

Peace Lutheran Church
8th Sunday of after Pentecost
Thursday July 31, 2025 + 6:00 PM & Sunday, August 3, 2025 + 8:00 AM

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK - “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.”

Colossians 3:1

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LSB 803 v. 1-3

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all of 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**

KYRIE *sung*

LSB p. 152-153

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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 mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain: **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,

And honor, blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God,

And join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might

Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain

Has begun His reign. Alleluia. *Refrain*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

L: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-26

Pew Bible Pg. 518

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . .

I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . .

I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 3:1-11

Pew Bible Pg. 925

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and

obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

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GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Pew Bible Pg. 818

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings"

LSB 782 vs. 1-4

SERMON

"Look Up"

Pastor Jarod Fenske

Colossians 3:1-11

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

PREPARATION TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- L: 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

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Chief Of Sinners, Though I Be"

LSB 611 v.1-5

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION RESPONSE

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- L: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a fore-taste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.
- C: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

LSB 924 vs. 1