

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Furgeson, Senior Pastor, 314-601-1039 Rev. Robert M. Brown, Associate Pastor, 618-580-8817 The Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Kastens, Pastor Emeritus Burnell L. Hackman, Director of Music Ministry Christina Stackle, Director of Christian Education Sue Velten, Director of Early Childhood

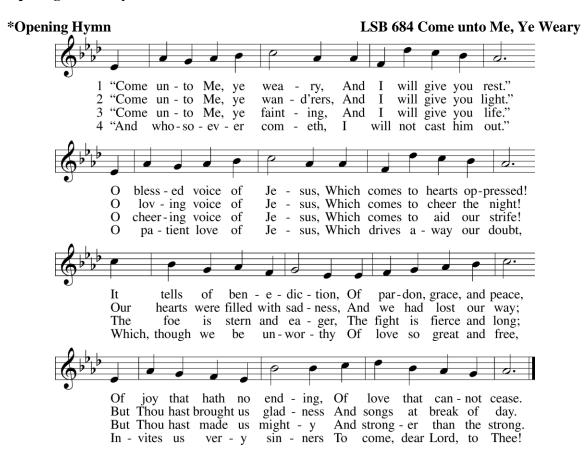
# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST JULY 9, 2023

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

**P** = Pastor \* = Stand **C** = Congregation

#### **Opening Voluntary**

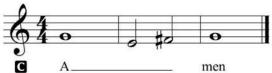


#### \*Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.



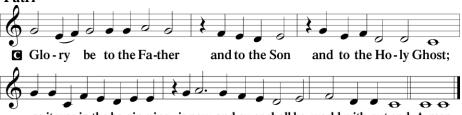
#### \*Confession and Absolution

Romans 7:15; Matthew 11:28

- **P** With the apostle Paul today we admit, "I do not understand my own actions.
- For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."
- At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.
- For if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.
- "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

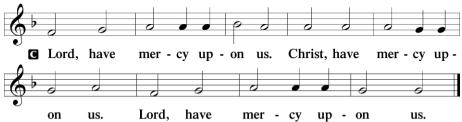






as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.







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# \*Salutation and Collect of the Day



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## **Old Testament Reading**

Zechariah 9:9–12

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** Romans 7:14–25a

<sup>14</sup>We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup>So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

#### \*Alleluia



\*Holy Gospel Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."



# \*Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

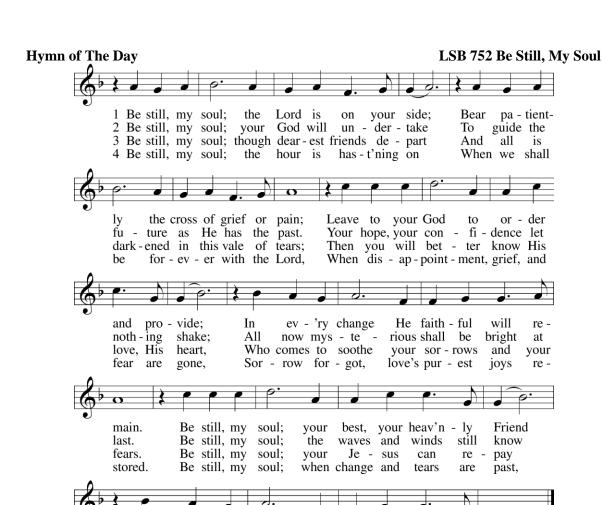
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the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

Children's Message

Sue Velten Early Childhood Director



**Sermon** "Good, Evil, and the Yoke of Christ" (Romans 7:14-25a)

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God of love and truth and beauty, holy Thy name; fount of order, law, and duty, holy Thy name.

As in heav'n Thy hosts adore Thee, as they bow in awe before Thee, so on earth, Lord, we extol Thee, holy Thy name.

By our heart's deepfelt contrition, by our mind's enlightened vision, by our will's complete submission, holy Thy name.

In our worship, Lord of glory, holy Thy name; in our work, however lowly, holy Thy name.

In each heart's imagination, in our praise and adoration, in the conscience of the nation, holy is Thy name, Thy name.

#### \*Offertory



# \*Prayer of the Church

**Reception of New Members** (10:30)

#### \*Lord's Prayer

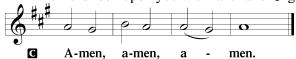
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### \*Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





#### \*Silent Praver

## **Closing Voluntary**

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#### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir: Chancel Choir

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: D. Seyfert/J. Mattingly/A. Hopfer

Elders: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Bob Uthoff; 8:00: Bob Wolff, Ralph Wolters;

9:20: Jeff Akers, Bob Wolff; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Rick Goodman

Ushers: 5:00: Dean Seyfert, Tony Cabanellas, Rick Cusumano, Craig Owen, Dean Rahn;

8:00: Mike Renner, Tim Drier, Tom Johnson, Joe Karasek, Mark Mullen, Doug Schlechte, Dale Watson, Drew Watson; 9:20: Chris Hosty, Glenn Holler, Jeff Orf, Robert Wolff; 10:30: Jeff Nelson, Phil Cottrell, Bruce Herzog, Luis Palma, Andrew Sandersfeld,

Kyle Sandersfeld

Acolytes: 5:00: Ashley Kaul, Sam Gersman; 8:00: Bryce Chitwood;

10:30: Paige Keiser, Lucie Wildman

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Eaton; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023**

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED THIS WEEKEND By Adult Confirmation: Michael Viviano, Jason and Allie Cerveras (children: Anna, Teddy, Will, Felicity, and Georgia Brown), Terree Rowbottom, Brianna Bauza. By Transfer: James and Linda Penrod, Jack Dinkins, Clark and Judy Fithian, Sr., Aaron & Abigail Reynolds. By Profession of Faith: Brenda Hargett, John and Debbie Prideaux, Clark Fithian, Jr. and children, Clark III and Silas Fithian.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS II RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER covering a workshop called "Witnessing to De-Churched Adult Children". The class, led by Pastor Brown and Pastor Alex Smith, will start on Sunday, September 10, in the kitchen meeting room, during Sunday morning Bible Class hour. Watch the bulletin for more details.

<u>PICKLEBALL IS BACK!</u> Now that the gymnasium is open again, pickleball open play will resume on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., beginning tonight, Sunday, July 9. Questions? See Jack Jeffcott.

<u>PEACE MARRIED COUPLES CLUB JULY EVENT</u> is a Photo Scavenger Hunt, Sunday, July 23, 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per couple. Meet in Sanctuary Hall. We will divide into teams for an evening of photo adventure and fun! One camera/phone, plus a charging cord, is required per team. Dinner, beverages, and dessert will be provided upon return. Paid reservations are due by July 21. See Rick or Tammy Goodman if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

<u>SAVE THE DATE FOR A SOCK HOP!</u> Peace Married Couples Club is sponsoring a Sock Hop on Saturday, August 26, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., in the Peace gym. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Anyone 21 and over is invited to enjoy a night of fun, fellowship, music, and dancing. Please bring your own food and drink. Tickets will be available at the Commons counter beginning August 5. This is a "fun"raiser. All proceeds will benefit church related missions here at Peace. Watch the bulletin and newsletter for more details.

<u>SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST</u> is this Thursday, 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on Lindbergh Blvd. We hope you can join us!

<u>LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SUPPORT GREEN PARK LUTHERAN SCHOOL?</u> See the poster on the Commons bulletin board for annual sponsorship opportunities. They appreciate our support!

### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9, 2023**

Sunday, July 9: 11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club

6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play

Monday, July 10: 6:00pm – Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal

Tuesday, July 11: 9:00am – Quilters

9:00am – Refit Exercise

5:00pm – Ladies Club Board Meeting 7:00pm – Eagle Scout Board of Review

Wednesday, July 12: 7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Thursday, July 13: 9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast

Sunday, July 16: 6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Packets are available on the Commons counter which include a copy of Peace's Constitution (which is NOT changing), our current by-laws, and the proposed by-laws. Please take a copy for review. Meetings will be held in August to go over feedback from congregants. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of these proposed changes.



# REGISTER NOW! Sunday, September 17 Acorns Golf Links Waterloo, Illinois

Sponsorships, Tickets, and Information can be found at: https://greenparklutheranschool.org/2023golf/