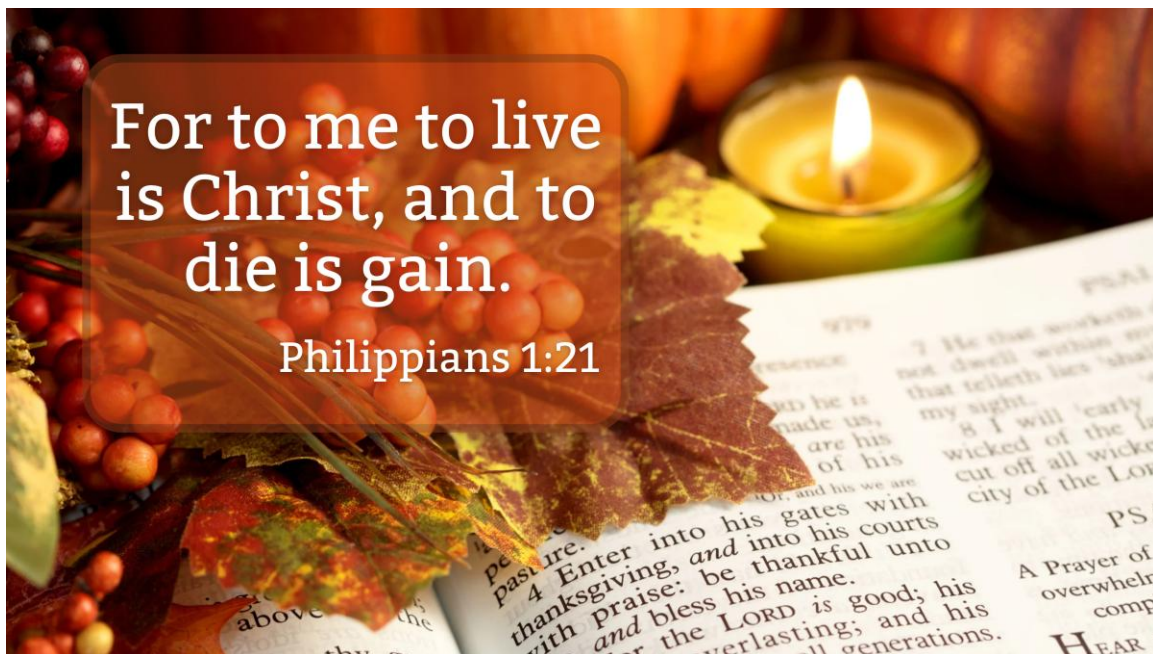




For to me to live
is Christ, and to
die is gain.

Philippians 1:21

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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!

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in Sacramental Union with the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only communicant 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.

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.

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△ = Stand for Trinitarian stanza

C = Congregation

Prelude

“On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss” *by David Holsinger*

*Opening Hymn

LSB 782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion
3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing



New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that
Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and



nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.
ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,

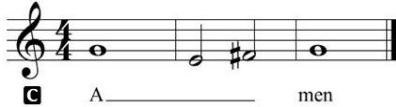


Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

*Invocation

Matthew 28:19

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



*Exhortation

Hebrews 10:22

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

*Confession of Sins

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Absolution



*Gloria Patri



*Kyrie

Mark 10:47

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

*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 55:6–9

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for
he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your
ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are
my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to
advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial
guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers,
having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to
speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this
will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not
be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in

my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Alleluia

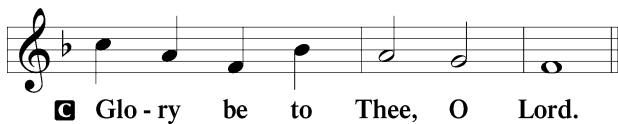
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*Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1–16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.



¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more,

but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?’ ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



***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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 827 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus call-ing, "Who will go and work to - day?
2 Some take up His task in morn-ing, To their Lord re - spond-ing soon;
3 For as rain and snow from heav - en Wa - ter seeds in dust - y soil,
4 Hear - ken to the Lord whose com - ing Marks the time when grace shall end,



Fields are white and har-vests wait-ing—Who will bear the sheaves a - way?"
Some are called in heat of mid - day, Oth - ers late in af - ter-noon;
Caus - ing them to bud and flow - er, Giv - ing bread to those who toil;
When with His an - gel - ic reap - ers He in glo - ry shall de-scend.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; Rich re - ward He of - fers thee.
E - ven as the sun is set - ting, Some are sent in - to the fields,
So the Lord sends forth His prom - ise, Words of life and joy and peace—
Soon the night, the fi - nal har - vest; Soon the time for work shall cease.



Who will an-swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me"?
There to gath - er in the boun - ty That God's Word so rich - ly yields.
Nev - er void to Him re - turn - ing, Bear - ing fruit with great in - crease.
Then the souls His grace has gar - nered Shall en - joy His Sab - bath peace.

Sermon

Seminarian Ryan Milbrath

Sermon Notes:

Gathering of the Offering

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

*Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12



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

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

Psalm 136



C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

*Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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

Matthew 26:26-28

*Pax Domini

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

*Agnus Dei

John 1:29



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.

(8:00/10:30) Music during Distribution

“Salvation is Created”

Pavel Tschesnokoff, arr. Michael Brown

Distribution Hymns

LSB 738 Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 629 What Is This Bread

LSB 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

***Nunc Dimittis**

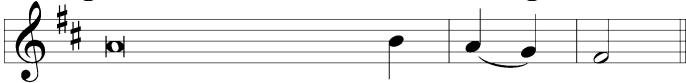
Luke 2:29-32

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.

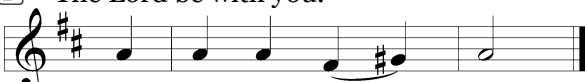
*Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

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

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray...

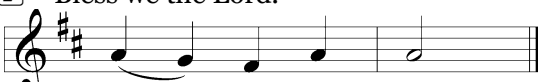
C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22

*Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26


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

*Closing Hymn

LSB 816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



1 From all that dwell be-low the skies Let the Cre-a-tor's
2 E-ter-nal are Thy mer-cies, Lord; E-ter-nal truth at-
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa-ther be, All praise, e-ter-nal
praise a-rise; Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
tends Thy Word. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Son, to Thee. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Let the Re-deem-er's name be sung Through ev-'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir-it we a-dore For-ev-er and for-
ev-'ry tongue. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
set no more. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Postlude

“Praise to the Lord” by James Ployhar

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Elders: 5:00: Rick Goodman, John Hooss; 8:00: Rick Goodman, Art Hoeflerlin;

9:20: Mark Dowell, Kyle Hopfer; 10:30: Jonathan Gathman, Jerry Grant

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9:20: Team #11 – John Roesch, Captain; 10:30: Team #8 – Mike Murphy, Captain

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