



PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

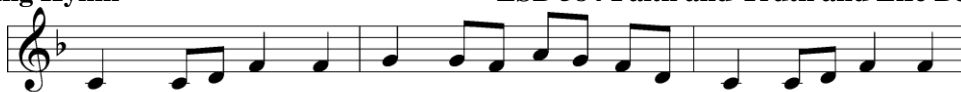
WELCOME TO PEACE! If you are a guest, please fill out the Visitor side of one of the attendance cards found in the pew rack. Let us know if you would like us to contact you. We are happy to have you worshipping with us today!

P = Pastor * = Stand Δ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza **C** = Congregation

Opening Voluntary

*Opening Hymn

LSB 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing



1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the



Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,



Scat - tered on the wind a - broad. Let not hearts, Your
Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main. So in Scrip - ture,



Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard. Till our

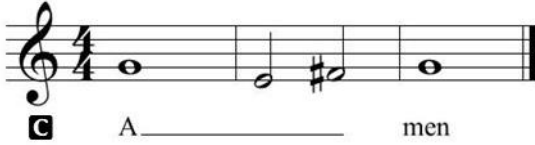


thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground.
eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

***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 146:7b–8; James 2:17–18

P The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

P The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C **The LORD loves the righteous.**

P So also faith by itself,

C **If it does not have works, is dead.**

P But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”

C **Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.**

***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**



*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,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!”
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!”
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

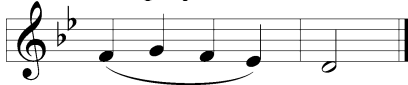
*Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray. . .



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”
⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ²For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

⁸If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them

the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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**

Mark 7:24–37

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

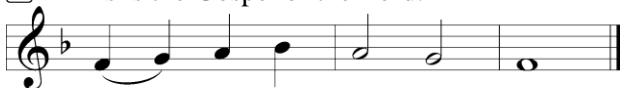


C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

Sue Velten
Director of Early Childhood

Hymn of The Day

LSB 832 Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon

“Convicted”

(Mark 7:24-37)

Sermon Notes:

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.

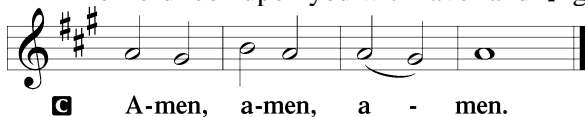
***Prayer of the Church**

***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 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -
7 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love Be

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the
now and ev - er giv'n By saints be - low and

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.
saints a - bove, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Closing Voluntary

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP:

Preacher: Pastor Jon Furgeson

Liturgist: Pastor Robert Brown

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

KFUO AM 850 Announcer/Audio Engineer/Video Engineer: R. Goodman/T. Hutton/W.Schuessler

Elders: 5:00: Jeff Akers, Rich Behnke; 8:00: Kyle Hopfer, Mark Maloy;

9:20: Mark Dowell, John Roesch; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Ken Werkmeister

Ushers: 5:00: Greg Wirtel, Jakob Beutelmann, Greg Hard, Stephen Schultz, Todd Wessling;

8:00: Barry Hammon, Aidan Furgeson, Ian Furgeson, Alex Jeffcott, Jack Jeffcott, Chuck Neff, Mike Suda; 9:20: John Wiesehan, Mark Dowell, Jim Huettenmeyer, Jim Johnson, Jacob Schweiss; 10:30: Darrell Ewald, Jeremiah Andrews, Joseph Kreitler, Mark Maloy, Brett Santiago, Joe Santiago, Mike Yaeger

Acolytes: 8:00: Gabriella DiFulvio, Quinn Hastie; 10:30: Lyla McCarty, Joel Uthoff

Greeters: 8:00: Mary Suda; 9:20 & 10:30: Jerry & Pam Schulze

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY is tomorrow night, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. We will be going over the results of the recent congregational survey. Packets are available this weekend for review prior to the meeting. All communicant members of Peace are eligible to become voting members and are invited to attend.

JOIN US FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR SANCTUARY on the weekend of September 21/22. Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, president of the Missouri District will be preaching as we recognize this anniversary at all services. A free luncheon and short program in the gym will follow the 10:30 a.m. service. RSVP's will be required for the luncheon and can be done on Peace's website or by scanning the QR code on the Commons Counter. **Last week's bulletin had the incorrect RSVP date. Please RSVP by September 15.**

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR THE CONGREGATION: We are pleased to inform you that a recent air quality test was conducted in our Sanctuary. The results indicate that the levels of airborne mold are within the normal range and are considered safe for all occupants. Plans are being prepared to remediate the surface mold on the glulam beams, and we will keep you informed as progress is made. We thank you for your support. – Dan Hummert, President of the Congregation

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY resumes this Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall, continuing the study of Genesis.

THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING Free Community Car Wash is next Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring your cars by and let our youth make them all shiny clean!

FLYERS FOR THE LADIES CLUB BOOK SALE are on the Commons counter. Please take some to share with friends and neighbors! The last day to donate books is Friday, September 20. The book sale is September 27-29. See the poster in the Commons for more information.

ST. TRINITY CEMETERY IS HIRING Openings are available at St. Trinity Cemetery at Lemay Ferry and Reavis Barracks for 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.

COLLEGE STUDENTS – WE NEED YOUR ADDRESS! Please share your address with the church office so we can stay in contact with you throughout the year. Thanks!

STEPPING OUT IN FAITH is an exercise opportunity for Peace members every Monday and Friday morning from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Walk outside if the weather is nice, or in the gym if it is not. For more information, contact Tony Cabanellas.

MARRIED COUPLES CLUB is going to Aloha Mini Golf, Saturday September 14. Meet there at 6:30 p.m. Price: \$8.00 per person, \$5.00 for Seniors. If we have a group of 10 or more, \$6.00 per person. This is a family event, children are welcome! RSVP to Barb Decker.

LADIES CLUB, ever had to escape someone by hiding in a fish barrel? How would you have liked to have been a part of the Protestant Reformation? Could you be married to the man who wrote the 95 Theses? Barbara Kay from Columbia, Illinois will bring Katharina von Bora, a.k.a. Katie Luther to life at Ladies Club, Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary Hall. Come join us for her story and Q&A afterwards!

NEW MEMBER CLASS begins Sunday, September 29, in Sanctuary Hall at noon. Classes continue until November 3. Lunch will be served each week. Sign up on the Peace website.

BABY MANIA SALE will be held at Mehlville High School Saturday, September 14, 8:00 a.m. See the flyer on the Commons bulletin board for more information.

MITE BOX COLLECTION is this weekend. Stop by the Welcome Center to drop off/pick up a mite box for LWML Mission Projects. Thanks for your August donations of \$150.19!

PINOCHLE CLUB Join us tonight, Sunday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the Kitchen Meeting Room for our Pinochle Banquet. We are also looking for new two-person teams interested in joining the Pinochle Club. We play double-deck, on a flexible schedule. If you are interested or need more information, contact club captain, Dick Smith at dick.smith4615@gmail.com.

CALLING ALL FAMILIES WITH 8TH GRADERS We would love to have you visit Lutheran South. Please call to schedule a family meeting and a tour. Your 8th grader can stay for a shadow visit, sit in some classes, and join us for lunch. Applications for the 2025 - 2026 school year are now open! For questions or to schedule your visit, please contact the Admissions office at (314)833-1088. Apply today at www.lslancers.org/admissions/become-a-lancer!

PRE-K DISCOVERY DAY, a Kindergarten recruitment event for Green Park, will be held Friday, September 27, 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. at Green Park Lutheran School, 4248 Green Park Road. All preschoolers up to age 5, with an adult, are invited to come for a FREE morning of fun, featuring a STEM presentation, a children's ventriloquist, a petting zoo, and more! Reserve a spot for your child or preschool by contacting Katie Gaeta at katie.gaeta@greenparklutheranschool.org.

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS in your 20s and 30s, Quarterlife, a group that meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, invites you to join them! Each week, Quarterlife meets to participate in a Bible study, social event, game night, or simply general fellowship with conversation, snacks, and drinks. The group is not exclusive to members of Village, but open to all St. Louis congregations. For more details, see the flyer on the bulletin board in the Commons!

SURVIVING SPOUSES BREAKFAST is this Thursday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. at Denny's on Lindbergh Blvd.

"VOTE NO ON 3" YARD SIGNS are available. If you would like a yard sign voicing your opposition of Amendment 3, the abortion amendment on the November ballot, call Christy Hessel, at chessel52@protonmail.com.

NEW SIGN-UP SYSTEM FOR PEACE We have been working on a new online system for signing up for events, volunteering, and RSVPs. Using Sign Up Genius, we now will have easy access for our members to see the details of upcoming events and have a convenient way to sign up to volunteer! To see the new system, click on the "OPPORTUNITIES" button on the top banner on the Peace website. It will take you to our Portal Page which details the events and sign ups we have available at that time. For example, a sign up that is now available is for the upcoming Sausage Dinner on October 20. If you can help with the dinner, go to our Portal Page and sign up! If you have any questions about our new system, contact the Church Office. Thank you!



CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

- Sunday, September 8:** 9:15am – Baptism Class
6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play
- Monday, September 9:** 6:00pm – Pinochle Club Banquet
8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith
3:45pm – Green Park Volleyball
6:00pm – Council
7:00pm – Boy Scout Troop 584 Meeting
7:00pm – Voters’ Assembly
8:00pm – Bells of Peace Rehearsal
- Tuesday, September 10:** 9:00am – Quilters
9:00am – Refit Exercise Class
3:45pm – Green Park Volleyball
5:30pm – Ladies Club Board Meeting
7:00pm – Eagle Scout Board of Review
- Wednesday, September 11:** 4:00pm – Junior Confirmation
7:00pm – Wednesday Evening Bible Study
- Thursday, September 12:** 9:00am – Surviving Spouses Breakfast
9:00am – Mary Martha Bible Study
3:45pm – Green Park Volleyball
7:00pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Friday, September 13:** 8:00am – Stepping Out in Faith
3:45pm – Green Park Volleyball
- Saturday, September 14:** 9:00am – National Youth Gathering Car Wash
- Sunday, September 15:** 6:00pm – Pickleball Open Play