

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

“Our mission is to proclaim, learn, live and share God’s grace through Christ.”

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



AS WE GATHER—

In today's Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

Welcome Visitors!

We pray your time with us be blessed. We welcome each of you this day
in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Pastor Meier is eager to meet with each visitor. Please fill out the "Friendship Register" that is located in each pew and visit the Ministry Center located off the narthex and take a "Welcome" packet to learn more about Peace Lutheran Church.

Moms and Dads, if your young child becomes restless, feel free to use the nursery located off of the Narthex (the gathering space as you enter the church). It is a great resource to parents for staying connected to worship while they are attending to a young child's needs.

What we believe about Holy Communion

Our faith is not exclusive, but God says we should have unity in faith which communion expresses (see 1 Corinthians 10: 16-17). *Therefore, we kindly ask that those who are not confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation not commune with us today.* Thank you for respecting our position of love in this matter of pastoral care. If you would like to learn more about what we believe the Lord's Supper is based on God's Word, please speak to one of the pastors. *We welcome baptized adults and children to come to the communion rail to receive a baptismal blessing, if you so desire.* To indicate you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest or keep your hands folded when you come to the communion rail.

For those who are communing today: In order to receive the full blessing of the Sacrament, namely, the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, God's Word instructs that we each examine ourselves in our preparation to receive the Sacrament (see 1 Corinthians 11: 27-29). Ask yourself these questions:

1. Am I truly sorry (contrite) for my sins? (Psalm 50:17)
2. Do I truly believe that I am receiving the very body and blood of the resurrected Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine and, as a result, the forgiveness of sins?
3. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful life and be more obedient to Jesus, my Savior?

SERVING THE LORD THIS DAY:
PREACHER/LITURGIST: REV. BRUCE MEIER
ORGANIST: KRISTIN BONILLA

Welcome and Ringing of the Bell

✠ PREPARATION ✠

OPENING HYMN

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior
(Please Stand)

LSB 842

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

People: I will praise the LORD as long as I live.

Pastor: Blessed are those whose hope is in the LORD;

People: the LORD sets the prisoners free.

Pastor: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

People: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

Pastor: The LORD upholds the widow and the fatherless.

People: The LORD will reign forever!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father

and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

HYMN

729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB 729

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4–7a

4 Say to those who have an anxious heart,

“Be strong; fear not!

Behold, your God

will come with vengeance,

with the recompense of God.

He will come and save you.”

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then shall the lame man leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

For waters break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

In the haunt of jackals, where they lie down,

the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 2:1-10, 14-18

1My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

8If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it....

14What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please Stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:24–37

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

24 From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden.

25 But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." 30 And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please Be Seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

LBS 850

SERMON—"Grace & Mercy Triumphs Judgement" - *James 2:8-10, 12-18*

(Please Stand)

NICENE CREED

**People: 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might treat them with more thoughtfulness and care, serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, [*especially . . .*], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

People: Amen.

(Please Be Seated)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my

vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

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 at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

☐ 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come	<i>LSB 555</i>
622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared	<i>LSB 622</i>
637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	<i>LSB 637</i>

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

DEPARTING HYMN

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

LSB 924