

“My grace  
is sufficient  
for you, for my  
power is made  
perfect in weakness.”

2 Corinthians 12:9, 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 ONE

#### PRELUDE

*Organist*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Peace Handbell Choir*

*“America the Beautiful” – arr. by Donald Allured*

#### OPENING HYMN “On Galilee’s High Mountain” LSB 835

- 1 On Galilee’s high mountain  
Christ gave the great command  
In words of strength and promise  
Which all can understand:  
“All pow’r to Me is given  
To do what I shall choose;  
Therefore I send My children,  
Their witness I will use.”
- 2 The Lord who, born of Mary,  
Came down as man and died,  
Who preached to all who listened,  
For us was crucified—  
This Lord, our living brother,  
In pow’r at God’s right hand,  
Has chosen us to carry  
His truth to ev’ry land.

- 3 His strength within my weakness  
 Will make me bold to say  
 How His redeeming power  
 Transforms my stubborn clay;  
 His touch of fire ignites me,  
 With courage I am sent,  
 My tongue-tied silence broken,  
 With grace made eloquent.
- 4 And not alone to nations  
 In faraway retreats,  
 But ev'rywhere I broadcast  
 His love through crowded streets:  
 The lives that my life touches,  
 However great or small—  
 Let them through me see Jesus,  
 Who served and saved us all.
- 5 That ev'ryone He chooses,  
 For reasons of His own,  
 Will find in Christ his calling  
 To live His love alone.  
 His presence always leads us  
 Till time no more shall be;  
 Christ's strength, His love, His comfort  
 Give us His victory.
- △ 6 Lord, gather all Your children,  
 Wherever they may be,  
 And lead them on to heaven  
 To live eternally  
 With You, our loving Father,  
 And Christ, our brother dear,

Whose Spirit guards and gives us  
 The joy to persevere.

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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

#### PSALM

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P To you I lift up my eyes,

O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

C **Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us.**

P Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

C **Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

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.**

#### 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 - 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.

O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☐ A - men.

*Sit*

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup>And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— <sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will

not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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** *Mark 6:1–13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts— <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*“O Christ, Our True and Only Light” LSB 839*

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error’s maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds  
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev’ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav’nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand’ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond’ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv’n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav’n.

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### SERMON

**“Why Me, Lord?”  
II Corinthians 12:1-10**

*Stand*

**OFFERTORY** *Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19* *LSB 159*

**C** 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.

### 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

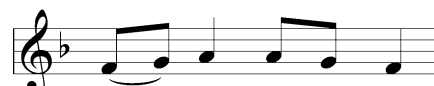
## Service of the Sacrament

### PREFACE

LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



☐ And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



☐ 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



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  
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, 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**

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” LSB 619

- 1 Thy body, giv’n for me, O Savior,  
 Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
 These are my life and strength forever,  
 By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
 Be for my soul the highest good!

- 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
 I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
 It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*
- 3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
 The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
 No hell I fear, and thus securely  
 With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*
- 4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
 It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
 For He who is of death the master  
 With aid and comfort e’er is near. *Refrain*
- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,  
 O blessèd, holy Trinity.  
 With angels I, Thy praises telling,  
 Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

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*“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” LSB 640 (Tune: LSB 682)*

- 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee,  
Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be;  
Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail,  
Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
- 2 In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,  
Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:  
Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,  
And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
- 3 Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,  
Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;  
Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow’r to win  
Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
- 4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God:  
Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood;  
Increase our faith and love, that we may know  
The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.
- 5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see,  
May what we thirst for soon our portion be:  
To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face,  
The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace.  
Amen.

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*“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” LSB 632*

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

- 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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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.



**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.



**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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