



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:00, 9:20, & 10:30 a.m.

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 18, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Divine Service, Setting Three

WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns. Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

P = Pastor

* = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 818 In Thee Is Gladness



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
 joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for
 pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
 glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him
 To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
 And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

***Invocation** *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 A _____ men

***Introit** *Psalm 111:1-5, 9*

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C **In the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C **Studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C **And His righteousness endures forever.**

P He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

C **The LORD is gracious and merciful.**

P He provides food for those who fear Him;

C **He remembers His covenant forever.**

P He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

C **Holy and awesome is His name!**

***Confession**

- 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.**

***Absolution**

C A _____ men.

***This Is the Feast**

Refrain

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**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

¹Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God.

²And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

¹⁴“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

¹⁵And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

¹⁶Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, ¹⁷for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 5:6-21

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Alleluia**



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

***Holy Gospel**

John 6:51-69

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.”

⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn of The Day

LSB 696 O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Sermon

“The Bread of Life”

(John 6:51–69)

Sermon Notes: {We will be referencing the questions on pages 19 and 20 during the sermon}

Gathering of the Offering

Please fill out an attendance card and place in the offering plate

***Offertory**

C 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**

***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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

***Preface**

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

P 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

***Agnus Dei**

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise
 liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -
 or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blos - som and wood.
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 712 Seek Ye First



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
 2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
 3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



right - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
 ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

*Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



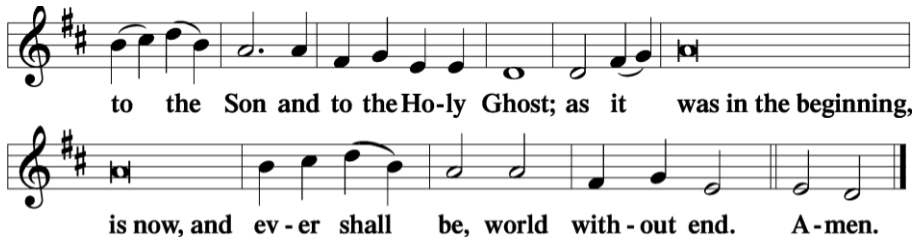
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

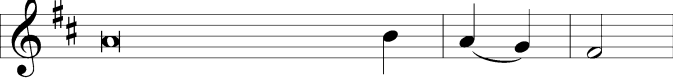



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and




to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.


***Thanksgiving**

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.


P Let us pray. . .

C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

***Benedicamus**

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Benediction**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

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

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,
My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.
My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Michelle Sliger; 9:20 & 10:30: Burnell Hackman

Choir: Summer Handbell Choir; Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: B. Uthoff/J. Mattingly/L. Palma

Elders: 5:00: Jeff Akers, Steve Kienstra; 8:00: John Roesch, Steve Shawcross;

9:20: Aaron Baese, Mark Dowell; 10:30: Art Hoeflerlin, Ken Werkmeister

Ushers: 5:00: Steve Kienstra, Tim Behnke, Art Conrad, Charles Rolf, Roger Uhlig;

8:00: Dan Prange, Dan Dukesherer, Doug Engle, Kyle Hopfer, Dan Hummert, Mike Wilke, Ralph Wolters; 9:20: Jim Maschhoff, Glenn Brinkmann, Greg Hard, Malvin Mubonani, David Suedkamp; 10:30: Bryan Dressel, Lorin Dressel, Paul Huddleston, John Rastorfer, Jeff Teague, Michael Viviano

Acolytes: 8:00: Nicolette Henson, Annabelle Sanders; 10:30: Lucas Hangge, Austin Rutledge

Greeters: 8:00: Fred & Pamela Sanders; 9:20 & 10:30: Greg & Lois Ebmeyer

Altar Comm: Saturday: Pauline Dowell; Sunday: Steve and Kelly Pfund

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIENTATION DAY IS TODAY and all activities begin in the gym at 9:15 a.m. Come meet your teacher and enjoy fellowship, fun, and a service project!

TODAY WE RECOGNIZE OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS as they begin a new Sunday School year. We are so grateful for their dedication to our children.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY Scan the QR code on the Commons Counter or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PeaceStLouis>.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW for Peace's Married Couples Club "Margaritaville" TRIVIA NIGHT and SILENT AUCTION on Saturday, August 24. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are being sold at the Commons Counter. Price is \$20/person in advance, and \$25/person at the door. Tables of 8-10.

THE ALASKA MISSION TEAM IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES and all items are welcomed. They are especially in need of glue sticks and fleece scraps. Please place donations in the Alaska Mission box in the Commons by Sunday, September 1. Thank you!

PERMA! DO YOU HAVE IT? NOT SURE WHAT IT IS? Join us for Ladies Club this Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall to find out. It is the National Month of Happiness after all. Enjoy a night of laughter and snacks. Be quizzed on all things happiness, hear about others' happiness, and speak of your own. See you there!

FLYERS FOR THE LADIES CLUB BOOK SALE are on the Commons counter. Take some to share with friends and neighbors! We have collected over 7,000 books so far, so the sale will be great! Donations are still being accepted. The last day to donate is Friday, September 20.

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY IS HIRING Openings are available at St. Trinity Cemetery at Lemay Ferry and Reavis Barracks for a Superintendent, a full-time groundskeeper, and a part-time groundskeeper. Job descriptions are posted on the Commons bulletin board. For more information, contact Glenn Brinkmann or Marilyn Schuessler.

THIS WEEKEND MARKS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR SANCTUARY and we will be celebrating this anniversary in September, so please mark your calendars for the weekend of September 21/22. Rev. Dr. Lee Hagen, president of the Missouri District will be preaching as we recognize this anniversary at all services. We also will have a luncheon and short program in the gym following the 10:30 a.m. service. RSVP's will be required for the luncheon and can be done at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10thanniversarycelebration> or used the QR code on the Commons Counter. More details will be in the September newsletter and future bulletins.

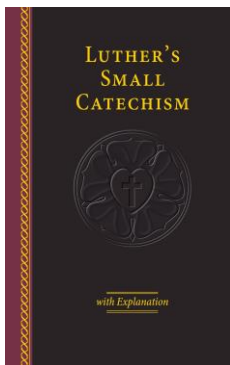
OUR YOUTH ARE RAISING MONEY FOR THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING and they will be making calls and asking for support of their upcoming Community Car Wash. When they call, please consider donating, but do not feel obligated. We love the support our youth receive from our congregation!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: PRESCHOOL AIDE NEEDED FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD Hours would be 8:30 a.m. – noon. If interested, contact Sue Velten, (314)892-8844.

GREEN PARK IS LOOKING FOR PART-TIME CHILD CARE WORKERS Hours would be Monday through Friday, 3:00-6:00 p.m. Qualifications include a loving and caring personality, patience, and flexibility. Interested candidates should email April Baese, Child Care Director, at april.baese@greenparklutherschool.org.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18, 2024

- Sunday, August 18: 9:15am – Sunday School Orientation
11:30am – Middle School Pizza & Pool Party
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, August 19: 3:45pm – Green Park Volleyball
6:00pm – Church Council
6:30pm – St. Trinity Cemetery Board
7:00pm – BSA Troop Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, August 20: 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Plastic Mat Making
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
6:00pm – Property Management
7:00pm – Ladies Club
- Wednesday, August 21: 9:00am – TPL Newsletter Distribution
9:30am – Banner Committee
6:30pm – High School Youth Group
7:00pm – Boar’s Head Committee Meeting
- Thursday, August 22: 7:00pm – Farewell to Summer Band Concert Rehearsal
- Saturday, August 24: 8:00am – Handbells Reading Session
6:00pm – Married Couples Club Trivia Night
- Sunday, August 25: 10:30am – Worship – Catechism Sunday
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play



CATECHISM SUNDAY IS NEXT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

All students in 6th grade, along with any new 7th grade or 8th grade students, will be receiving their own copy of Luther’s Small Catechism to use for their personal devotions and for Confirmation class. The catechisms will be presented to the students during the 10:30 church service.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH



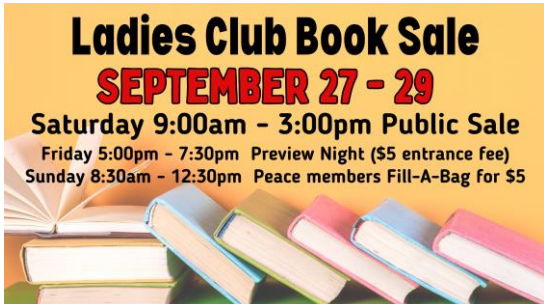
Farewell Summer
ICE CREAM SOCIAL & BAND CONCERT
Sunday, September 1
3:30PM - Ice Cream Social
4:00PM - Concert by the Orchestra of Peace
Join us in the Gym at Peace as we say "farewell" to summer!



**FREE COMMUNITY
CAR WASH**
Saturday, September 14
9:00AM to 3:00PM
West Parking Lot at Peace
This event is to raise funds for the youth
attending the National Youth Gathering in
New Orleans in Summer, 2025



Celebrating
10 YEARS
PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH SANCTUARY
2014 - 2024
Sunday, September 22
Rev. Dr. Lee Hagen preaching
Luncheon and program after the 10:30 service



Ladies Club Book Sale
SEPTEMBER 27 - 29
Saturday 9:00am - 3:00pm Public Sale
Friday 5:00pm - 7:30pm Preview Night (\$5 entrance fee)
Sunday 8:30am - 12:30pm Peace members Fill-A-Bag for \$5

Christian Questions with Their Answers

Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

2. How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

3. Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

4. What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Rom. 6:21, 23.

5. Do you hope to be saved?

Yes, that is my hope.

6. In whom then do you trust?

In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Who is Christ?

The Son of God, true God and man.

8. How many Gods are there?

Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. Did the Father also die for you?

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?

From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. What are the words of institution?

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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

13. Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?

Yes, I believe it.

14. What convinces you to believe this?

The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. Why should we remember and proclaim His death?

First, so that we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?

His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

18. Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?

That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?

First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?

To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in Galatians 5 and Romans 7. Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in John 15–16 and in 1 John 2 and 5. Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in John 8 and 16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2.

Note: These questions and answers are no child's play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St. Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked."