

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 &  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**



## **AS WE GATHER—**

God’s grace is always abundant; it goes beyond the limits we might set. When seventy elders are supposed to report to Moses to help him, two remain in the camp. But the Spirit rests on them! In the Gospel, the disciples following Jesus on the way to Jerusalem complain. A non-disciple is able to cast out demons in His name! And Jesus tells them not to stop him. His grace even includes us despite our inability to do His will. Confident of our Lord’s return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. “Have salt in yourselves,” He says, “and be at peace with one another.”

## 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**

*SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 AM AND*

*2ND & 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:00 PM*

# RINGING OF BELLS AND WELCOME

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING HYMN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816

*(Please Stand)*

### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

### OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: **I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

Pastor: May my meditation be pleasing to Him,

People: **for I rejoice in the LORD.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We enjoy singing praises to God, but we truly need Him to look down on us in mercy. So often we fail to follow the directives for Christian living, which we will read about in today's Epistle. So James urges, "Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed." Let us ask God for grace and mercy.

*Silence for reflection.*

Pastor: James writes, "Be patient until the coming of the Lord. Do not grumble against one another, brothers Let your 'yes' be yes and your 'no' be no. Is anyone among you sick? Pray over him."

People: **We confess our impatience, our lack of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our words that do not always reflect the love You have for us. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. Heavenly Father, our only hope is in Your grace and mercy. Forgive us for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: God has cured our sickness of sin by sending His Son to die in our place. He values us and calms our fears, saying, "Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**People:** **may the LORD rejoice in His works. Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!**

✠ **WORD** ✠

**KYRIE**

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace from God and peace among our brothers and sisters in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For peace among all who seek to serve Christ and support His Church, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who gather here to be strengthened in faith and encouraged in service, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*LSB 802*

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray... Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit

**People:** **that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29*

4Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat!

5We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. 6But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

10Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. 11Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? 12Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? 13Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' 14I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. 15If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

16Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you..."

24So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

26Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 29But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **GRADUAL**

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

Lector: He will command His angels concerning you

**People: to guard you in all your ways.**

Lector: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

**People: and all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

## EPISTLE

*James 5:1–20*

1Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. 2Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. 3Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. 4Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

7Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. 8You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. 10As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. 11Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

12But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

13Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

19My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please Stand)*

## VERSE

*Mark 9:50b*

Pastor: Alleluia. Have salt in yourselves,

**People: and be at peace with one another. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

38John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

39But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40For the one who is not against us is for us. 41For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

42"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. 43And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. 44And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. 45And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 46'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' 47For everyone will be salted with fire. 48Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please Be Seated)*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB 850

**SERMON**—"I Want to be Salty" - Mark 9:38-50

*(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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole Christian Church and for all people in their various needs.

For the Church here and around the world, witnessing to the good news in Christ, that we see the worth within one another, the value our heavenly Father places on us, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and grant that nothing separate us from You and Your love for us in Christ.**

**Pastor:** For those who do not know Christ but support the work of the Church to meet people's physical, social, and spiritual needs, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and bless them according to Your abundant grace.**

**Pastor:** For people who serve in positions of governmental authority among the nations, for those who raise crops and tend herds, and for all who connect resources with the needs of their fellow citizens, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and give them joy in serving.**

**Pastor:** For all who struggle to put bread on the table and a roof over their families, those who face injustice and discrimination, and all who are denied human rights, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and give us hearts to help those in need.**

**Pastor:** For all near and dear to us who call out to God in their distress, [*including . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and bring about healing, comfort, and relief as fits Your gracious plans for them.**

**Pastor:** For ourselves, that we recognize the gifts God has placed among us by



which we may care for one another and our community, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and give us guidance and strength to serve in Your name.**

**Pastor:** Grant us, heavenly Father, that what we ask for in faith we may obtain through Your unfailing mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

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## OFFERING

*(Please Stand)*

## OFFERTORY



**C** 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 pres - ence of all His peo - ple, 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



**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.

### 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. He is the promised Second Adam, whose cross is a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, gracious God, we give glory 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.

**Pastor:** So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### 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.

*(Please Be Seated)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

*LSB 618*

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

*LSB 621*

*(Please Stand)*

## 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.

**Pastor:** 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 that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament,

**People:** **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 constantly to serve You;**

**Pastor:** 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

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## DEPARTING HYMN

"The Church's One Foundation"

*LSB 644*