

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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 THREE**

**PRELUDE**

*Organist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*“My Lord, What a Morning” – arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson*

**OPENING HYMN “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,  
For those in peril on the sea!

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
And those who on the ocean ply;  
Be with our troops upon the land,  
And all who for their country stand:  
Be with these guardians day and night  
And may their trust be in Thy might!

O God, protect the women who  
In service, faith in Thee renew;  
O guide devoted hands of skill  
And bless their work within Thy will;



# VETERANS DAY

Inspire their lives that they may be  
Examples fair on land and sea.

O Trinity of love and power!  
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

### 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart  
and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching  
Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us  
forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my  
sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You  
and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal**

**punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and  
sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your  
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy,  
innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved  
Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a  
poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a  
called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the  
grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the  
command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of  
the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

**C Amen.**

### Service of the Word

**INTROIT** *Psalm 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33*

P Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

**C I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?**

P My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

**C The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.**

P The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**C The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

*LSB 186*

**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**KYRIE** *Mark 10:47* **LSB 186**

**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *Luke 2:14; John 1:29* **LSB 187**

**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** **LSB 189**

**P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.  
O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

Sit

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Malachi 4:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL

*Psalms 98*

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**C The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**C Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

P Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**C With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

P Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**C Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together**

P before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

## EPISTLE

*2 Thessalonians 3:1–13*

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we

might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

<sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA

*LSB 190*



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 21:5–36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not

led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. <sup>13</sup>This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup>Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup>for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives.

<sup>20</sup>“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup>They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### NICENE CREED

*LSB 191*

**C 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.**

*Sit*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” LSB 508 (v. 1-3, 5-6)*

- 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 The books are opened then to all,  
A record truly telling  
What each has done, both great and small,  
When he on earth was dwelling,  
And ev’ry heart be clearly seen,  
And all be known as they have been  
In thoughts and words and actions.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.

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### **SERMON**

Rev. Dennis Wenholtz

**“THE END IS NEAR! DON’T BE MISLED!”**

**Luke 21:5-28**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:7*
- C Amen.**

*Stand*

### **OFFERTORY** *Psalm 51:10-12*

*LSB 192*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-13*

LSB 196

**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.

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

LSB 201

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

And with thy spir-it.

**A** Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

Thanks be to God.

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

LSB 202

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His  
 face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord  
 lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

A-men, a-men, a-men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

"Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" LSB 737

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,  
 A cheerful trust maintain;  
 For God, the source of ev'rything,  
 Your portion shall remain.
- 2 He is your treasure, He your joy,  
 Your life and light and Lord,  
 Your counselor when doubts annoy,  
 Your shield and great reward.
- 3 Why spend the day in blank despair,  
 In restless thought the night?  
 On your Creator cast your care;  
 He makes your burdens light.
- 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r  
 Guard ev'ry childhood day?  
 And did He not in threat'ning hour  
 Turn dreaded ills away?

- 5 He only will with patience chide,  
His rod falls gently down;  
And all your sins He casts aside  
In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain  
Nor falters nor mistakes.  
All that His counsels may ordain  
A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,  
And trust His guiding love;  
Then like a rock your peace shall stand  
Here and in heav'n above.

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## CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

*Organist*

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