

WELCOME

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SAT. JULY 1 / SUN. JULY 2, 2023



“PEACE IN THE WORLD”

AS WE GATHER

Peace in our time would be a wonderful thing to experience, as countless things in life are anything but peaceful. From our stresses and circumstances to the sins that surround us and others, can peace ever be attained? It is not from lack of trying. Politicians attempt to create and even make promises of peace, relationships that were strained can become mended, and turmoil can be overcome at times. But does it last? We know in this world it doesn't, but there is a peace that does last. Jeremiah is inspired to speak of false peace among his people, but only the Lord can truly bring it. As the Paul writes about the anything-but-peaceful lives of sin, we are reminded of peace that only comes from God's forgiveness in Christ. Even as Jesus speaks of the sword He comes to bring, it doesn't bring "peace on earth." As we hear God's Word, may we be drawn today and always to a peace that is beyond our understanding come by and through Christ's victory for us as we await eternal joys in Him.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN "Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs"
LSB 812

**1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
But all their joys are one.**

**2. “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,
“For He was slain for us!”**

**3. Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever Thine.**

**4. Let all creation join in one
To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne
And to adore the Lamb.**

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Rev. 5:6–14; Ps. 95:1–2**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Matthew 10:39–40*

Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ speaks in today's Gospel,
"Whoever finds his life will lose it,
People: and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Pastor: "Whoever receives you receives Me,
People: and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: 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.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a

called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

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Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB 791, St. 1 & 5)

**All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as we follow You, You call for devotion to Your kingdom apart from the things of this world. Even as the sword of truth divides, help us to know lasting peace and find fulfillment and forgiveness in You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 28:5–9 (Prophets and peace)*

⁵ Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷ Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 7:1–13 (Released from the Law and bound to Christ)*

⁷ Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

⁷ What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸ But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹ I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰ The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹ For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹² So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

(LSB p. 205)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 10:34–42 (Division when following Christ)*

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ “Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one

who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴² And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842

**1. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory,
For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity,
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**2. As You, Lord, have lived for others,
So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted;
Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver,
Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty
Held in solemn trust will be.**

**3. Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion,**

**Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling,
By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**4. Son of God, eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing
That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth Your will be done.**

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IN BABILONE 87 87 D 1 Peter 1:20–23; Heb. 7:25; John 13:34–35; 17:20–21**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was

crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Assured of the peace not only spoken through Your Word, but through Your cross, tomb, and rising, You have brought peace for our souls now and our lives eternally. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS “Sing Holy, Holy, Holy” (*Tune: LSB 644*)

**Sing holy, holy, holy
To Christ, the Lord of might.
His power and His glory
Fill earth and heav’n with light.
His merciful endeavor
Invokes our praising cries.
For we will dwell forever
With Him when we arise.**

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

(LSB page 163)

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

+DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION+

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- are baptized and confirmed*
- believe Christ's words*
- repent of their sins*
- fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“When Peace, Like a River”

LSB 763

**1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.**

**It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**3. He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul.**

**It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

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IT IS WELL 11 8 11 9 and refrain Is. 26:3; Luke 2:29; Rom. 5:1; Col. 3:15**

NUNC DIMITTIS

(LSB page 211)

**O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that as on this earth Your sword divides, through this Means of Grace You have made us one and given us peace. Grant in our jobs, vocations, relationships, and daily lives that we may live the truth of Your Word that has come to our ears and touched our lips in Christ, the Word made flesh. As Your forgiven people, strengthen us by this Sacrament that we may be one in faith and may love You, the one true God, with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we follow You; for You live and reign as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: As we follow our Lord, and as we with joy go to the jobs
He would have us do, the Lord goes with you.

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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

LSB 918

**1. Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell’s destruction,**

**Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series Quarter 3.
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- **CAR SHOW:** Hope's 22nd annual Car Show will be held next Saturday, July 8. We would appreciate your help on that day and with setup next Friday, July 7, at 2:00.
- **HELP IS NEEDED:** Additional Ushers and Sunday Fellowship assistants are needed. See Dick Cooke if you can help.
- **PLASTIC RECYCLING:** Hope is collecting clean plastic bags of all types by the mailboxes. When we reach our goal, we will receive a free park bench. Any questions, please see Mary Ann.
- **SHARING CENTER:** The Sharing Center appreciates our volunteers and donations. Since school is out, we are now focusing on "kid-friendly" foods. In particular, peanut

butter, jelly, pudding/jello/fruit snack packs, microwavable pull-tab soups/chili and other healthy snacks are needed. There is still a great need of Summer clothing for children (birth through teen) and light-weight blankets.

- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**
- **Preacher: Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald**
- **Liturgist (Sun.): Rev. Maurice Lind, Pastor Emeritus**
- **Sat. Organist: Lina Schaal**
- **Sun. Organist: Gail Feick**
- **Choir Director: Gail Feick**
- **Ensemble Coordinator: Tabra Gomski**
- **A/V Team: Stan & Cheryl Grey, Josh Walton, Brian & Amanda Larie**

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY

Reader: Amanda Siemers
Communion: Gary Schaetten
Acolyte: Maddie Herrera
Ushers: Sue Robinson & Gary Schaetten
Fellowship: Peggy Tueting

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Rev. Maurice Lind
Communion: Gary Schaetten
Acolyte: Emma Pferdmenges
Ushers: Mike & Tabra Gomski
Fellowship: Tami Voigt

BIRTHDAYS

7/3	Justin Wilks
7/5	Joules Tonkinson
7/7	Marie Tonkinson

Opportunities to Serve the Lord This Week **7/3/23 – 7/9/23**

Wednesday: 5:30pm Confirmation Class

Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast
9:30am Elders' Meeting

Friday: 2:00pm Car Show Setup

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service
1pm-5pm Car Show

Sunday: 9:00am Worship Service
With Alleluia Brass
10:20am Bible Study "Book of Acts"