Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

November 26, 2023

As We Gather This Sunday has also been known as Christ the King Sunday. We acknowledge that Christ is both King of Creation and the Shepherd King of His people. Though the image of Christ as King may cause us to fear, we remember that the same Lord who sits on His eternal throne is the Lord whom we know as the Savior who suffered for us on the cross. He comes not to condemn us but to separate the sheep from the goats, the faithful from those who reject Him, and to lead us to the eternal light and life He has prepared for us. As we rejoiced in the joy of His resurrection from the dead, so we come to this day to anticipate our own resurrection with Jesus, wearing the glorious bodies He already wears, to live with Him in His eternal kingdom.

<u>Welcome Children</u>- A cry room is located near the church entryway. Please see an usher for guidance.

Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available. If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin 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 and of the + Son and of the

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Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS Isaiah 53:6, 11

Pastor: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-

every one-to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

People: Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous One, My servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.

(Silence for meditation)

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

People: Almighty God, our Lord and King, we confess to You that we have strayed like lost sheep and deserve nothing of Your kindness toward us. We have sought our own way and it has led us only to guilt and death. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray You to forgive us our sins, cleanse our hearts and minds, and restore as Your own children. Grant us the aid of Your Holy Spirit that we may believe in Jesus Christ alone, trust in His redeeming work, and live lives worthy of our baptismal calling as Your children. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His mercy, has sent His Son to die for you. Jesus came to free us, not condemn us. We are no longer held captive by our sin. *You* are no longer held captive by sin. For Jesus' sake God has removed it as far as the east is from the west. Believe this good news of the gospel! In Christ, the King of Kings, all your sins are forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

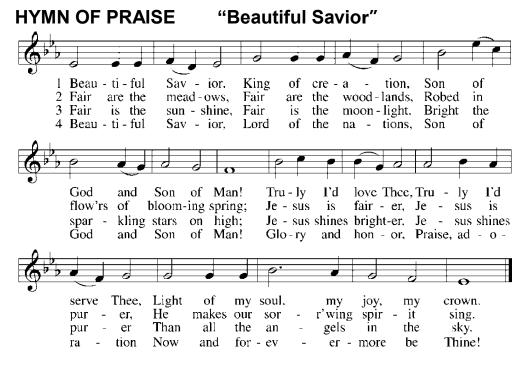
People: Amen! Thanks be to God.

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. (Matt. 5:22-24;Eph. 4:1-3)

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PSALM 95:1-7a

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Oh come, let us sing

to the LORD;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

People: let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Pastor: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all

gods.

People: In His hand are the depths of the earth;

Pastor: the heights of the mountains are His also.

People: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed

the dry land.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

People: let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Pastor: For He is our God.

People: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of

His hand.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You raised up Jesus from the dead as the first born of all who live in You. Grant that we be comforted by His resurrection and look to Him for our own joyful resurrection and eternal life in Your kingdom. Grant us every assurance that as He was raised from the dead and now lives as Lord and King of all, so we will be raised to live under Him in His eternal kingdom

without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th

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





5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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MESSAGE

"Good Sheep, Bad Sheep, and What's with All These Goats? Muddying the Waters on the Last Day"

Matthew 25:31-46 and Ezekiel 34:11-24
Deacon Bob Hutchison

CONFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

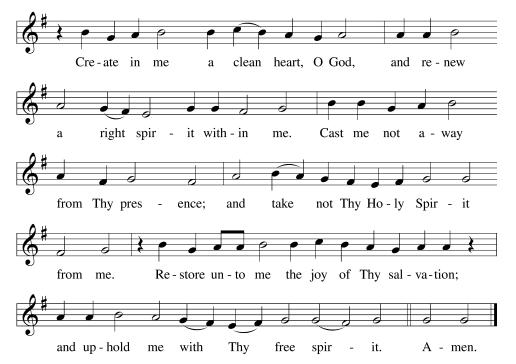
(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your row.

The ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"



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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

BENEDICTION

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

shine on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look

upon You with favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"



ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Attendance 11/19/23:10:00 AM - 81

Saturday 11/18/23: 5:00PM - 26

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and all His blessings by Dave Schmidt in celebration of his granddaughter Avery's birthday; also given by Charlo Stuart in loving memory of her husband David.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE November 26, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional 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

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

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

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Life Light Bible Study via Zoom

5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

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

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunset Praise Service

Note: Kindly refrain from bringing food or beverages (other than water) into worship.

THOSE WHO SERVE US **TODAY**, **NOVEMBER 26**, **2023 10:00 am ONE SERVICE**

Elder:Dave SchmidtGreeter:Cindy KlittichReader:Al Bosman

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson **Ushers:** Dave Schmidt

Roy Pohler Jim DeVries

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich

Cookie & Coffee Service: P. Frye, A. Dumond, S. Hudnell

Pianist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US **NEXT** SUNDAY **December 3, 2023**10:00 am ONE SERVICE

Elder: Al Bosman

Greeter: Donna Pickler

Reader: Lori Schultze

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick

Ushers: Glenn Benitz

Scott Ehlers

Altar Care: Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. Manzer, Cindy Klittich, Vera Alamillo

Pianist: Karen Foote

Choir Accompanist : Sandy Haven Choir Director: Linda La Jeunesse



Please join us for:

Advent Craft Faire
Sunday, December 3 @ 1-4 pm
Advent Soup Suppers @ 6 pm
Advent Worship Services
December 6, 13 & 20 @ 7 pm

Peace Christmas Luncheon

December 10th Following 10am service

Christmas Eve Services:

10 am Traditional Service/
Sunday School Program
5 pm Contemporary Service
7 pm Traditional Service

Christmas Day Service 10 am



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Pat Massey, Ryan Scott Morrison, Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, 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.

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