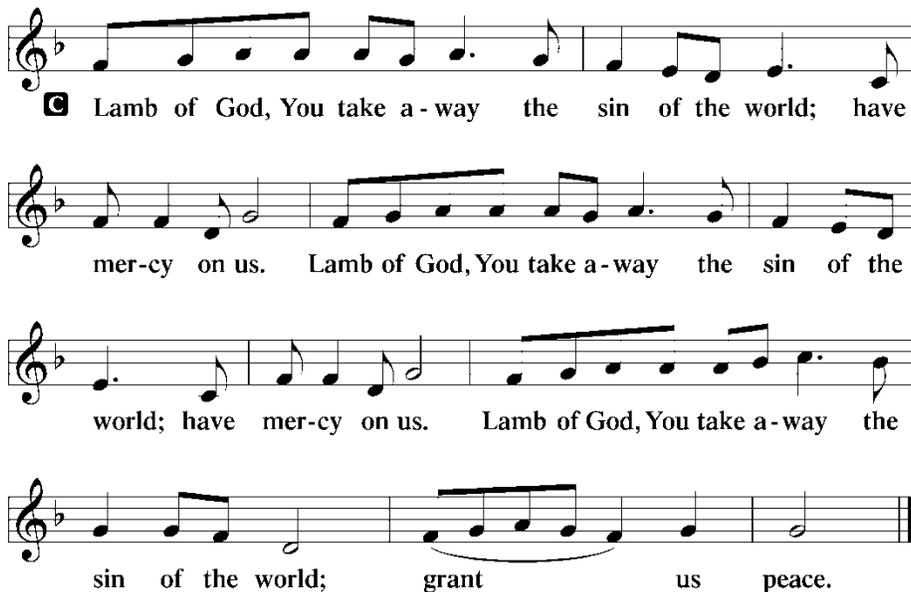
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI



♩ 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.

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Your Table I Approach”



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!

But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.

6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Lord of love, You sent Your Son to redeem Your lost and fallen creation, and by His sacrificial death and victorious resurrection He has restored us to You. Keep us, amid the changes and chances of this present life, that we may look for our Savior's return in glory, and live in anticipation of the eternal life He comes to bring. Make us wise to use the time we have now well, so that we may be prepared to receive Him when He comes again on the day of the Lord; through Jesus Christ, 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING

"Christ the Eternal Lord"



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Attendance: 8:00 **25** 9:30 **22** 11:00 **30** Total **77**

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Linda Yung in loving memory of her father, John Scheve.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Today: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Communion Services
9:30 a.m. Praise Service (FH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School preschool - adult
11:30 a.m. New Life Church Service (FH)

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 (via Zoom)
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Bible Study

Friday 6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00 a.m. Traditional Services
9:30 a.m. Praise Communion Service (FH)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School adult
11:30 a.m. New Life Church Service (FH)

A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING will be held on Wednesday, November 25th at 7:00 p.m. Please call the church office or leave a message if you plan to attend.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

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

Men's Bible Study This 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 FOOD BANK at St. Columba's Episcopal Church's has remained opened during the pandemic and has had a large increase in demand. The church office is open from 9 to 12 Monday through Friday. They give out food every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 9-10am for seniors and 5-6 pm for families. Below is a list of items most needed, but any nonperishable, non- expired donation is appreciated. Please take your donation directly to St. Columba's. Most needed items: Cereal, shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned meats, beans, rice, and pasta. Thank you! Social Concerns

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.

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

A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Now that we have returned to indoor worship, it is important to remember to sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church. For your convenience, there is always a bottle of alcohol-based sanitizer at the check-in station. Also, hands free sanitizers have been installed in both the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. The Sanctuary one is located on the wall outside the cry room. There are two in the Fellowship Hall, one to the right on the wall as you enter from the Patio and one on the wall as you enter from the Office Lobby area (near the Women's Restroom). Please be safe and sanitize!

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

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, Janice (Diana Wanke's sister), 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.



Toy & Gift Suggestions

As most of you know, among many other activities throughout the year, we host a huge toy store with toys donated from the community. Foster families in our community are invited to "shop" in the store for holiday gifts for the kids (at no cost to them). Gift certificates to stores such as Amazon, Target, Walmart, Barnes & Noble, Best Buy, etc. can be used for children of all ages. Including batteries with gifts that require them is greatly appreciated! Here are a few gift ideas from our Foster kids wish list.

♥ 0—3 Years ♥

- Activity blocks
- Baby doll
- Bath toys
- Books, cloth or board
- Building toys
- Chunky plastic toys
- Matching game
- Musical toy / instrument
- Plastic tool set
- Puppet
- Push/pull riding toy
- Rocking horse
- Sensory / sorting /stacking toys
- Toddler dishes / play food
- Toddler shopping cart
- Toy people
- Toy car / truck
- Train set
- Tricycle
- Wagon
- Wood puzzle

♥ 4—7 Years ♥

- Art / craft supplies
- Baby doll
- Athletic equipment / balls
- Bike / helmet
- Board game
- Books
- Card game
- Child's watch
- Construction toys
- Dishes / cookware / play food
- Dollhouse / furnishings
- Matching game
- Musical toy / instrument
- Remote control car
- Roller skates / blades / helmet
- Scooter / helmet
- Toy car / truck
- Wrist / knee / elbow pads
- Educational tablets
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♥ 8—12 Years ♥

- Cameras
- Aquarium
- Art / craft supplies
- Athletic equipment / balls
- Basic erector set
- Beginner sewing machine
- Bike / helmet
- Board game
- Books
- Construction toys
- Gym / sports bag
- Models—car, airplane, etc.
- Remote control car
- Roller skates / blades / helmet
- Science kits
- Scooter /helmet
- Wrist / knee / elbow pads
- Action figures
- Musical instruments
- Electronic toys

♥ Teens ♥

- Cameras
- Art / craft supplies
- Athletic equipment / balls
- Bike / helmet
- Books / journal
- Clock / Clock radio
- Hair appliances
- Gym / sports bag
- Electric razor
- Jewelry / jewelry box
- Make up case / kit / mirror
- Movie passes
- Photo album / scrapbook
- Pillow / body pillow / sheets
- Skateboard / helmet
- Wallet / coin purse / purse
- Watch
- Musical instruments
- Electronic toys
- Ear buds / headphones
- Backpacks
- Bluetooth speaker