

"If you ... remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar.



First go and be reconciled to them;
then come and offer your gift."

MATTHEW 5:23-24, NIV

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

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OPENING HYMN

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" LSB 394

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole
 Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
 Manifest in valiant fight,
 Quelling all the devil's might;
 Manifest in gracious will,
 Ever bringing good from ill;
 Anthems be to Thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
 Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
 Christ will then like lightning shine,
 All will see His glorious sign;
 All will then the trumpet hear,
 All will see the Judge appear;
 Thou by all wilt be confessed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
 Present in Thy holy Word—
 Grace to imitate Thee now
 And be pure, as pure art Thou;
 That we might become like Thee
 At Thy great epiphany
 And may praise Thee, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest.

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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 98:7–9; antiphon: v. 2

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

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

P Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

C He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

GLORIA PATRI

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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*


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

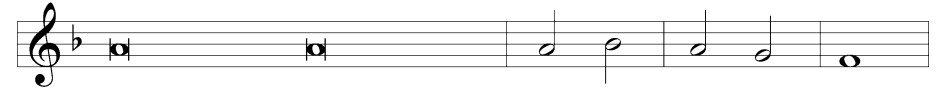

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.


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

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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;

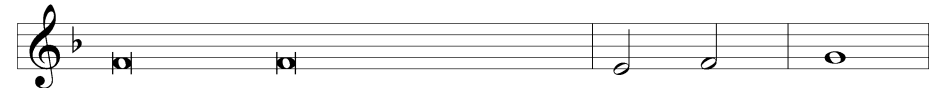

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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

P The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may

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2 Timothy 4:22

live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 29

P Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!

**C Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,**

P who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

**C You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

P Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**C Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

P I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

C I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me!

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For

when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your

brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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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 Law of God Is Good and Wise” LSB 579

- 1 The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain
God’s Law shall then in sin remain;

Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.

- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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SERMON

Rev. Dennis Wenholz

“Bigger--Better--More Important!”

- 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

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- P The Lord be with you.

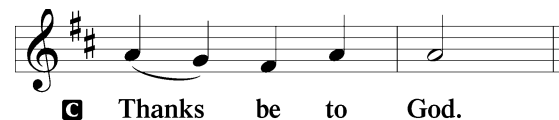
2 Timothy 4:22



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*“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast” LSB 577*

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav’n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev’ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world’s deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.
- 4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow’r may know.

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