Peace Lutheran Church

"Peace Through Christ"
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 2023



As We Gather The Christian faith is the way of humble trust in the Lord. In Jesus God Himself unites His power and the weakness of man to overcome sin, death, and the devil and his temptations. Through the Word and Sacrament ministry of the Church faith grasps and hopes in and possesses the same victory established in our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection. With the Apostle Paul we confess, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10).

<u>Welcome Children</u>– If needed, a nursery is located near the church entrance.

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PRELUDE WELCOME



Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), John Gingerich, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Norma Regalia, Mike Reuter, Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung 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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THIS WEEK AT PEACE July 23, 2023

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional One Service

10:20 am Sunday School

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

8:45 am Covenant Players (FH)

Tuesday: Office closed

7:00 pm Council Meeting

8:45 am Covenant Players (FH)

10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)

Wednesday: 8:45 am Covenant Players (FH)

10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

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

Thursday: 7:30 am Men's Bible Study (FH)

8:45 am Covenant Players (FH)

9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

Friday: 8:45 am Covenant Players (FH)

Saturday: 8:45 am Covenant Players (FH)

THERE WILL BE ONLY

ONE SERVICE @ 10AM EACH SUNDAY.

A traditional service of liturgy & hymns accompanied with the piano & praise band IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

(WHILE WE BEAUTIFY THE SANCTUARY)

A FRIENDLY REMINDER - Please help us keep our freshly cleaned carpet looking pristine, by kindly refraining to bring in any beverages other than water, to worship services. (spillproof lids are great) Thanks!

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"O Worship the King"

Accompanied by the Peace Paise Band



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People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19

Pastor: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of

God!

People: How unsearchable are His judgments and how

inscrutable His ways!

Pastor: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

People: To Him be glory forever. Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Because we cannot fully understand God, we are prone to question His judgments and wonder why He allows evil people to oppose Christ's Church from without and from within. But none of us is without error. Let us reflect on our own sinful human condition as we come into the presence of the Almighty God.

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

Pastor: Through Isaiah the Lord declared, "I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god." Isaiah 44:6b

People: We confess that we have allowed ourselves, our friends, and the things around us to determine our actions; they have become as gods to us. We have not loved You, heavenly Father, with all our heart, mind, and strength. Forgive us.

Pastor: Paul wrote that "we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us." *Romans* 8:26

People: We confess that in our pride we have thought we knew what was good for us, and when we did not receive it, doubted that You, O Holy Spirit, had even heard our prayer. Forgive us.

THOSE WHO SERVE US **NEXT WEEK** JULY 30, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elders: Bob Hutchison /Dave Hutter

Greeter: Cindy Klittich **Reader:** Todd Harter

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson

Ushers: Dave Schmidt

Roy Poehler Jim DeVries

Altar Care: Linda Young and Irene Hutchison

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, C. Stuart & J. Morici

Pianist: Karen Foote

Praise Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF July 23, 2023

<u>SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS</u> – Will break for now and resume in August. <u>TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of Luke. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – This study is held on Thursdays 7:30-8:30am with a continental breakfast, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Kevin Krumdieck @ 805-551-8507.

<u>THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY</u> meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the "Gospel of John." If you have any questions please call Dave Schmidt at: 805-482-3867.

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

<u>THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP</u> is posted in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice.2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each.

<u>THE FOOD BANK-</u> Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

LSS SCHOOL SUPPLY PROJECT: July 16th-30th- Please look for the large plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall and a display of donated items needed. Many thanks! Social Concerns Committee 13

ATTENDANCE ON 7/16/23: 10am - **120**

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE @ 10AM EACH SUNDAY. A traditional service of liturgy & hymns accompanied with the piano & praise band IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

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THOSE WHO SERVE US **TODAY** JULY 23, 2023

10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Elders: Bob Hutchison /Dave Hutter

Greeter: Charlo Stuart **Reader:** Blaine Wanke

Acolyte: Marshall Denninger

Ushers: Blaine Wanke

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Linda Young and Irene Hutchison

Cookie & Coffee Service: S. McCracken, C. Stuart & J. Morici

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Praise Band

Pastor: In His parable about the wheat and weeds, Jesus explained that in the day of judgment "all causes of sin and all law-breakers" will be sent to a place of "weeping and gnashing of teeth." *Matthew 13:41–42*

People: We confess that we have judged the people around us, hurting many in the process and failing to see our own faults and failures. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, nor have we trusted Your plans, Lord Jesus. Forgive us.

Pastor: God's calming word through Isaiah was, "Fear not, nor be afraid." Even while we stumble, the promise is that "the Spirit helps us in our weakness." In the End we who have been made righteous by Christ's sacrifice for us shall be gathered as wheat into God's eternal harvest. By your faith in Jesus as your Savior and Redeemer, and for His sake, God forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Isaiah 44:8a: Romans 8:26a

People: Amen.

Pastor: "He who has ears, let him hear." Matthew 13:43b

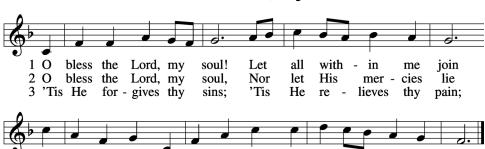
People: We hear and rejoice. To God be the glory forever.

Amen.



HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Bless the Lord, My Soul"



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine. For - got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!

'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–76 Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment,

People: we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen

+THE WORD OF GOD+

(The Lord, our Redeemer, is the only God.)

(After the Reading.)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 +

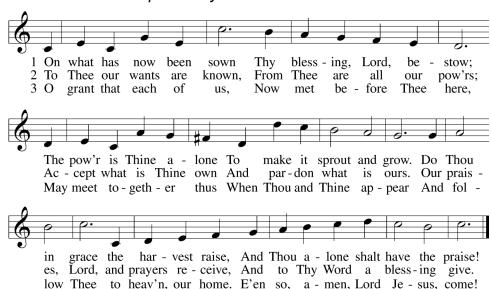
give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"On What Has Now Been Sown"

Accompanied by the Peace Paise Band



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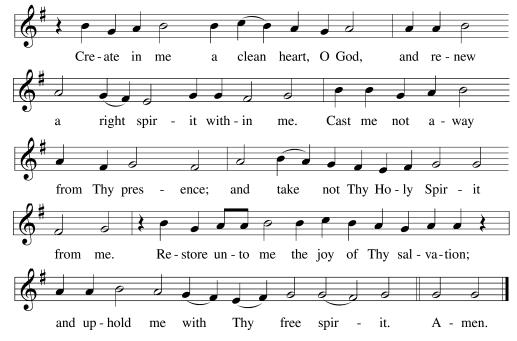
POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the glory of God and in celebration of the Krumdieck's anniversary.

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.

(The Spirit intercedes even when words fail us.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA





(God sends His Word by grace, no matter the reception it receives.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th

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!

(Children are dismissed for Summer Sunday School)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Holy Spirit, Enter In"



MESSAGE

"A Message From The Heartland: Do Not Lose Heart; Take Heart." Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Pastor Mike Schultze

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. When finished, pass it back down to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

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