



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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"Where the Love of Christ is Shared"

Visitors: Please introduce yourself to the Elders. We hope you will fill out one of our cards in the pew so we can be of service to you.

October 15, 2023

About the Cover: Paul experienced the seemingly insurmountable struggles of imprisonment, beatings, and persecution for proclaiming the Gospel. However, in the midst of this hardship, he knew he could hold fast to his confession because his strength was Christ. When it feels like we are barely holding on by our fingertips, we know that Christ is our strength. No obstacles to our faithfulness to Christ is insurmountable because Christ has already traveled up Mount Calvary and conquered for us.

Pentecost 20 October, 15, 2023

AS WE GATHER

Food is at the center of our lives—we either live to eat or eat to live, but we always eat. In the parable of our Lord this morning, we hear the kingdom of God compared to a wedding feast. When those invited proved to be unworthy, God called every kind of person from the highways and byways of life and equipped them with a wedding garment as well as an honored place at His table. This feast is the promise of Isaiah the prophet, the joyful refrain of the beloved Psalm 23, and the promise still given and kept by our Lord as we gather around His holy body and blood. But the Meal is not simply about the eating, but the food—Christ's flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sin. Because of this, it is the supper of our joy here on earth and the supper of our glory in heaven forevermore.

+ PREPARATION +

BOB 24 "Blessed Assurance"

INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 146:2; Isaiah 61:10

Pastor I will praise the LORD as long as I live; Congregation my soul shall exult in my God,

Pastor for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

Congregation He has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor

He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation Amen.

INTROIT

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

my soul shall exult in my God,

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

HYMN OF PRAISE "He Leadeth Me" (Back of Bulletin)

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

> Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces. and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save US.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 5a

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

³He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:4-13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and

seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

VERSE Revelation 22:17

Alleluia. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come." Let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:1–14

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Congregation Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ¹The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁶Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁶Go therefore to the main

roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

LSB 729 "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"

SERMON " Dressing for the Occasion" Matthew 22:1-14

CREED Nicene Creed

Congregation 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

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. 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.

In Your abundance, O Lord, You have supplied us with the rich food of the great feast in this blessed Eucharist and with the daily food that nourishes our bodies. Grant us grace so that we may receive these gifts with joy and respond with thanksgiving for the mighty acts by which Your Son has saved us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

In Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have hidden the secret of contentment and the peace that surpasses all understanding. Give us this peace always and help us to learn contentment and joy by abiding in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

In Your Church, dear Father, You have brought together all nations and united us in the confession of Christ and the fellowship of His gifts. Keep us from presuming our worthiness, and help us to depend upon Your grace and to proclaim the Lord's welcome to all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

In Your wisdom, O Lord, You have set apart those who lead the nations and warned them of Your judgment. Awaken faith within our leaders so that they may serve us faithfully in Your name, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and encourage us to use its freedom for the holy purposes of honoring You and serving our neighbor in need. Lord, in Your mercy, Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

In Your compassion, merciful Father, You behold the plight of all people, whether in the suffering of their bodies or in their troubled minds. Give to them healing and peace according to Your will, and comfort the grieving with Your promise of the resurrection and life to all who die in Christ, [especially . . .]. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

In the grace of this communion, O Lord, Your Son has given us an invitation and a place. Keep us from esteeming anything more important than this blessed Holy Communion in His body and blood, and fill us with repentance so that no sin may harm us as we approach His altar. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

In the mercies daily and richly supplied, O Lord, You have granted us all things needful for this body and this life and supplied us with an abundance with which to aid our neighbor in need. Receive also the tithes and offerings we bring before You in gratitude for all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

Pastor

Recalling the saints who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, we pray You, Father, to bring us at last with them into the joy of Your presence and into the blessed marriage feast of the Lamb, which knows no end. Help us to fight the good fight and keep the faith so that we may look forward with joy to the reunion with all those who have gone before through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom, and by whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

Congregation And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Congregation We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and proper 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 LSB 208

Congregation Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.

Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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.

Congregation Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 Hoody, 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 Holood, 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.

Congregation Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to

remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation 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. Congregation Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 210

Congregation 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

LSB 774 "Feed Thy Children"

LSB 709 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

LSB 710 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

Congregation 1 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.

2 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

Psalm 107:1

Pastor Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

Congregation for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

Congregation Amen.

LSB 711 "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"

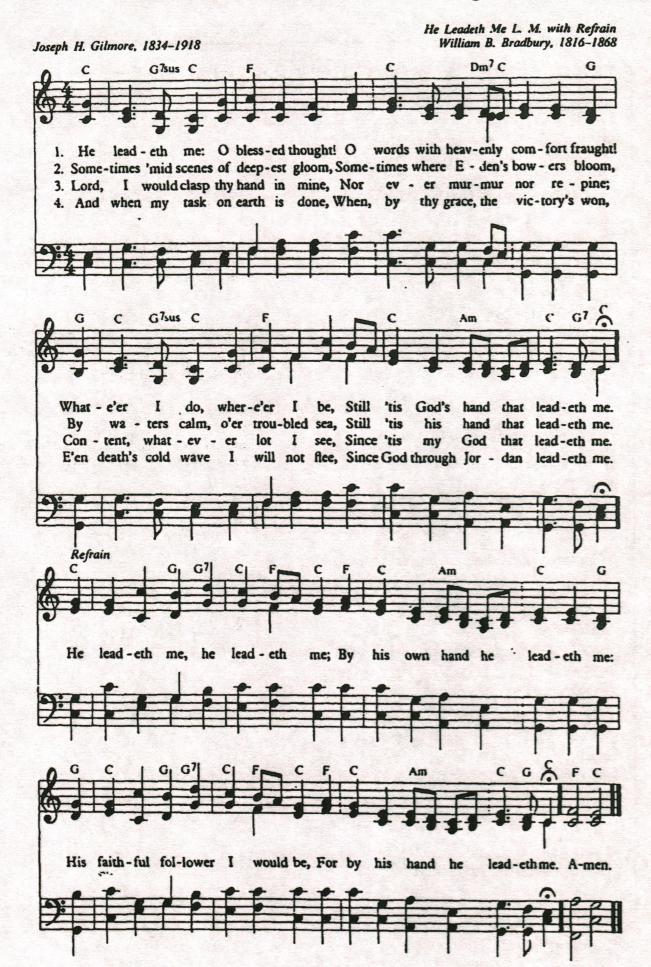
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He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!



Matthew 22:1-14

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Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden $\rightarrow \psi$ and \searrow .

BUSINESS
CHIEF
DESTROYED
DISPATCHED
ELDERS
ENRAGED
FARM
FEAST

GUESTS
HEAVEN
IGNORED
INVITATION
KILLED
KING
KINGDOM
MISTREATED

PARABLES PRIESTS SERVANTS SUMMON TROOPS WEDDING

Membership Covenant

In order for the congregation and the Leadership to deal effectively with issues in the congregation, the following guidelines are to be followed:

- 1. All members affirm their right to express their opinions about the life and ministry of the congregation.
- 2. The congregation operates with a direct democracy form of government that allows members to share their opinions directly with the pastor, leadership, committees, and congregational meetings.
- 3. When members of the congregation express an opinion to leadership, the leadership person shall ask, "What would you like me to do with this information?"
- 4. When members of the congregation express an opinion to a leadership team member, the member shall be invited to bring the information/opinion to the next council meeting. The time and date shall be given.
- 5. If the member does not wish to appear in person, the leadership member shall ask the member for permission to use their name in reporting. If permission is not given, the leadership member shall say, "I'm sorry, but I will not be able to report this to the council since we do not deal with anonymous letters or comments."
- 6. If permission is given, the leadership member shall report the information/opinion to the leadership team and use the members name.
- 7. At his/her discretion, a leadership member may ask that the member refer this issue to another member for presentation.
- 8. Each issue shall be placed on the agenda and written in the minutes along with the action taken by the leadership. Action may include: "Received as information," "Pastor and /or President to visit member and report at next meeting," etc.
- 9. Opinions may be shared in writing with the council and shall be handled in the above mentioned manner if the letter or statement is signed. While the covenant uses language regarding the leadership team, the same procedures apply to all boards and committees. May the Spirit give us grace to grow as a healthy congregation

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

- Peace and Harmony in our Church
- Unspoken Prayers
- For patience and guidance as our Congregation seeks to receive the call of a Pastor to serve Peace and Bethlehem.
- Paul and Grace Rath for Continuing healing.
- Jamie Hart is responding well to rehab he will have his Skull reattached at Sacred Heart in Spokane on November 17th.
- Linora Rittenhouse: At Good Samaritan for Rehab praying to come home November 18th.

For those battling cancer:

Mary Ackerman Joe Koreis Robert Phillips Lisa McCloud Brina Brown Rachel Snyder Barbara Peter Louise Julie Colgan Eric Ragot Jaclyn Freeborn Jackie Henneghan Shirley Davis

Birthdays for Week of Oct 15th

None for this week

Anniversaries for Week of Oct 15th

None for this week

Attendance:

Offerings:

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News and Notes:



Stephen Ministry – Anyone needing a Stephen Minister please contact Glenn Stocker. Next meeting is a BLC at 6:30 pm October 12, 2023 Stephen Ministry is beginning a New Class to train Care Givers. It will be on Thursday evenings beginning in November. Please put a note in the offering plate to indicate your interest or Call Don Moore (509)388-5848 Help provide support for hurting people.

Bazaar is going to happen November 4th. We are currently taking in donations. If you would like to donate or if you have any questions, please contact Teri Sanchez @ (509)728-4710 or rickteri4648@msn.com.

Sign-up sheets for donations are on the table in the social hall. Please sign up to bring whatever item's you can donate.

Selah Chamber of Commerce 16th Annual Business Trick or Treat.

Decided by the Executive Board, Peace Lutheran Church is participating in the 16th Annual Business Trick or Treat event on Oct 31st from 4pm to 6:30pm. We are asking for donations of Candy to hand out. If you have Any questions, please contact the office. Thank you!

Men's Night out: Men's Night out is Cancelled, if you have any question please speak to Ralph Miles.

The Holy Land and Jordan Tour: Pastor Toby Joeckel is hosting another tour to The Holy Land & Jordan December 1-13, 2024. If you would like more information, please let Sharon Green know, or reach out to Pastor Toby Joeckel. Information is on the bulletin board in the Social Room.

Gift Bags for Senior Veterans: Please put gifts in a gift bag with handles and cover with tissue paper. Please mark on the bag if it is for Man or Woman. Here are some Ideas.

- Socks
- Gloves
- Winter Scarf
- Lotion
- Shampoo /W Conditioner
- Bar soap or Liquid
- Deodorant
- Cookies/ Candy

We are in need of more Usher's and Acolyte's. If you feel like you can help, please speak to an Elders or speak to Josh or Sharon Green. We will guide you the right way. A sign-up sheet will be in the Social room. Thank you

Serving Peace for October 8st

Ushers/Acolyte: Braden Green/ Larry Smith

Reader: Charlene Ostrom Counters: Carol/ Chris

Guest Pastor: Mark Griesse

Elder: John Cox

Next Week October 22nd

Ushers/Acolyte: Lee Groth & Braden Green

Reader: Lance Ostrom Counters: Hibdon/ Sly

Lay Lead Service by Glenn Stocker

Elder: John Cox