



Whoever is faithful  
in a very little  
is faithful also in much ...

Luke 16:10, NRSV

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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

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LSB 790*

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief

Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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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 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144*
- P Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
give me understanding that I may live.
- C Righteous are you, O LORD,  
and right are your just decrees.**
- P You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness  
and in all faithfulness.
- C My zeal consumes me,  
because my foes forget your words.**
- P Your promise is well tried,  
and your servant loves it.

**C** Your righteousness is righteous forever,  
and your law is true.  
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** Your testimonies are righteous forever;  
give me understanding that I may live.

**KYRIE** *Mark 10:47*

LSB 152

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** 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.



**C** 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.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

*Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*

LSB 155



**C** 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-ty 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*



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

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

*Amos 8:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,

<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over,  
that we may sell grain?

And the Sabbath,

that we may offer wheat for sale,  
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great  
and deal deceitfully with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
“Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

*LSB 156*

*2 Timothy 4:22*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 113*

P Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the Lord!

C **Blessèd be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

C **The Lord is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!**

P Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

C **who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?**

P He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

C **to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**

P He gives the barren woman a home, making her the  
joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

## EPISTLE

*1 Timothy 2:1–15*

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the

testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

<sup>8</sup>I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; <sup>9</sup>likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup>but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup>Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup>I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup>and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup>Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**ALLELUIA** *John 6:68* *LSB 156*

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** *Luke 16:1–15*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ <sup>3</sup>And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup>No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one

and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup>The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Day and Night”

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

“Preach You the Word” LSB 586 (Tune: LSB 865)

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
To men who like or like it not,  
The Word that shall endure and stand  
When flow’rs and men shall be forgot.
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task  
Your servant bade us undertake:  
To preach Your Word and never ask  
What prideful profit it may make.
- 3 The sower sows; his reckless love  
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,  
Intent alone that all may have  
The wholesome loaves that all men need.
- 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched  
And some be choked and matted flat,

The sower sows; his heart cries out,  
“Oh, what of that, and what of that?”

- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness  
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,  
And bears a harvest hundredfold:  
“Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”
- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home  
And never faint; the Harvest Lord  
Who gave the sower seed to sow  
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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### SERMON

Rev. Joe Robb

*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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

Service of the Sacrament

**PREFACE**

*LSB 160*

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*



**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, 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** *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 -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



## 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, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, 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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24  
Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

*LSB 162*

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

**P** 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

**C** 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.

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**PAX DOMINI** *John 20:19*

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - men.

**AGNUS DEI** *John 1:29*



☐ 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.

*Sit*

**DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

*"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" LSB 743 (verses 1-4)*

1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
Fount of purest pleasure,  
Truest friend to me,  
Ah, how long in anguish  
Shall my spirit languish,  
Yearning, Lord, for Thee?  
Thou art mine,

O Lamb divine!  
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;  
Naught I ask beside Thee.

2 In Thine arms I rest me;  
Foes who would molest me  
Cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
Ev'ry heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash  
And thunders crash;  
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.

3 Satan, I defy thee;  
Death, I now decry thee;  
Fear, I bid thee cease.  
World, thou shalt not harm me  
Nor thy threats alarm me  
While I sing of peace.  
God's great pow'r  
Guards ev'ry hour;  
Earth and all its depths adore Him,  
Silent bow before Him.

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!  
Jesus is my pleasure,  
Jesus is my choice.  
Hence, all empty glory!  
Naught to me thy story  
Told with tempting voice.  
Pain or loss,  
Or shame or cross,

Shall not from my Savior move me  
Since He deigns to love me.

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*“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” LSB 437*

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sov’ reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?
- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died  
For His own creatures’ sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne’er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'Tis all that I can do.

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*“Praise and Thanksgiving” LSB 789*

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer  
For all things living,

Created good:  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
Blossom and wood.

- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor  
We bring to serve You  
That with our neighbor  
We may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with You,  
Harvesting, milling  
For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing  
Food for Your children,  
By Your wise guiding  
Teach us to share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, all others  
May know Your care.

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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 - 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 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** "O Light Whose Splendor" LSB 891

- 1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens  
With radiance brighter than the sun,  
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,  
O Jesus, blest Anointed One;
- 2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,  
And lamps are lit, and children nod,  
In evening hymns we lift our voices  
To Father, Spirit, Son: one God.
- 3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments,  
Let faithful voices sing Your praise,  
O Son of God, our Life-bestower,  
Whose glory lightens endless days.

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**CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organist*

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