

Peace Lutheran Church

“Peace Through Christ”

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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As We Gather Today, our Lord provides three more parables about the Kingdom of God. As people finding hidden, priceless treasure or a valuable pearl might sell other possessions for these, so the Kingdom (really, Jesus Himself) is worth more than all that we have. Like last Sunday’s parables, Jesus’ third parable is about the Last Day, providing urgency for being in the Kingdom now. In His great love, Moses reminded the people before they entered the Promised Land that God had chosen them (and now us) as His people. With His protection and defense, Paul affirms nothing “will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

People Have Asked, if they are not able to attend services, how can they continue to support the congregation with their regular giving? Whether we are holding regular Sunday worship services or not, the expenses will continue. We ask you to remember this is not a giving holiday. We have easy options.

You can mail your offering to the church or You can sign up for Vanco giving. Vanco is a convenient way to give directly from your bank account or credit card. There is information about it on our website, or if it is easier for you, you can call them and they will walk you through the process on the phone. You will need to know the church address, 71 Loma Drive, Camarillo, and have your account information handy. Vanco moves your offering from your account directly into ours. We have been using this service for some time now and people have found it to be easy and one less thing to worry about.

You can sign up on our website, peacecamarillo.com, or call 1-800-675-7430. Choose option #1 for client services and they will help you get started.

Council also decided, to be good stewards of the resources we have available, that all major projects around the church will be put on hold for the present time.

If you have a special need we can help you with, please call the church office.

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN "Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship"



1 Lord, this day we've come to wor-ship; Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 In the pow'r of res - ur - rec - tion We have come to praise the Lord,
3 May Your Word en - rich our spir - it, Give us strength to do Your will,
4 As we meet our bless - ed Sav - ior At the Ta - ble of the Lord,
5 Cel - e - brate the res - ur - rec - tion In the church and sing His praise,



Grace us with Your bless - ed pres - ence; Bless - ed Sav - ior, be our host.
Cel - e - brate His bless - ed sup - per, And to learn His ho - ly Word.
Show the king - dom we'll in - her - it, When at last our voice is still.
May this bod - y bro - ken for us Strength and com - fort, Lord, af - ford.
Till we come to true per - fec - tion: Serve the Lord through all our days.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, praise the Lord! Al - le - lu - ia,



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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 *1 Peter 2:9; Isaiah 43:1; Colossians 3:12*

Pastor: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession,

People: that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Pastor: Now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel:

People: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine."

Pastor: Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,

People: compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

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

Pastor: Heavenly Father, Creator of life and light,

People: we confess that we have not reflected Your great love to us in sending Your Son to give up everything, including life itself, so that You may own us as Your beloved people. We have not loved the people around us as ourselves.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, our Redeemer,

People: we confess that we have not borne Your name to the world. We have not loved You with all our heart, mind, and strength.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

People: we confess that we have not shown Your love to the people near and dear to us, nor to those with whom we learn, work, and play.

Pastor: O Holy Trinity,

People: forgive us and comfort us; surround us with Your love so that we may never forget You and Your kingdom are the greatest treasure we should cherish. Forgive us for Your name's sake. Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice and be glad! Our Lord Jesus Christ visited this dark world and gave His perfect life in payment for your sins. He has restored You to be fit for the Kingdom of God. Rejoice that for Jesus sake, God forgives you all your sins. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ WORD OF GOD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING. *Deuteronomy 7:6–9*

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE *Romans 8:28–39*

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

PEACE PRAISE BAND

HOLY GOSPEL.....*Matthew 13:44–52*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN

“Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure”



1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,
 2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er
 3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing



My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.
 Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.
 Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;



Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,
 Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, —
 But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing



Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.
 En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.
 The weeds that im - per - il Your own.



Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it
 Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,
 Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing



To val - ue this trea - sure a - right
 Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,
 And har - vest me home - ward at last,



That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it
 And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,
 To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,



Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

MESSAGE

“Just When You Think You Can
Make Both Ends Meet,
Somebody Moves The Ends:
Real Treasure Is Closer Than You Think!”

Matthew 13:44-52

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 PRAYER

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.

CLOSING HYMN "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PORTALS OF PRAYER for July-September 2020 are in the church office and can be picked up during office hours, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

JOIN A BIBLE STUDY:

Women's Bible Study with a study on, "Patience, Hope and Trust". Please contact Connie Morris (805)987-5116 to join or for more information

Men's Bible Study "Hard Sayings of Jesus" meets via Zoom Tuesday mornings at 8:30. Call Dave Hutter (805)386-7007 to join or for more information.

LifeLight Bible Study "The Life of David" meets via Zoom Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Call Diana Wanke (805)482-7524 to join or for more information.

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), Crystal (Phil Deck's niece), Remi Chatelain (Carol Yung's friend), Marshall Denninger, Dwayne Field, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Stephanie Gary (sister of Joyce Snow & Melissa Hamilton), Goesch family, Rory Hall (Jim & Lily Mainland's granddaughter), Ken Haugrud, Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Jim Hogan (Robin Schmidt's brother-in-law), Vickie Hutter, Jan Irwin (friend of David Zinger), Karen Johnson, Dale Larson, Dawn Logan (Pat Massey's niece), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Scott McComas, Michelle & family (friend of Melissa Hamilton), Seza Mirzarian (Phil Hamilton's son-in-law's aunt), Ryan Scott Morrison, Ken Nipstad, John O'Loony (friend of the Hamiltons), Linda Packham, Jim Pedersen, Hedy Pein, Ingrid Poehler, Rawlin Radle, Mark Reuter (Son of Rita & Ken Reuter), 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, David Stuart (Charlo Stuart's husband), Bev Toro, Jon Volpei (Connie Morris' son), Blaine Wanke, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger.

For peace and comfort:

Rita Reuter and family as they mourn the death of her brother Ray Fichter.

Gary Spencer and family as they mourn the death of his mother.

Family and friends of Hedi Pein as they mourn her 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.