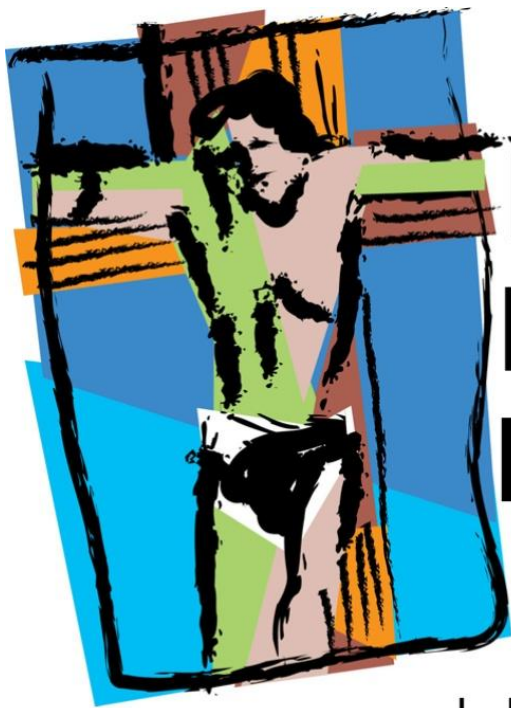




**"FATHER,  
FORGIVE THEM;  
FOR THEY KNOW  
NOT WHAT  
THEY DO."**

L U K E 23 : 34 , K J V

# PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

## NOVEMBER 23, 2025

### THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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!

NEWS AND NOTES for this week can be found on the Commons Counter. Please take one home to stay informed about upcoming events at Peace Lutheran Church.

**P** = Pastor      \* = Stand      △ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza      **C** = Congregation

#### Opening Voluntary

#### \*Opening Hymn

#### LSB 905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal

name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign

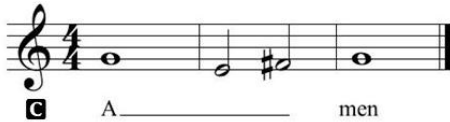
glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,

Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

### \*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.



### \*Opening Sentences

*Psalm 118:24; Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1*

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**P** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

**C** And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.

**P** Now thus says the LORD, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;

**C** I have called you by name, you are Mine."

### \*Confession

*Colossians 1:13–14*

**P** The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

**C** And transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

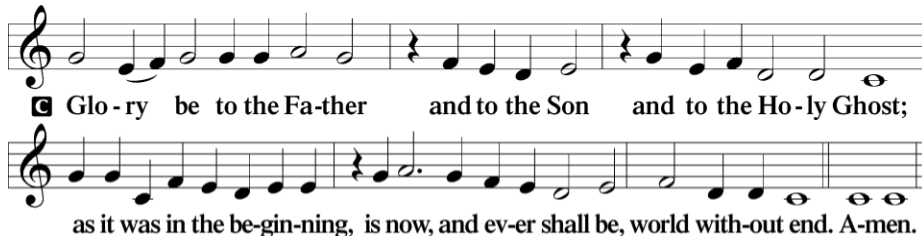
**P** Almighty God and King,

**C** We confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

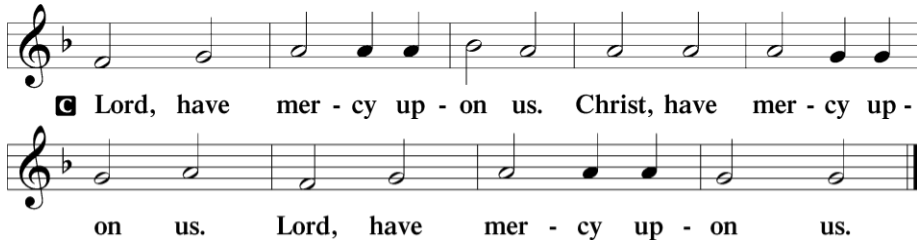
### \*Absolution



### \*Gloria Patri



# \*Kyrle



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

# \*Hymn of Praise

## LSB 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,  
 The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.  
 To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,  
 The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;  
 "O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - priev - e—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



### \*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

*Malachi 3:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ <sup>14</sup>You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? <sup>15</sup>And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

<sup>16</sup>Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. <sup>17</sup>“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup>Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Colossians 1:13–20*

<sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body,

the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### \*Alleluia



### \*Holy Gospel

*Luke 23:27–43*

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



<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### \*Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

### Children's Message

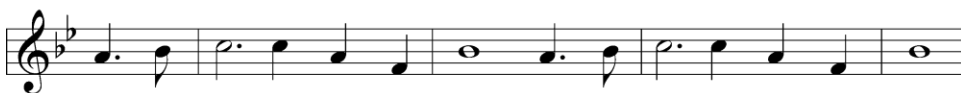
Sara Watson, Early Childhood Director

### Hymn of the Day

LSB 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,  
Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;  
When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.  
Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

**Sermon Notes:**

**Anthem at the Offertory**

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

J.S. Bach

*Wake, awake, for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying:  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”*

*Here ye now, ere comes the morning, The midnight call of solemn warning:  
“He comes, O church, lift up thine eyes!”*

*Behold, the Bridegroom comes. Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia,  
The feast prepare; Your Lord draws near. Go forth with joy to meet Him there.*

*Now let every tongue adore Thee. Let men and angels sing before Thee.  
Let harps and cymbals now unite.*

*All Thy gates with pearl are glorious Where we partake, through faith victorious.  
With angels ‘round Thy Throne of light.*

*No mortal eye hath seen; No mortal ear hath heard such wondrous things;  
therefore, with joy our songs shall soar In Praise to God forevermore!*

**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.

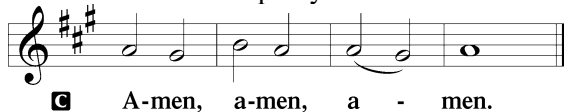
### \*Prayer of the Church

#### \*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.

#### \*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 837 Lift High the Cross

*Refrain*



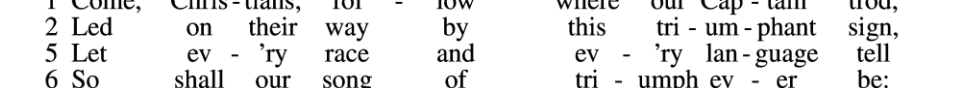
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



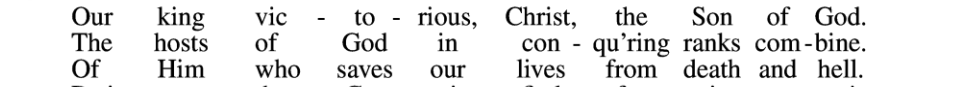
1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,



2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,

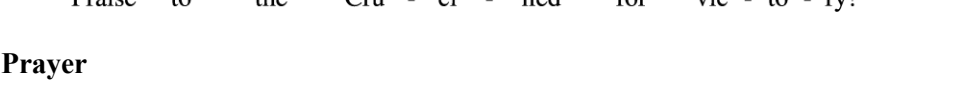


5 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell



6 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

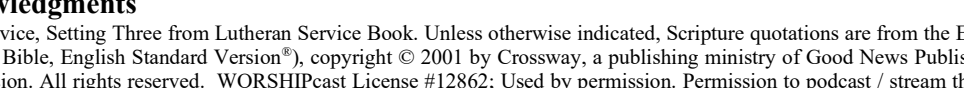
*Refrain*



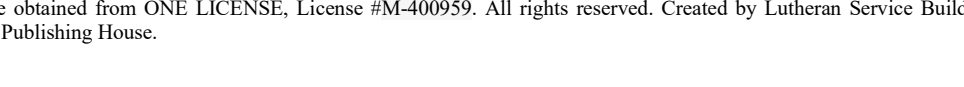
Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.



Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.



Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

## \*Silent Prayer

## Closing Voluntary

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### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Robert Brown

Liturgists: Pastor Jon Furgeson, Sem. Kurtis Hankemeier

Organist: 5:00 & 8:00: Burnell Hackman; 9:20 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

Choir: Chancel Choir

Choir Director: Burnell Hackman, DMM

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: Alan Hopfer/D. Gerfen/Alex Hopfer

Elders: 5:00: Rick Goodman, Greg Wirtel; 8:00: Rich Behnke, Mark Dowell;

9:20: Jerry Grant, Art Hoeferlin; 10:30: John Hooss, Alan Hopfer

Ushers: 5:00: Team #13 – Dean Seyfert, Captain; 8:00: Team #2 – Tom Johnson, Captain;

9:20: Team #12 – Chris Hosty, Captain; 10:30: Team #5 – Kyle Sandersfeld, Captain

Acolytes: 8:00: Nicolette Henson; 10:30: Zachery Winkelmann





**MEN'S CLUB TREE LOT**  
**NOVEMBER 28**  
**TO**  
**DECEMBER 21**  
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**December**  
**4 - 7**

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**Decorating**  
**Monday, December 8**  
**9:00am**  
**All are welcome to help!**