



**“DO NOT BE AFRAID...  
I AM YOUR SHIELD ...”**

**GENESIS 15:1**

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*The Mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to honor our Lord Jesus Christ through worship and ministering to all God’s people equipping them for service to God and to each other.*

### DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING ONE

#### PRELUDE

*Organist*

#### OPENING HYMN “Consider How the Birds Above” LSB 736 (Tune: LSB 883)

- 1 Consider how the birds above  
Feed day by day with carefree ease—  
Does God not keep them in His love?  
Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil;  
How fair is their fragility—  
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,  
Will He not clothe both you and me?
- 3 Set not your heart on food or drink,  
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;  
About such things the godless think,  
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.
- 4 Be on your guard against all greed,  
For life is more than what we own.  
Our Father knows our ev’ry need  
Before our needs to us are known.

- 5 Be not afraid to suffer loss  
Of all the things for which you pray,  
For He who faced for you the cross  
Will give you strength to live each day.
- 6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,  
His holy name in all you do:  
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;  
All else will then be given you.

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### Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.** *Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C 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.** *[John 20:19-23]*

- P 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.**

### Service of the Word

- INTROIT** *Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7*
- P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!
- C He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.**
- P He gives to the beasts their food,  
and to the young ravens that cry.
- C His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,**
- P but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- C 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.**
- P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre!

**KYRIE** Mark 10:47

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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.

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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A - men.

**THIS IS THE FEAST** Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

LSB 155

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Sit

### FIRST READING

*Genesis 15:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

*Psalm 33:12–22; antiphon: v. 20*

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

C **The LORD looks down from heaven;  
he sees all the children of man;**

P from where he sits enthroned he looks out  
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

C **he who fashions the hearts of them all  
and observes all their deeds.**

P The king is not saved by his great army;  
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

C **The war horse is a false hope for salvation,  
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

P Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

C **that he may deliver their soul from death  
and keep them alive in famine.**

P Our soul waits for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

C **For our heart is glad in him,  
because we trust in his holy name.**

P Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we hope in you.

### EPISTLE

*Hebrews 11:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.



rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

### **HYMN OF THE DAY** *“I Know My Faith Is Founded”* LSB 587

- 1 I know my faith is founded  
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;  
And this my faith confessing,  
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.  
Our reason cannot fathom  
The truth of God profound;  
Who trusts in human wisdom  
Relies on shifting ground.  
God’s Word is all-sufficient,  
It makes divinely sure;  
And trusting in its wisdom,  
My faith shall rest secure.
- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,  
For Satan seeks by night and day  
To rob me of this treasure  
And take my hope of bliss away.  
But, Lord, with You beside me,  
I shall be undismayed;  
And led by Your good Spirit,  
I shall be unafraid.  
Abide with me, O Savior,  
A firmer faith bestow;  
Then I shall bid defiance  
To ev’ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve You;  
 Though persecution, grief, and pain  
 Should seek to overwhelm me,  
 Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
 And then at my departure,  
 Lord, take me home to You,  
 Your riches to inherit  
 As all You said holds true.  
 In life and death, Lord, keep me  
 Until Your heav'n I gain,  
 Where I by Your great mercy  
 The end of faith attain.

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**SERMON**

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**“True Faith Leads to Great Inheritance” Genesis: 15:1-6**

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*

*LSB 159*

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.

**APOSTLES' CREED**

*LSB 158*

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.  
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
 Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and  
 the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

## Service of the Sacrament

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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. 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 *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 161



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 -

LSB 160

2 Timothy 4:22



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

P 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.

C Amen.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 162

P 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,



*“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636 (v.1, 4-6, 8)*

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
Come into the daylight’s splendor,  
There with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
This amazing banquet founded;  
He, though heav’nly, high, and holy,  
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder  
Over this surpassing wonder  
That the bread of life is boundless  
Though the souls it feeds are countless:  
With the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ’s own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,  
Peace beyond all understanding,  
Joy into all life expanding:  
Humbly now, I bow before You;  
Love incarnate, I adore You;  
Worthily let me receive You  
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,  
Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
At Your feet I cry, my maker,

Let me be a fit partaker  
Of this blessed food from heaven,  
For our good, Your glory, given.

- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,  
Let me gladly here obey You.  
By Your love I am invited,  
Be Your love with love requited;  
By this Supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure.  
Through the gift of grace You give me  
As Your guest in heav’n receive me.

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*“Seek Ye First” LSB 712*

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 2 Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!
- 3 Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev’ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Allelu, alleluia!

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*"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" LSB 720 (Tune: LSB 524)*

- 1 We walk by faith and not by sight,  
No gracious words we hear  
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
But we believe Him near.
- 2 We may not touch His hands and side,  
Nor follow where He trod;  
But in His promise we rejoice  
And cry "My Lord and God!"
- 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
And may our faith abound  
To call on You when You are near  
And seek where You are found.
- 4 For You, O resurrected Lord,  
Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word,  
Beneath the bread and wine.
- 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done,  
In realms of clearer light  
We may behold You as You are,  
With full and endless sight.

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*Stand*

**THANK THE LORD**

*LSB 164*



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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 COLLECT**

*LSB 166*

A 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.



☐ A - men.

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24-26*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A - men.

## **CLOSING HYMN** *“How Firm a Foundation” LSB 728*

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Organist*

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