

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking an attendance card in the pew rack.

SATURDAY DRIVE-IN SERVICE
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- **ATTENTION SUNDAY (IN SANCTUARY) WORSHIPERS** -

LOOK TO THE DESIGNATED USHERS AND ELDERS TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH SEATING AND EXIT PROCEDURES.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

* = Stand

L = Liturgist

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION**

Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes

TLH 64

1. **Jesus, Thy church with longing eyes For Thine expected coming waits.**
When will the promised light arise And glory beam from Zion's gates?

2. **E'en now, when tempests round us fall And wintry clouds o'er cast the sky,**
Thy words with pleasure we recall And deem that our redemption's nigh.

3. **Teach us in watchfulness and pray'r To wait for the appointed hour**
And fit us by Thy grace to share The triumphs of Thy conquer'ng power.

***INVOCATION AND CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **♪ Amen.**

L: Power and riches, wisdom and might, and honor and glory and blessing,

C: **Be to God forever and ever.**

L: O You who hear prayer,

C: **Unto You shall all flesh come.**

L: Keep us in Your holiness,

C: **That all the day we may meditate upon Your righteousness.**

L: Lord God, Almighty,

C: **We confess that we have not carried out Your commands. We have not loved You above all else. We have not always shown love and respect to those around us. We admit that we have sinned against You, often without even realizing it. Because of the person and work of Christ, forgive us for our disobedience. Renew us by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Strengthen us to live as You have declared us to be: Your children, by the resurrection of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **♪ Amen.**

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

♪ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

***THE KYRIE**

♪ **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING for 24th Sunday after Pentecost is from Zephaniah 1:14-16, page 788:

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING is from I Thessalonians 5:1-11, pages 987-988:

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you.

²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA**

C: ♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter, verses 14-30, pages 830-831:**

C: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

***THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article)**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, My Soul to Watch and Pray

LSB 663

1. Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From Your sleep awaken!
Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken;
For the foe, Well we know, Is a harvest reaping,
While the saints are sleeping.
2. Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find you;
For indeed no pains he spares, To deceive and blind you.
Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping
And no watch are keeping.
3. But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve Him
And forever love Him.

THE SERMON

"Day of Darkness or Joy?"

(Zephaniah 1:14-16)

VOLUNTARY (Sunday) Chancel Voices

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION/Paul Koch

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***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.

(SATURDAY SERVICES—Skip to the Benediction, next page.)

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: ♪ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI** LSB page 198

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking

TLH 606

1. O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis thy Savior, 'Tis thy Savior, On His bright returning way.

2. O Thou Long-expected, weary Waits my anxious soul for Thee;
Life is dark, and earth is dreary, Where Thy light I do not see.
O my Savior, O my Savior, When wilt Thou return to me?

3. Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my lowly station, Watching for Thee till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior, In Thy bright, Thy promised, land.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508

1. The day is surely drawing near When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth, And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.

2. The final trumpet then shall sound And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour, By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.

3. O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation
O hear and grant our fervent plea; Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen
Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And His mercy endureth forever.

L: Let us pray. C: ♪ Amen.

L: The Lord be with you. C: ♪ And with Thy Spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord. C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

*THE BENEDICTION C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen.

***THE CLOSING HYMN**

The Night Will Soon Be Ending

LSB 337

1. The night will soon be ending; The dawn cannot be far.
Let songs of praise ascending Now greet the Morning Star!
All you whom darkness frightens With guilt or grief or pain
God's radiant Star now brightens And bids you sing again.

***SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE**

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert M. Brown

Organist: Saturday: Alice Kastens; Sunday: Kendra Ruesler

Cantor: Rachel Wildman

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NEWS & NOTES:

THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

DEBT FREE AND IN THE BLACK Thanks to your generosity, Peace congregation has fulfilled its pledge to pay for the renovation of the former sanctuary and other areas *ahead of schedule!* In light of this amazing achievement, the November 9th Voters' Assembly passed a resolution to end the Building for Tomorrow capital campaign. Any further contributions made by congregants to this fund will be applied to the General Fund/Unified Budget of the congregation. What a blessing!

LADIES GUILD MEETING is this Thursday, 11/19, at 11:00a.m. in the gym for lunch and fellowship.

BIBLES FOR OUR 3-YEAR-OLDS AND 3RD GRADERS Distributed today.

SUNDAY MORNING KFUEO HELP NEEDED More people are needed to assist with the weekly production of the KFUEO broadcasts. Engineers are needed to operate the mixer, but also need announcers. Contact Alan Hopfer at (314)846-4433 if interested.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS MILITARY FOOD PANTRY Today is the last day for donations. Box is by the Welcome center. Ladies Guild thanks you for your generous donations.

THE GIVING TREE will be put up in the entrances of Peace beginning Sunday, Nov. 22. If you would like to participate, please take a tag from one of the trees, purchase the gift, and return it, **unwrapped**, to the Christmas tree outside of the church office by Sunday, Dec. 13. Gifts will be distributed by Feed My People to families in need during the Christmas season. - Joyce Birk, 487-4998, and Vicki McConnell.

WREATH/GRAVE MAT DECORATING We will do a 9-12 shift, lunch from 12 to 1, and the last shift is from 1-4 on Saturday, November 21. Please call or text Nancy Holdenried at 314-756-7330 to sign up for a shift. When you call or text for your shift selection, please leave a phone number where she can reach you if anything changes. Please wear a mask. Thank you!

CHRISTmas TREE & WREATH LOT again to open on the west parking lot. I/we (men & women): _____ are willing to volunteer working at the Christmas Tree lot sponsored by Peace Men's Club between Nov. 27-Dec. 22, during the hours of (please check):

_____ 12:00 - 3:00 _____ 3:00 - 6:00 _____ 6:00 - 8:00

On the following dates (please check)

Fri. 11/27 _____	Mon. 12/7 _____	Thur. 12/17 _____
Sat. 11/28 _____	Tues. 12/8 _____	Fri. 12/18 _____
Sun. 11/29 _____	Wed. 12/9 _____	Sat. 12/19 _____
Mon. 11/30 _____	Thur. 12/10 _____	Sun. 12/20 _____
Tues. 12/1 _____	Fri. 12/11 _____	Mon. 12/21 _____
Wed. 12/2 _____	Sat. 12/12-YOUTH	Tues. 12/22 _____
Thur. 12/3 _____	Sun. 12/13 _____	
Fri. 12/4 _____	Mon. 12/14 _____	
Sat. 12/5- SCOUTS	Tues. 12/15 _____	
Sun. 12/6 _____	Wed. 12/16 _____	

_____ I am not able to handle trees, but I can serve as cashier.

NON-PERISHABLE AND CANNED food items welcome next Sunday through Thanksgiving Day to benefit the Seminary Food Pantry and Feed My People. (Plate offering Thanksgiving Day supports Feed My People, Peace Bread Box, and LFCS.)

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, flower money collected to decorate our sanctuary for our Easter 2020 weekend will be used to purchase Christmas 2020 poinsettias and Easter 2021 palms, lilies/azaleas.

CHRISTMAS AT PEACE is Sunday, December 20, at 3:00 (sold out) and 6:30pm, along with an ADDITIONAL concert on Monday, December 21 at 7:00pm. Tickets are free, but required to attend. Tickets may be obtained online at www.peacestlmusic.org or from the church office. Social distancing will be practiced, and each concert is limited to 100 people.

75th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—SECOND DINNER PLANNED Due to an overwhelming response; the 11:30-2:00pm reservation time slot is full. Due to this response and continued interest we have added a second reservation time of **4:00-6:30pm**. On **Sunday, December 6**. Seating is limited so please RSVP by **today**, November 15 on the Peace website, or by calling the church office. Orders for ornaments (\$6.00 each) can be placed online, or by using the order form below. Ornaments will be available for pick up beginning Saturday, December 5.

------(Place in offering or mail)-----

75th ANNIVERSARY ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

Name _____ Phone _____

of blue ornaments _____ # of red ornaments _____ (\$6.00 each)

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to **Peace Lutheran Church** (write "Ornament" in memo line) and place in the offering or mail. Order deadline is **today**, November 15.

(Note: Please write a separate check for ornament orders.)

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Today: 1:00 3rd Grade Bible Distribution
3:30 3-year-old Bible Distribution
Mon: 7:00 Bells of Peace Rehearsal
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Men's Club
Wed: 9:00 TPL Assembly
4:00 5/6/7/8 grade Confirmation Class
5:45 Chancel Schola Rehearsal
7:00 Chancel Voices Rehearsal
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 High School Youth Group
Thu: 11:00 Ladies Guild
3:30 GP Practice
6:00 Security Team Meeting
7:00 Chancel Singers Rehearsal
Fri: 3:30 GP Practice
Sat: 9:00 Wreath Decorating
2 & 3:30 Drive-in Worship Service
Sun: 8/9:20/10:30 Worship Service