

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather We cannot enter the eternal marriage feast on our own, for we are all unprepared. But Christ has prepared us, filling us with His Word and Sacraments; our lamps of faith are full, with wicks trimmed. Jesus is with us now, even as we shall see Him at His physical return. We shall enter with Him and all those who have preceded us in faith. The sacrifices the Lord was refusing to receive from Israel in Amos’s day have all been superseded by the all-atoning sacrifice of our Savior. We already have a foretaste of the feast to come; the door is open, and Christ has made us ready.

Large Print Bulletins: If you would like a large print bulletin please see an usher.

But at midnight there was a cry...

**Watch therefore,
for you know
neither the day
nor the hour.**

- Matthew 25



RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+PREPARATION +

OPENING

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 15:3–4*

Pastor: Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

People: Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

People: For You alone are holy.

Pastor: All nations will come and worship You,

People: for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

People: Merciful Father, we bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.

Pastor: The faith we have within us is a gift of God. With it comes the conviction that while we are waiting for our Lord's return, He is truly present with us in His holy Word and the blessed Sacraments. Where the King is, there is the kingdom. And by your faith in Him, 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 "When Peace, like a River"



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

PSALMODY

Psalm 84:1, 9-12

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!

Pastor: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

People: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed, we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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+

OLD TESTAMENT READINGAmos 5:18-24

(The prophet warns that God will not accept empty worship while the people engage in injustice)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

(Paul comforts those who thought Christians who had died might miss Christ's return.)

(After the reading is read.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with
3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”
joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.
choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God’s own Son,
No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near.”
To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1-13

(Jesus teaches preparedness for His return.)

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

“The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, “Come to the wed-ding feast.”
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er’s face;
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic’s voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav’n - ly joy takes place:
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets’ ho - ly band;
From sick-ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.
And grant us heav’n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

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MESSAGE

Three Kinds Of Sleep That Can Have Alarming Consequences:
Too Little, Too Much, And Until It’s Too Late

Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

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 to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you peace.**

People: Amen.

Numbers 6:24–26

CLOSING HYMN “I Had a Dream of Heaven”
Tune: “This Is My Father’s World”

1. In my deepest dream I hear A distant trumpet call,
“Get up and see, come unto Me”: I sight a golden wall—
Behold Jerusalem! With angels round the throne,
And emerald rainbow all aglow, Above a crystal sea.
2. I see the ransomed saints, A multitude untold,
So glorious bright, with crowns of light, The victor’s palm they hold;
I hear eternal choirs, Singing praise unto the Lamb,
“Salvation power burst into flower, And overcomes the night.”
3. Proceeding from the throne, Flows a crystal river pure,
It life bestows where’er it goes, And every ill will cure;
Along the water’s edge, Are trees of fadeless bloom,
No more we grieve, for their healing leaves, God’s love and blessing show.
4. I walk the golden streets, Where no temper can ensnare,
No darkness here, no more guilt or fear, No shadow anywhere;
For nothing base or false Can life within these walls;
No secret sin can hide within, No evil interfere.
5. Too soon the morning comes, And the veil obscures my sight,
But now I see what my goal must be, That heavenly city bright –
The walls whose cornerstone Is Jesus Christ our Lord
By faith in Him, the prize we win: God’s love eternally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Attendance: 8:00 **31** 9:30 **32** 11:00 **26** Total **89**

Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God by Bill & Linda Young in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary, and by Jim & Lily Mainland in celebration of their granddaughter, Charlotte’s birthday.

THIS WEEK AT PEACE NOVEMBER 8, 2020

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8, 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 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 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, 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.