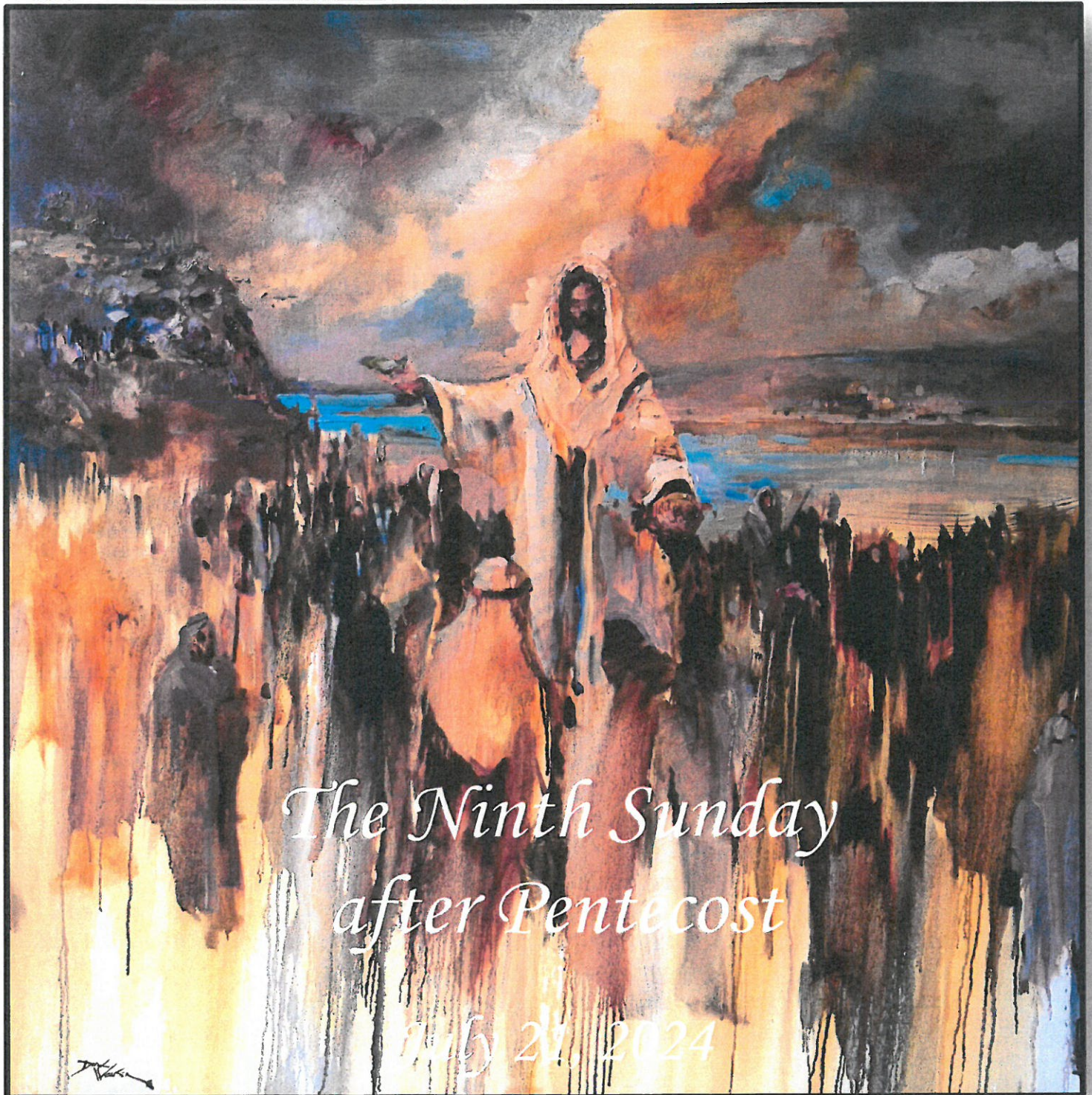


Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday School 9:15 AM Sunday Divine Service 10:30 AM



*The Ninth Sunday
after Pentecost*

July 21, 2024

The Lord Jesus Shepherds His Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes “the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold and sets “shepherds over them who will care for them” (Jer. 23:3–4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “reign as king and deal wisely” (Jer. 23:5). He is “our righteousness,” in whom we “dwell securely” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach us many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “to set before the people” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “to you who were far off,” and “by the blood of Christ,” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “separated from Christ” by your sin, “having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12), now “you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (Eph. 2:19).

REMEMBERING YOUR BAPTISM

(For Children and Adult Alike)

It is in and through our baptism into Christ Jesus that we have been made children of God and made members of the Body of Christ, the Church. The font at the entrance of the nave reminds us of this gift and grace of God. As part of your own spiritual discipline you might remember your baptism as you enter in to worship God, who has brought you from death to life in his Son, Jesus Christ; and then again as you leave, as a reminder that by His grace, you are called to love and serve the world in His name. Remembering your baptism is as easy as dipping your thumb in the water and making a cross on your forehead. Or alternately, by dipping your right middle finger into the water and making the cross by touching first your head, then lifting your finger from your head and touching your chest just below the sternum, then lifting your finger from your sternum to touch the left side of your chest, then lifting your finger from touching the left side of your chest to touch the right side of your chest.

In this simple gesture you’re reminded that in the living waters of baptism you were purchased with the very blood of Christ by which your sins were forgiven and you were granted life and salvation. St. Paul writes in Colossians:

In Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily...you have been filled in him... having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead...you were dead in your trespasses but God made you alive together with him, having forgiving you all your trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against you with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. (2:9-10)

Martin Luther said that there was no greater comfort on earth than one's baptism:

"We must boldly and without fear hold fast to our baptism, and set it high against all sins and terrors of conscience. We must humbly admit, 'I know full well that I cannot do a single thing that is pure. But I am baptized, and through my baptism God, who cannot lie, has bound himself in a covenant with me. He will not count my sin against me, but will slay it and blot it out.'" Luther's Works Vol. 35, page 36.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the †
Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *(Matthew 28:19b; [18:20])*

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with
a true heart and confess our sins to God the
Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord
Jesus to grant us forgiveness. *(Hebrews 10:22)*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord, *(Psalm 124:8)*

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to
the Lord. *(Psalm 32:5)*

C **and He forgave the iniquity of all my sin.**

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer,

C **we poor sinners confess to you
that we are by nature sinful and unclean
and that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed.
Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy,
seeking and imploring Your grace
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
O most merciful God,
who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us,
have mercy upon us
and for His sake
grant us remission of all our sins;
and by Your Holy Spirit
increase in us true knowledge of You
and of Your will
and true obedience to Your Word,
to the end that by Your grace
we may come to everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

P Upon this your confession and as a called
and ordained minister of the Church of
Christ, I announce the grace of God to all of
you, and in the stead and by the command
of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of
your sins in the name of the Father, and of
the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

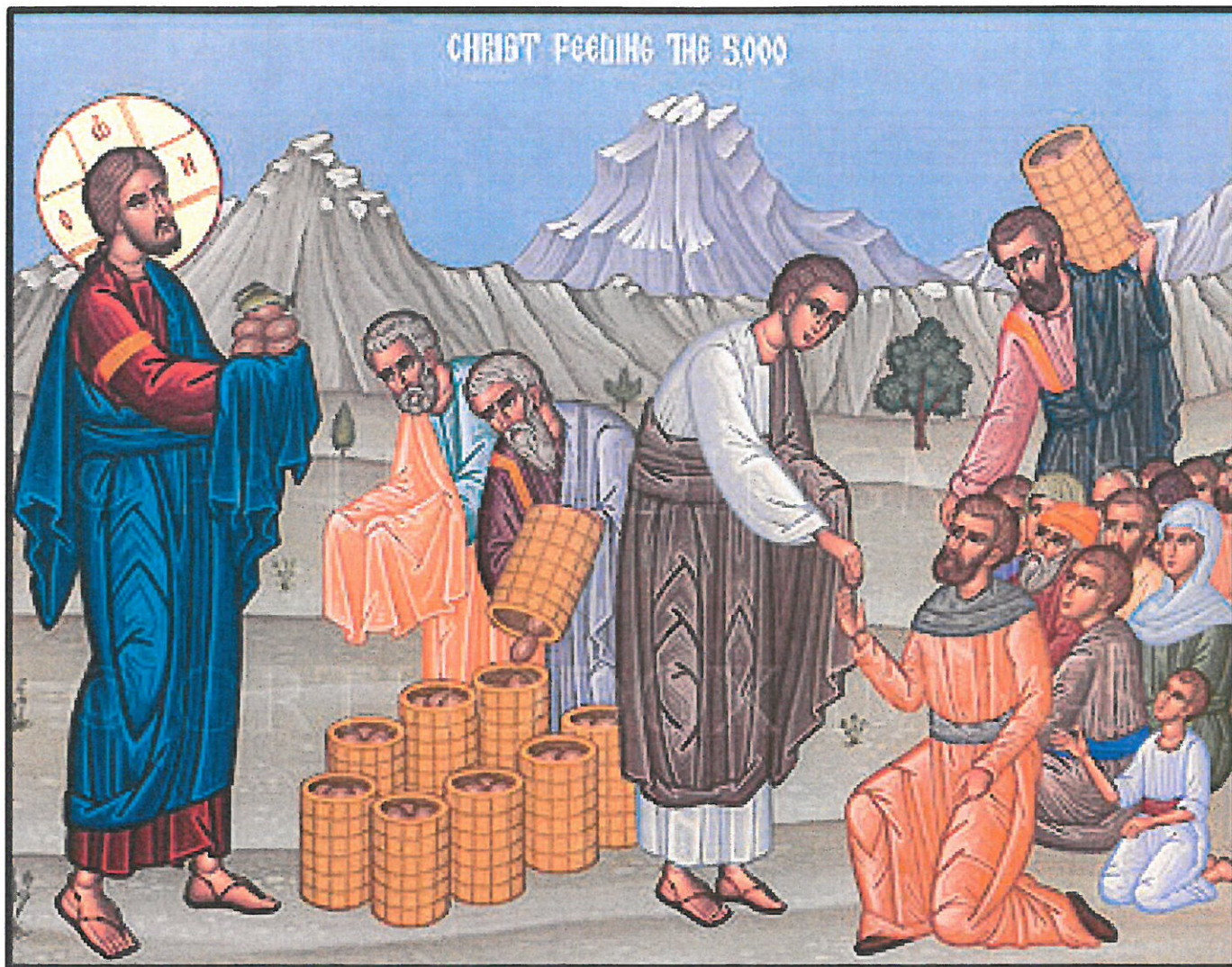
C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

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“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”

CHRIST FEEDING THE 5000



646a Church of God, Elect and Glorious

1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
 His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

Show to all His might - y deeds;
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care;
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;

Tell of love that knows no lim - its,
 And all find fresh hope and pur - pose
 That they too may know His wel - come
 Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice—

Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
 In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
 And His count - less bless - ings share.
 Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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ABBOT'S LEIGH
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1 Peter 2:9-10; Eph. 2:19-22; 5:8-10; Rev. 5:9-10

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

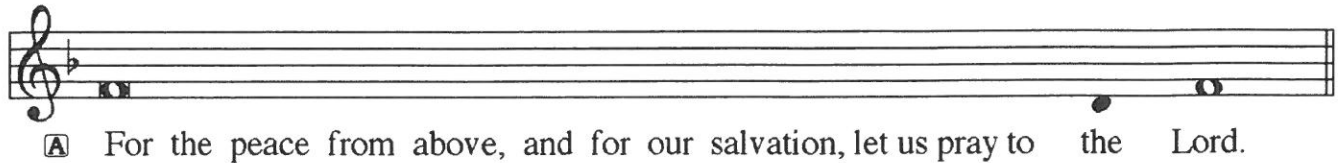
C And also with you.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)



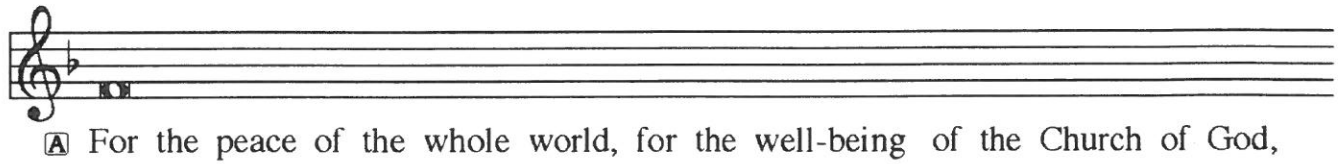
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



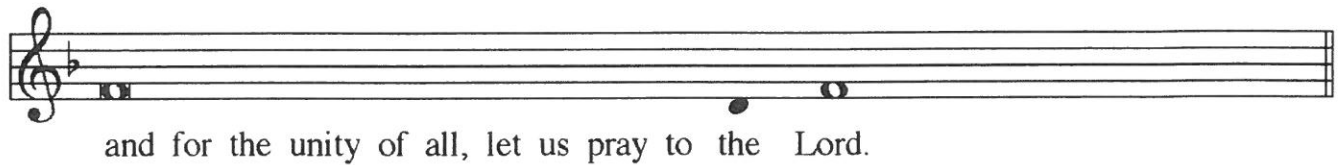
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



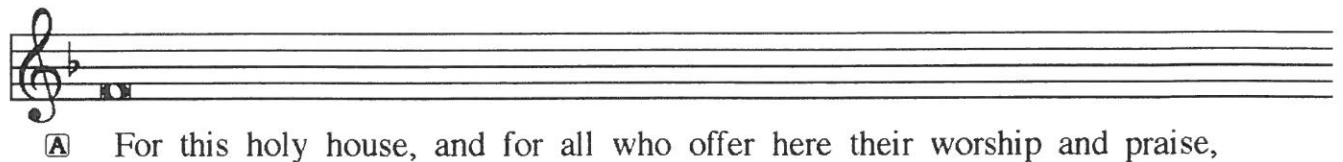
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



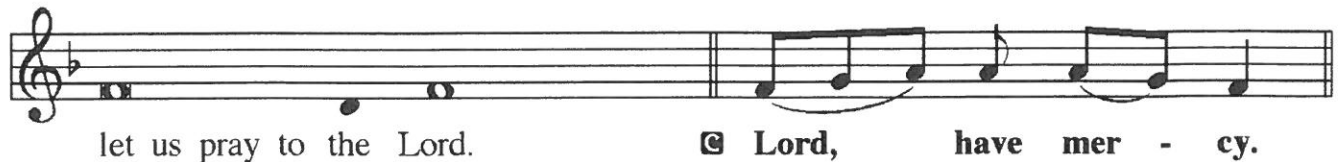
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** **A** - - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God...”

*(Luke 2:14; John 1:29, 36;
Romans 5:9-14; Ephesians 1:20-21)*



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. *(2 Timothy 4:22)*

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

HYMN

Now Listen, You Servants of God

General

Now lis-ten, you ser-vants of
God, and take his words to heart, for
this is the word of the Lord; hear it, re-
ceive it, and be-lieve it. How

rich are the depths of God, how deep his wis - dom and
 knowl - edge; to him be glo - ry for - ev -
 er, our source, our guide, our goal.

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FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 bce. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD.³ Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.⁴ I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

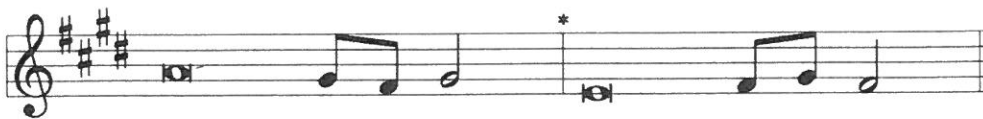
The psalm will be sung responsively by whole verse with the congregation singing the verses in bold type. The psalm antiphon will be sung before and after the singing of the psalm and wherever the “R” refrain mark appears at the end of a verse.

Antiphon



The LORD is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm tone



¹The LORD | is my shepherd;*
I shall not | be in want.

²**He makes me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³He re- | vives my soul*
and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:11–22

The author of this letter is reminding his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(The congregation will sing the refrain, followed by the cantor singing the verse, then followed by the congregation singing the refrain.)

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse:

Alleluia. My word shall accomplish that | which I purpose,*
and succeed in the thing for | which I sent it. *Alleluia.* (Isa. 55:11)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL:

Mark 6:30-44

When Jesus sent his disciples out to teach and heal, they ministered among large numbers of people. Their work was motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰ The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵ And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶ Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸ And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹ And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³ And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴ And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Next page

"All Who Hunger, Gladly Gather"

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er - strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel - come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Or, He descended to the dead.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

(Each prayer petition ends with the words, "Let us pray to the Lord." and the congregation responds with the words "Lord, have mercy.")

THE PEACE

(Matthew 5:22-24; John 20:19-20; Ephesians 4:1-3)

**P Christ is our peace, for he has broken down the dividing wall between us,
reconciling us to God in one body through the cross. (Eph. 2:14,16)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C **receive the labor of our hands -
these gifts of time, talent, treasure, bread, and wine -
along with the offering of our lives.
Nourish us with the life of your Son,
that we might be his body in the world,
making known your abundant mercy
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

SANCTUS

"Holy, holy, holy..."

(Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



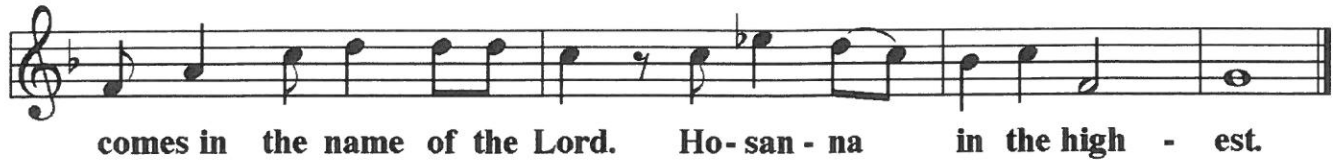
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav- en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24;
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

P We praise and thank you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In giving your only begotten Son for the sins of the world
you revealed your mercy to us,
promising that whoever believes in him will not perish,
but will be given life and salvation.

We give thanks for this grace and redemption
prepared for us in Jesus Christ.
Let your Holy Spirit breathe peace among us
that our hearts may be enlightened with a living faith.

By that same Spirit now bless this bread and wine,
which earth has given
and human hands have made.

We offer these gifts to you,
that through them we may receive the true body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat of this Bread of Life
and share this cup of blessing,
we proclaim His death
until He comes in power and great glory.

C **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

P Therefore, heavenly Father,
 we celebrate this holy communion,
 remembering before you the passion and death,
 the resurrection and ascension of your dear Son.

Remember, O Lord, in your great love
the perfect and eternal sacrifice
through which, in Christ,
you have reconciled us with yourself.

Unite us in one body,
that we may be a perfect living sacrifice in Christ.

C **Through Him, with Him, and in Him,**
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,
 now and forever. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

P Because in Christ we have received the Spirit of adoption,
 as sons and daughters of God, we dare to pray:

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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (*John 6:35*)

C **Lord, give us this bread always.** (*John 6:34*)

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

(All those who have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion, are welcome to come forward to the Lord's Table at his invitation regardless of your denominational affiliation. Lutherans hold to concomitance, which is the belief that the fullness of the gifts and benefits that God promises in the sacraments are fully present in bread and wine. If for any reason you cannot partake of one of the elements in the sacrament due to illness, allergy, medication, etc., please know that the fullness of the gift is found in the other.)

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God...."

(John 1:29)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

(sung 3 times - top line only)

Eat This Bread
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You and that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled to constantly serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

(2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1)

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Bless we the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord's face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look upon you with favor
and give you peace.

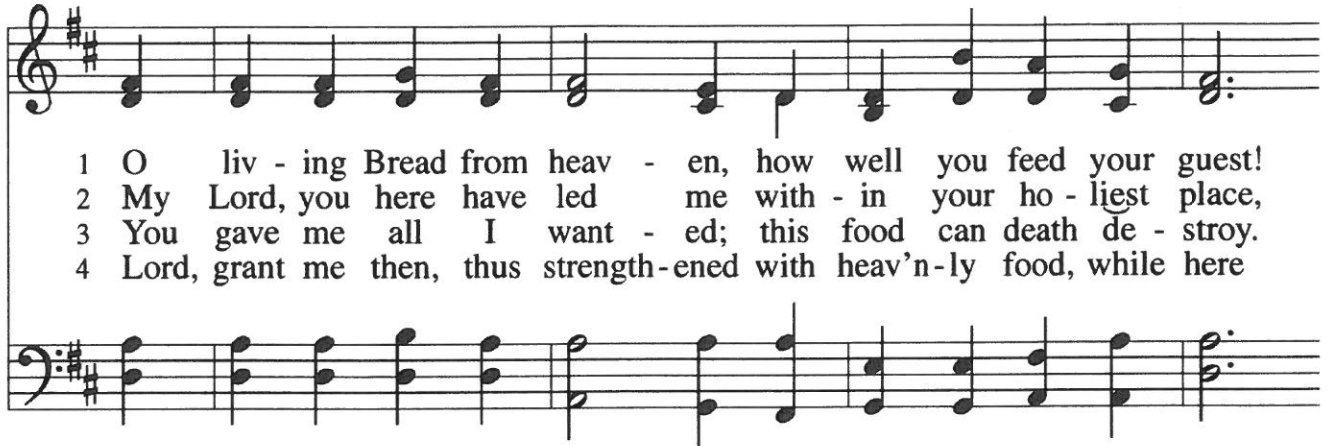
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Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

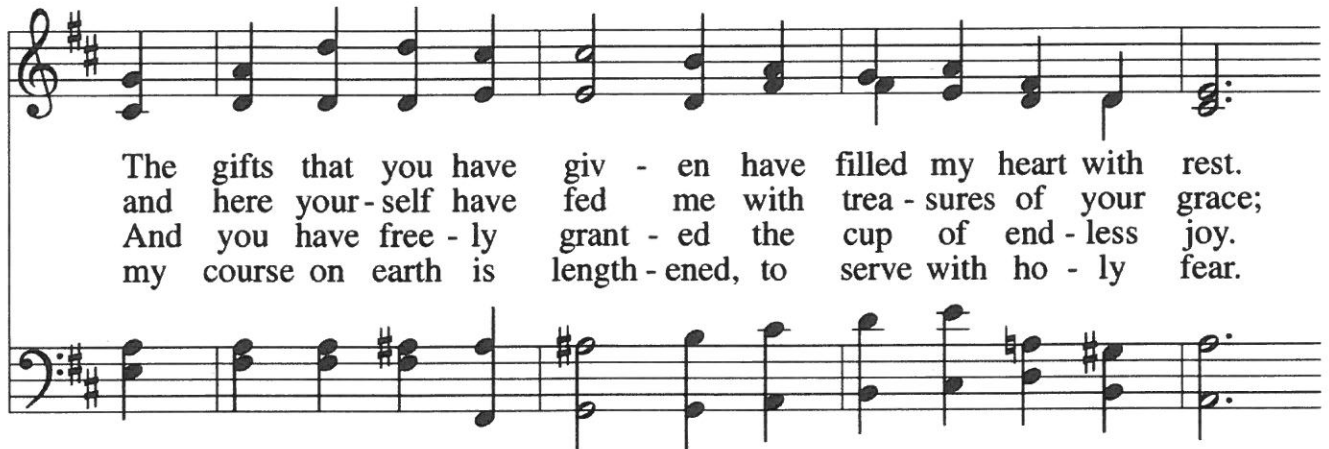
C Amen.

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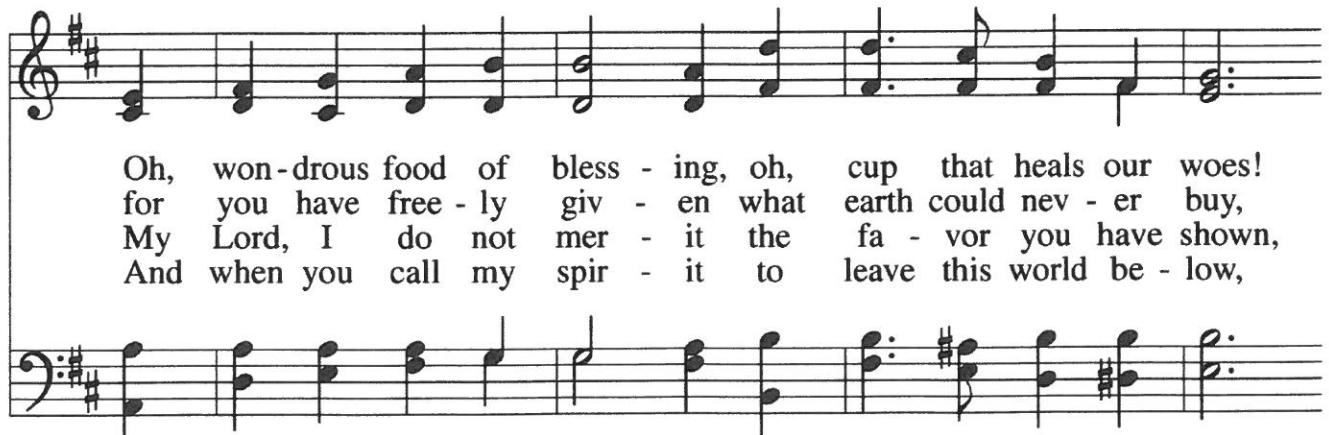
“O Living Bread from Heaven”



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.



Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

DISMISSAL

P There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
 Go in the bond of peace, to love and serve
 the Lord. (*Ephesians 4:5,2*)

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Custodian	Bob Lundy

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday - July 22, 2024

Mary Magdalene, Apostle

Mary of Magdala, called “the apostle to the Apostles” by Bernard of Clairvaux, carried the news of the resurrection to the Twelve. Whenever the Gospels list the women who were with Jesus, Mary Magdalene is listed first (John 19:25 is the sole exception), perhaps because she was the first to see the risen Jesus. Luke 8:2 reports that Jesus had cured her of possession by seven demons. She has often in the West, but not in the East, been identified with the repentant “woman of the city” who anointed Jesus’ feet as he sat at the table in the Pharisee’s home (Luke 7:36-50), and her title on the medieval calendar was “Penitent”. There has been no one else with this title. There is, however, no biblical basis for this identification of Mary with the repentant prostitute. Nor is she to be identified with Mary of Bethany (John 12:3), an identification common in the Western church since the 6th century, although it is rejected in the East. According to the Gospels, “the holy myrrh-bearer and equal of the Apostles, Mary Magdalene,” as her title in the Eastern Church describes her, is the primary witness of the fundamental facts of the Christian proclamation: she was the death of Jesus, she saw his burial, she saw his first resurrection appearance. Her commemoration on July 22nd is observed in both East and West, and especially since the 12th century, she has been one of the most widely commemorated women in Christendom. Her witness contrasts to that of the apostles, who, at Jesus’ crucifixion, “all deserted him and fled.” (Matt. 26:56)

Tuesday - July 23, 2024

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373

Birgitta was born in 1303, the daughter of the chief judge or governor of the province of Upland in Sweden. On several occasions in her childhood, Birgitta had dreams of Christ crucified and of Mary his mother. Her own mother died when Birgitta was twelve. At age thirteen Birgitta was married to Ulf Gundarsson, the young son of the lawman of West Gothland. The marriage was a happy one. They had four sons and four daughter, one of whom, Katarina was venerated as St. Katherine of Vadstena (died 1381). About 1335, Birgitta, who by virtue of her father’s and her husband’s positions moved in the highest circles of the realm, was called to be the principal lady-in-waiting to the newly married queen of Sweden, Blanche of Namur. At the court, Lady Birgitta became known for her remarkable dreams and her strong denunciation of wickedness in court life. Such fearless denunciation was typical of Birgitta’s actions throughout her life in dealing with high officials in church and state. After the death of her youngest son, Birgitta began a series of pilgrimages from 1341-1342. After her husband’s death in 1344, Birgitta began to live a more ascetic life, her visions became stronger and more

dominant in her life, and she devoted more of her time and efforts to helping the needy of Sweden and later of Rome. She continued her criticisms and warning to kings and popes and tried to make peace between warring rulers. In 1351, Birgitta founded the Order of the Holy Savior, commonly called the Brigittines, centered on the monastery she started at Vadstena in Sweden in accordance with the instructions she had received in a vision. The order consisted of monks and nuns, governed by an abbess. St. Birgitta is best known for her *Revelations*, which are still read throughout Western Christendom. The *Revelations* concern chiefly the sufferings of the Savior and judgments on persons and events. A journey to the Holy Land by Birgitta and three of her children in May of 1371. Shortly after her return from Rome in 1373, she died. The Society of St. Birgitta, founded in 1920, is composed of clergy and laity within the Church of Sweden inspired by her life and *Revelations*, and who seek more frequent celebration of the Eucharist, observance of daily prayer, biblical preaching and teaching in accord with the creeds of the Church.

Thursday - July 25, 2024
James, Apostle

James the Elder or the Great was born in Galilee and was, like his father Zebedee and his brother John and the Apostle Peter and Andrew, a fisherman. He is believed to have been older than his brother, hence his title “the elder”. Shortly after calling Andrew and Peter from their fishing to be disciples, Jesus saw the sons of Zebedee in a boat with their father, mending nets. He called them, and they left their father and followed him. James and his brother were called Boanerges, “sons of thunder” (Mark 3:17), presumably because of their impetuous spirit and flashing temper. (Luke 9:49, 54; Mark 10:37) Incidents in St. James’s life are recorded in all four Gospels and in the book of Acts. As a member with Peter and John of the privileged “inner circle” of disciples, John witnessed the cure of Peter’s mother –in-law (Lk 4:38-39) and the raising of the daughter of Jairus (Mk 5:37), and was with Jesus at the Transfiguration and at his suffering in Gethsemane on the night of his arrest. James was apparently an active leader in the early church, although there is no reliable information on where he preached or what he did. He was the first of the apostles to die a martyr’s death and the only apostle whose death is recorded in the Bible. He was beheaded by Herod Agrippa I (Acts 12:2) just before Passover in 43 or 44.

Serving God's People for Sunday - July 21, 2024

Altar Server	Open
Altar Care	Olivia Bean and Jane Sargeant
Greeters	Ben and Erica Buehner; Ellie and Bennett
Coffee Fellowship	Open
Communion Assistants	Nancy Kinder and Ian Kinder
Lector	Nancy Kinder
Nursery	Open
Organist	Lil Hays
Ushers	N/A

Serving God's People for Sunday - July 28, 2024

Altar Server	Open
Altar Care	Olivia Bean and Jane Sargeant
Greeters	Timothy Buehner
Coffee Fellowship	Open
Communion Assistants	Phil Kinder and Dan Richardson
Lector	Gayle Lenge
Nursery	Open
Organist	Lil Hays
Ushers	N/A

This Week at Peace Lutheran Church

Sunday - July 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sunday School for all ages @ 9:15 AM. *Divine Service @ 10:30 AM in the nave. *Community Meal @ 4:00 - 6:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church located at 700 North Central Ave. in Connersville.
Monday - July 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Boy Scouts @ 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall.
Thursday - July 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Book Study / Discussion: Strange New World @ 7:00 PM in the conference room.
Sunday - July 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sunday School for all ages @ 9:15AM. *Divine Service @ 10:30 AM in the nave. *Movie Night: The Chosen (Episodes 5 and 6) from 6:00-8:30 PM in the fellowship hall

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER: God’s ministry in and through Christ still occurs in and through the members of Peace even while any one of us may be taking a Sunday off to attend to other business or recreating. Utilities still need to be paid and upkeep on the building ensues. Please remember to give of your time, talent, and treasure while you are vacationing, so the work of the church and the upkeep to the building doesn’t slow down. Don’t forget, you always have the ability to make contributions and gifts online by simply going to Peace’s website: www.peacelutheranconnersville.org. On the menu bar for the website, click on the tab that says Tithes and Offerings and then click on the little icon of the picture of Peace Lutheran Church. You’ll be taken to a secure website to tithe your offering or make a contribution. Thank you.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SUMMER DAY CAMP: There will be an evaluation meeting regarding our summer day camp experience in the conference room immediately after the service.

PRAYER CHAIN: This is just a reminder to check the prayer chain now and again and those for whom you've asked for prayer. If they can be taken off the prayer chain, please use the green card to let the office know.

COFFEE HOUR: If you would like to host the coffee on a Sunday following worship there is a sign-up sheet located on the bulletin board in the narthex. If dates are already filled for the month, keep checking back.

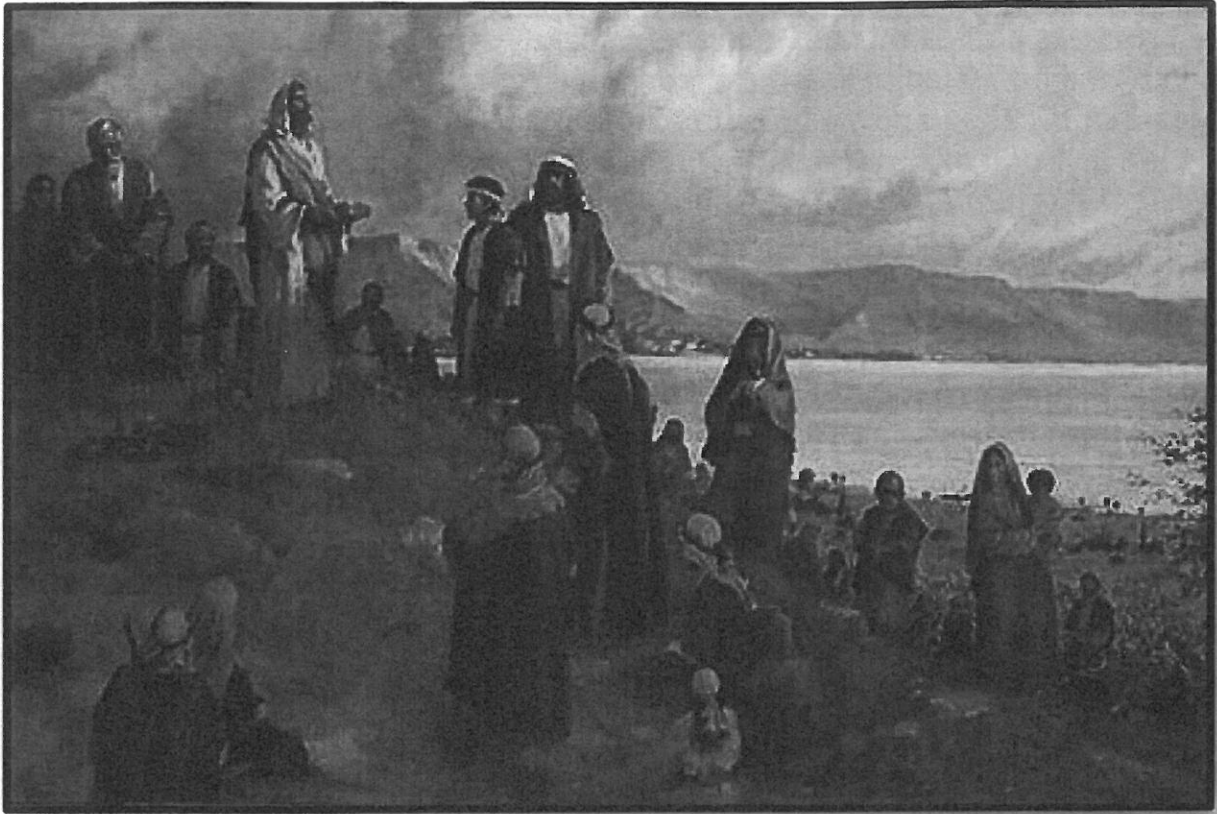
THE SALVATION ARMY IN CONNERSVILLE: The Salvation Army still operates in Connersville though not in its former building on Western Avenue. It now operates out of offices in the new Fayette County Social Services Hub on 24th St. Meals are no longer being served by what was once the Lord's Table. In 2016, The Salvation Army of Fayette County was reorganized and became a part of the Salvation Army Service Extension. As a Service Extension Unity, the Salvation Army of Fayette County is operated by volunteers who comprise a local Advisory Council. The Service Extension Advisory Council offers emergency short-term assistance for rent, utilities, food, and other needs. They also conduct the annual Red Kettle Campaign at Christmas as well as Angel Tree, Tools for Schools, and Community Care Programs.

MARY AND MARTHA QUILTERS: The Mary and Martha Quilters group has change the day and time they meet. They will meet on the **2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the classroom across from the kitchen.** The group quilts for the Hope Center and NALC Disaster Relief. Anyone is welcome to join the group. The quilts can be made at home if you can't attend the group in person on Fridays and there is quilting material available in the classroom across from the kitchen. If you have any questions, please speak with Tammy Buehner.

MIDWEEK SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER: No it's not Advent of Lent, just an opportunity to come together for a light meal. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to bring a soup, sandwich, or dessert for our mid-week meal. We'll have a midweek meal for **4 consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning on Wednesday, July 31st and ending on Wednesday, August 21st. Supper begins at 7:00 PM** with a service of Compline (Prayer at the Close of the Day) at 8:00 PM in the nave.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP RESUMES THIS FALL: Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) resumes classes this fall at Peace Lutheran Church. The classes for women will be conducted on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 PM starting on Tuesday, September 10, 2024 and will continue to meet weekly until May 6, 2024.** This year's study is The Book of Revelation: *For centuries, people have attempted to unlock the mysteries of Revelation. In Revelation: The Hope, we will discover that Jesus Christ is central to every prophecy, promise, and passage. Revelation gives us hope of a world made new by the redemption and restoration that Jesus offers today and for eternity.* The mission of Bible Study Fellowship is global, in-depth Bible classes producing passionate commitment to Christ, His Word and His Church. Studying the Lord's Word deeply with others who love Him is a life changing experience. All are welcome! Contact Margie Yeager (765-265-3208) to register for the study.





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Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church - a congregation of the



Christ-Centered, Mission-Driven, Traditionally-Grounded, Congregationally-Focused

A word to those visiting the congregation: Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church! We want you to know how important you are to God and to this congregation. Please help us learn who you are by signing the guest book in the narthex and or fill out one of the green member information cards located in the hymn rack in the pew and dropping it the offering plate.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: We celebrate communion weekly and on all festivals. ALL who are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion are welcome to receive the sacrament at the Lord's invitation regardless of your denominational affiliation. **Please indicate that you have communed by marking the appropriate box on the information card located in the hymnal rack.** At the appropriate time the ushers will direct to come forward for communion. You may kneel at the altar rail if you are able. As you commune, [1] receive the host (bread), [2] take a pre-filled glass of wine from the tray or drink from the chalice, and [3] if you have taken an individual glass of wine, place your empty glass in the tray. The benefits of the sacrament are the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. May God's grace fill you as you share in his supper!

Children's Worship Bulletin: There is a children's activity bulletin located on the credence table as you enter the nave. Please feel free to take one for your child.

Restrooms: The restrooms are located in the hallway off the fellowship hall and kitchen or the hallway just to the right of the nave and across from the nursery.

Nursery: Infants and children are welcome and expected in worship to participate as fully as they are able and to be instructed in the faith by their parents. However, if you and or your child is in need of a time out from the assembly, a staffed nursery is provided. The nursery is located just outside the door which is on the right hand side of the nave. A changing table is available in the nursery where the service is broadcast in its entirety.

Perfumes, Colognes, and Body Sprays: Please be considerate of other worshippers with allergic sensitivities when wearing scented products at the service. If you are able to get along without wearing those products on Sunday mornings this would help alleviate some peoples adverse medical reactions.

Worship and Hymnals: The order for worship is printed in the bulletin for each Sunday. The congregation responds with words written in bold type face and designated by the letter "C" for congregation. There are two hymnals used for congregation singing: The blue "With One Voice" (WOV) hymnal or the green "Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW) hymnal.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

Prayer Concerns: Rev. Pari Bailey; Elizabeth Barry; Daryl Boggs; Rev. Rodney Eberhardt; Theo Early; Molly Fairchild; Eric Frye; Theo Hicks; Jackie Holtel; Amy Nichols; Bonnie Ochiltree; Phyllis Reinke; Rev. Dr. Amy Schiffrin; Matt Steele; Kirk Weeks; Gary Winstead.

First Responders and Military: Clint Allen; Robert Beeler; Timothy Buehner; Corey Eggers; Bryan Haldeman; Kevin Harris; Simon Hwang; Caleb Jones; A. J. Larracque; Kevin Perry; Matt Rogers; Alex Sasher; Michael Spivey; Christopher Tanksley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH (NALC) NEWSLETTER: The newest edition of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) newsletter (**MAY**) is now available. In this issue of the NALC newsletter: Nominations announced for positions to be elected at 2024 Mission Convocation; NALS president to step down; Trip to Ethiopia and Kenya; Pray for global workers; Photos from recent ordinations; Executive Council actions; Nathan Yoder installed as director of Lutheran Studies at Gordon-Conwell Seminary; NALC Disaster Response Retreat Center dedicated; Word and Witness: NALC young adult inner-city mission event; Dr. David Luy of NALS to speak at Pro-Ecclesia Conference; Neeraj and Nijhar: Mobilizing prayers and serving for the blessing of nations; Lutheran Week at NALS seminary center. The newsletter of the NALC is available on the bulletin board in the narthex. Help yourself to a copy.

LUTHERAN CORE NEWSLETTER: The latest edition (**JULY**) of CORE Voice, the newsletter of Lutheran CORE, is available on the bulletin board out in the narthex. Inside this edition are the following articles: Bp. Eaton on the root cause of antisemitism; The cure for tribalism; What does an escapee on the list of the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorists have to do with an ELCA pastor?; The importance of God as Father; Are you ghosting Jesus?; The making of missional disciples; A pro-life ministry with a 100% success rate; A video book review on what the ELCA will be teaching at this month's youth gathering; A review of a Spurgeon biography; Coming Events. Please help yourself to a copy of the newsletter.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS: The **JULY - SEPTEMBER** edition of Portals of Prayer are available the long table in the narthex. Please help yourself to a copy.

NEW THURSDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY: The **Thursday Night Class meets from 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the fellowship hall/conference room, both in person and via Zoom.** The class is reading and discussing Strange New World by Carl R. Trueman. "How did the world arrive at its current, disorienting state of identity politics, and how should the church respond? Historian Carl R. Trueman shows how influences ranging from traditional institutions to technology and pornography moved modern culture toward an era of "expressive individualism." Investigating philosophies from the Romantics, Nietzsche, Marx, Wilde, Freud, and the New

Left, he outlines the history of Western thought to the distinctly sexual direction of present-day identity politics and explains the modern implications of these ideas on religion, free speech, and personal identity. For fans of Trueman's *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self, Strange New World* offers a more concise presentation and application of some of the most critical topics of our day." Carl R. Trueman (PhD, University of Aberdeen) is professor of biblical and religious studies at Grove City College. He is an esteemed church historian and previously served as the William E. Simon Fellow in Religion and Public Life at Princeton University. Trueman has authored or edited more than a dozen books, including *The Creedal Imperative*; *Luther on the Christian Life*; and *Histories and Fallacies*. Trueman is a member of The Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

If you would like a copy of the book the **cost is \$14.00**. **Please make the checks out to Peace Lutheran Church and on the memo line of the check write the word "BOOK STUDY"**. Please put your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex or call the church office at 765-825-7692. You may direct specific questions to Pastor Norm at normandew@gmail.com. Please feel free to read the book in advance of the class but we will be reading the book together in class.

SUNDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS: Our next day to serve the community meal will be **TODAY**. The menu is Taco Salad, watermelon, dessert, and drink. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex to bring items and or to help serve. Ten people are needed to serve the meals from **4:00 - 6:30 PM at First Presbyterian located at 700 N. Central Ave in Connersville**. On average the community meals on Sundays serves about 50 - 60 people. Please see Mari Dew, Nancy Weeks, Nancy Kinder, or Pastor Norm if you have any questions. Peace Lutheran is joined by members of First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, and St. Gabriel's Roman Catholic Church in providing this community meal for the needy in the community.

BIBLE STUDY - PAUL'S LETTERS: The adult study group that meets in the **conference room on Sunday from 9:15 - 10:15 AM** is studying the letters of St. Paul. The group is currently discussing Paul's first and second letter to the Church in Corinth written in 55 A.D. *"In this letter St. Paul exhorts the Corinthians to be one in faith and love, and to see to it that they learn well the chief thing, namely, that Christ is our salvation, the thing over which all reason and wisdom stumbles. However weak and immature Christians in the community broke up the unity of the doctrine and caused division among the believers until everyone wanted to be the expert and do the teaching and make whatever he pleased to be the gospel, the sacrament, and faith. In the meantime they let the main thing drop, namely that Christ is our salvation, righteousness, and redemption."* Study guide materials will be provided on a weekly basis using the Lighthouse Bible Study series from Concordia Publishing House. Please come for study and discussion when you are able on **Sundays from 9:15 - 10:15 AM in the conference room**. If you have any questions about the class or need materials, please speak with Mari Dew.

COME SEE “THE CHOSEN”: *“A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt, a troubled woman wrestling with real demons, a gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people, a religious leader struggling with his beliefs. See Jesus through the eyes of those who met him.”* If you haven’t seen it, you’ve perhaps heard of this streaming/television series made by Dallas Jenkins called “The Chosen”. The Chosen follows the lives of those who Jesus called to follow him. There are currently 4 of 7 seasons available. If you haven’t seen it (or would like to view it again), here is an opportunity to do so. **On the fourth Sunday of most months, for the next two years, we will gather and watch two episodes of The Chosen in Peace’s fellowship hall from 6:00 - 8:30 PM.** We will have some brief discussion following each 50+ minute episode. Bring a snack to share with the gathered group and a comfy chair to sit in if you prefer. Here is a breakdown of the schedule for Season 1 of The Chosen:

Sunday, July 28th: Episode 7 - “Invitations”
 Episode 8 - “I am He”

SEASON 2

Sunday, August 25th: Episode 1 - “Thunder”
 Episode 2 - “I Saw You”

Sunday, September 22nd: Episode 3 - “Matthew 4:24”
 Episode 4 - “The Perfect Opportunity”
 Episode 5 - “Spirit”

Sunday, October 27th: Episode 6- “Unlawful”
 Episode 7- “Reckoning”
 Episode 8- “Beyond Mountains”

This will end the second season and we will begin season 3 and 4 of The Chosen in January 2025 to end before December. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to hear the story about Jesus. This disclaimer is made at the start of the series and is reprinted here:

“The Chosen is based on true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added. However, all biblical and historical context and any artistic imagination are designed to support the truth and intention of the scriptures. Viewers are encouraged to read the gospels. The original names, locations, and phrases have been transliterated into English for anything spoken”