

**For where two or three
gather in my name,
there I am with them.**

Mathew 18:20, NIV

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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DIVINE SERVICES

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

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Sue Velten, Director of Early Childhood

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

P = Pastor

***** = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 605 Father Welcomes

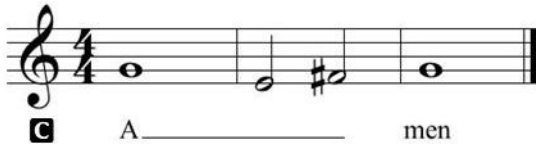
Refrain

Fa - ther wel-comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly
through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,
Life for - ev - er has been won.
1 Lit - tle chil-dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly
is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Refrain
Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

*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.



*Baptism (10:30)

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*Opening Sentences

Psalm 65:1–4

P Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion,

C And to You shall vows be performed.

P O You who hears prayer, to You shall all flesh come.

C When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.

P Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!

C We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!

*Confession

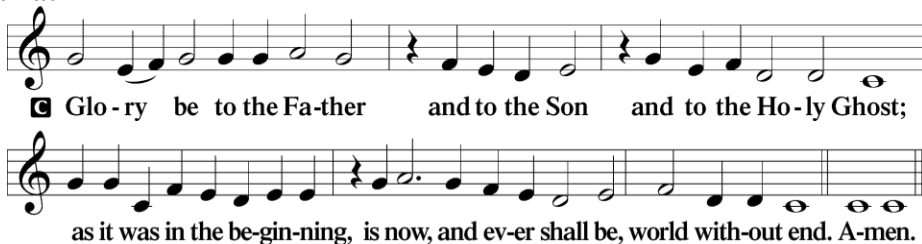
P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

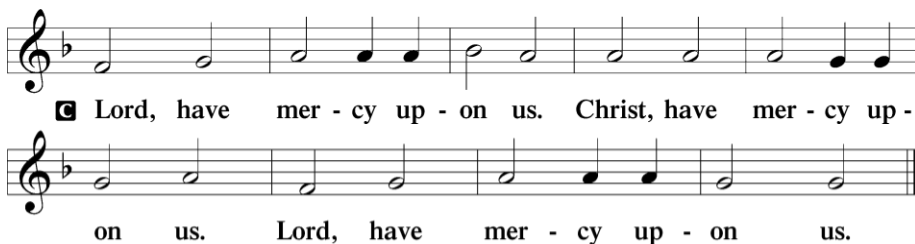
*Absolution



*Gloria Patri



*Kyrrie



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Gloria in Excelsis



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7–9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear

of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,⁴ for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.⁵ Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.⁶ For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.⁷ Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Alleluia**



***Holy Gospel**

Matthew 18:1–20

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



¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"²And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them³and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

⁵"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire.⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sue Velten, Early Childhood Director

*Creedal Hymn

LSB 953 We All Believe in One True God



- 1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
- 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
- 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en - folds, All cre - a - tion He up - holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering *Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate*

***Offertory**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

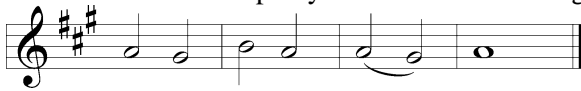
Bible Presentation (10:30)

Prayer of the Church**Lord’s Prayer**

C 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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 920 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go



1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;
5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring;
King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;
Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim
That in His Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,
Christ's truth in love that we may be
Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores



Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.
True peace, true love to all man - kind.

*Silent Prayer

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

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: M. Thiel/A. Hopfer/W. Schuessler

Elders: 5:00: Rich Behnke, Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Rick Goodman, Bob Uthoff;
9:20: Mark Maloy, Steve Shawcross; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Bob Wolff

Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Jakob Beutelmann, Greg Hard, Stephen Schultz, Todd Wessling, Ralph Wolters; 8:00: Barry Hammon, Aidan Furgeson, Ian Furgeson, Alex Jeffcott, Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Peter Simpson, Mike Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jacob Schweiss; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews, Dave Carlson, Joseph Kreidler, Mark Maloy, Brett Santiago, Joe Santiago, Mike Yaeger

Acolytes: 8:00: Bryce Chitwood, Brock Orf; 10:30: Erick Jacobsmeyer, Kaleb VanDenBerg

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeier

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

BIBLES FOR 3-YEAR-OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS are being given out today, Sunday, September 10, during the 10:30 service. A parent meeting for the 3-year-olds will be held during the 9:15 a.m. Bible Class hour. The 3rd graders and their parents will have an “All About the Bible” class at 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

A SIX-WEEK NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINS next Sunday, September 17, noon to 1:30 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Lunch provided each week. To register, please visit our website or the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the gym. Questions? Contact the church office.

BAPTISM CLASSES will be offered next Sunday, September 17 and Sunday, November 12. If you are planning a baptism in the next few months, please sign up by visiting our website and clicking on “Sign-Up For Baptism Class” on the home screen.

VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY is scheduled for tomorrow night, Monday, September 11. We will be voting on the adoption of the proposed by-laws at that meeting. Your participation and involvement are very important. If the proposed by-laws are approved, we will then vote on a slate of Church Council participants.

THE PROPOSED BY-LAWS AND SLATE OF CANDIDATES are available on the Commons counter. Please take one in preparation for tomorrow evening’s meeting.

LADIES CLUB will not be meeting at church in September as the event planned is an outing to Stages Theater to see a live show. If you would like more information or to join the outing please contact our event coordinator, Katie Uthoff for details and information at ka2121@msn.com.

COLLEGE STUDENTS – WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS If you are attending college, please give your address to the church office so we can stay in contact with you throughout the year. Thanks!

PINOCHLE CLUB is looking for two new teams (each team consists of two people) to join their double-deck, round-robin pinochle club. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Dick Smith.

THE LANCERS ARE BACK ON THE LINKS! Join alumni, parents, and friends as Lutheran South hosts the inaugural LuSo Open on Monday, October 9, at the Missouri Bluffs Golf Club in St. Charles. Entry is \$125 per person. Register at LSlancers.org/golf. Questions? See Laura Maschhoff.

THE ALASKA MISSION TEAM IS COLLECTING SUPPLIES and need bar soap and pony beads. Please place donations in the Alaska Mission box in the Commons. Thank you!

“STEPPING OUT IN FAITH” is a new exercise opportunity here at Peace beginning Friday, September 15, 8:00-9:00 a.m., and continuing each Monday and Friday through November 15. Each morning will begin with prayer before the walk begins in the church parking lot. For more information, contact Tony Cabanellas.

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST is this Thursday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. at Denny’s on Lindbergh. We hope you can join us!

EDUCATOR DEDICATION SERVICE will be Sunday, September 24, at all services. We will be recognizing Sunday School, Early Childhood, Green Park, Lutheran South, Public School, and College educators.

MEN’S CLUB IS LOOKING FOR DONATIONS of rags and old towels for the upcoming Sausage Dinner on Sunday, October 15. Please bring any donations to the church office. Thank you!

CONCERTS AT PEACE PRESENTS A FREE CONCERT presented by Cathedral Concerts this Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy a program of Chamber Music with players Jennifer Mazzoni, flute and Matthew Mazzoni, piano; from the St. Louis Symphony Kristin Ahlstrom, violin; Shannon Farrell Williams, viola; Bjorn Ranheim, cello. The program will include works by W. A. Mozart and J. Brahms among others. Invite your family and friends to join us!

THE CHIMES OF PEACE is Peace’s youngest handbell group. Students in grades 3 - 8 are invited to participate. They rehearse and provide music in worship as selections are prepared. No musical or handbell experience is necessary. A minimum of ten youth are needed for this ensemble. First Fall Rehearsal: Monday, September 25, at 5:00 p.m. (note date change). If your child is interested, please contact Burnell Hackman at burnell@peacestlmusic.org or (314)892-5610 to register.

LWML SUNDAY AT PEACE IS OCTOBER 8 The 40th Biennial LWML convention this past June selected 31 mission grants from 45 grant proposals; among those were Orphan Grain Train, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch, Lutheran Braille Workers, and 28 others for a total mission goal of \$2.35 million for the 2023-2025 biennium.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

- Sunday, September 10: 11:30am – “All About the Bible” Class
11:30am – Life Ministry Book Club
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, September 11: 3:30pm – GP Volleyball
5:00pm – Chimes of Peace Rehearsal
6:00pm – Council
7:00pm – Voters’ Assembly
- Tuesday, September 12: 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise
3:30pm – GP Volleyball
7:00pm – Boy Scout Eagle Review
7:00pm – Cathedral Concerts – Chamber Concert
- Wednesday, September 13: 11:15am – Preschool Chapel
4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
6:30pm – High School Youth Group
7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study
7:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Thursday, September 14: 9:00am – Mary/Martha Bible Study
9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast
3:30pm – GP Volleyball
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
- Friday, September 15: 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith
3:30pm – GP Volleyball
- Sunday, September 17: 9:15am – Baptism Class
12:00am – New Member Class
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play