

# *Peace Lutheran Church*

**“Peace Through Christ”**

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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
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**As We Gather** We cannot enter the eternal marriage feast on our own, for we are all unprepared. But Christ has prepared us, filling us with His Word and Sacraments; our lamps of faith are full, with wicks trimmed. Jesus is with us now, even as we shall see Him at His physical return. We shall enter with Him and all those who have preceded us in faith. The sacrifices the Lord was refusing to receive from Israel in Amos’s day have all been superseded by the all-atoning sacrifice of our Savior. We already have a foretaste of the feast to come; the door is open, and Christ has made us ready.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**+PREPARATION +**

**OPENING**

**“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”**



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ring bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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**INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Revelation 15:3–4*

Pastor: Great and amazing are Your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

**People: Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations!**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

**People: For You alone are holy.**

Pastor: All nations will come and worship You,

**People: for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People: Merciful Father, we bring before You our confession, imploring Your mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We are sinful from birth and daily add to that burden. Our actions have been thoughtless and have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we may grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.**

Pastor: The faith we have within us is a gift of God. With it comes the conviction that while we are waiting for our Lord's return, He is truly present with us in His holy Word and the blessed Sacraments. Where the King is, there is the kingdom. And by your faith in Him, all your sins have been forgiven. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

## THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the blood of peace. (*Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3*)

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### "When Peace, like a River"



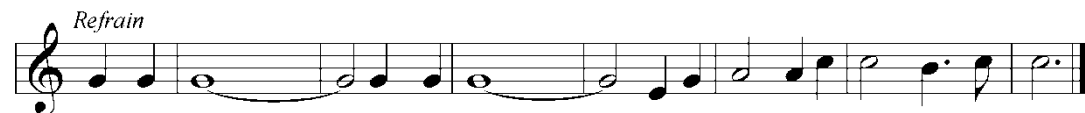
1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## PSALMODY *Psalm 84:1, 9-12*

Pastor: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

**People: Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed!**

Pastor: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**People: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

Pastor: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.

**People: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**All: O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed, we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**+THE WORD OF GOD+**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** ..... *Amos 5:18-24*

(The prophet warns that God will not accept empty worship while the people engage in injustice)

*(After the reading is read.)*

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** ..... *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

(Paul comforts those who thought Christians who had died might miss Christ's return.)

*(After the reading is read.)*

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR**

**"Ten Thousand Reasons"**



**HOLY GOSPEL** ..... *Matthew 25:1-13*

(Jesus teaches preparedness for His return.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

*(After the Gospel is read.)*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"**



1 The Bride-groom soon will call us, "Come to the wed-ding feast."  
2 There shall we see in glo - ry Our dear Re-deem-er's face;  
3 There God shall from all e - vil For - ev - er make us free,  
4 In that fair home shall nev - er Be si - lent mu - sic's voice;



May slum-ber not be - fall us Nor watch - ful - ness de - crease.  
The long - a - wait - ed sto - ry Of heav'n - ly joy takes place:  
From sin and from the dev - il, From all ad - ver - si - ty,  
With hearts and lips for - ev - er We shall in God re - joice,



May all our lamps be burn - ing With oil e - nough and more  
The pa - tri - archs shall meet us, The proph - ets' ho - ly band;  
From sick - ness, pain, and sad - ness, From trou - bles, cares, and fears,  
While an - gel hosts are rais - ing With saints from great to least



That we, with Him re - turn - ing, May find an o - pen door!  
A - pos - tles, mar - tyrs greet us In that ce - les - tial land.  
And grant us heav'n - ly glad - ness And wipe a - way our tears.  
A might - y hymn for prais - ing The Giv - er of the feast.

## MESSAGE

**“Come Midnight Your Oil (and Everything Else)  
Is Going To Burn. Only One Thing Counts  
In The Final Hour: \_ a i \_ \_ .”**

*Matthew 25:1-13*  
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## CONFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

**All: 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.**

## OFFERING

*(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book and pass it down your row.  
The ushers will pick it up after the service.)*

## VOLUNTARY

## OFFERTORY

### “We Give Thee But Thine Own”



Text: William W. How, 1823-97  
Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-89  
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RAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**All: 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

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious  
to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and + give you  
peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”**



1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near.”  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**Attendance 11/5/23: 10:00 AM - 86**

Saturday 11/4/23: 5:00PM - 24

**Altar Flowers:** Given to the glory of God and all His blessings by Elisabeth Pohl.

**THIS WEEK AT PEACE November 12, 2023**

Sunday: 10:00 am Traditional Service

10:20 am Sunday School

1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study (PH)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

6:00 pm Confirmation Class

6:30 pm A.C.A. Women's Support Group (PH)

Thursday: 9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study

10:00 am Life Light Bible Study via Zoom

5:45 pm Handbell rehearsal

7:00 pm Choir rehearsal

Friday: ++++++

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunset Praise Service

**THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Elder:** Dave Schmidt  
**Greeter:** Carol Yung  
**Reader:** David Hudnell  
**Acolyte:** Lucas Williamson  
**Ushers:** Gary Taylor  
Karen Taylor  
**Altar Care:** Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich  
**Cookie & Coffee Service:** P. Frye, A. Dumond, S. Hudnell  
**Pianist:** Karen Foote  
**Choir Accompanist:** Sandy Haven  
**Choir Director:** Linda La Jeunesse

**THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**10:00 am ONE SERVICE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Elder:** Dave Schmidt  
**Greeter:** Charlo Stuart  
**Reader:** Toni Radle  
**Acolyte:** Marshall Denninger  
**Ushers:** Scott Klittich  
Steve Rusch  
**Altar Care:** Irene Hutchison & Tina Gingerich  
**Cookie & Coffee Service:** P. Frye, A. Dumond, S. Hudnell  
**Pianist:** Karen Foote

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF November 12, 2023**

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS**—is held in the Proverbs House, our class will meet 15 minutes after service. We will begin our study of “Recovering the Joy of Theology” watching Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller present theological content in an interesting way. More info, call Kevin Krumdieck at: 805-551-8507.  
**TUESDAY WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY** meets @ 10am in the Coffee House. Our study is on the book of John. Come join us! For more info, contact Connie at 805-987-5116.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**— will resume in January.

**LIFE LIGHT BIBLE STUDY** A 9 week study on 1st and 2nd Chronicles held on Thursdays, via Zoom at 10 AM. This study is part of the Life Light Bible study series, with sections on 1 and 2 Chronicles such as "I Will Build the House" and "Rebellion in the House." If you would like to join this study, please contact Blaine or Diana Wanke @ 805-490-8212.

**PRAYER CHAIN-** If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: [footstepps@verizon.net](mailto:footstepps@verizon.net).

**THE 2023 FLOWER CHART SIGN-UP** is posted in the back of the Fellowship Hall on the white clothed table. Sign up for the Sunday (s) of your choice. 2 signups are available for each Sunday. They are \$40.00 each. You may take them home after service.

**THE FOOD BANK-** Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba’s Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the Fellowship Hall.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Whatever your passion, whatever your talents, you can be an active part of the team at Peace Lutheran. All the Boards, Evangelism, Fellowship, Social Ministry, Trustees, and Youth Ministry can use new members, new thoughts, and new ideas. Contact Irene Hutchison any Sunday morning or by email at [irenehutchison@verizon.net](mailto:irenehutchison@verizon.net) to get more information. We need and want your help!

**GET YOUR CRAFT ON!!!** The ***Advent Faire*** will be Sunday December 3rd 3-5pm. We will supply the crafts for the kids. You are welcome to share any crafts, family traditions or recipes with us!! We could use help with setup, hosting a table (crafts provided), cookies to share, beverage to share and help cleaning up. A fun afternoon for the entire family! \*Sign-up sheet on the white bulletin board\*\* Contact Rachael Ylizaliturri or Marsha Larson with any questions.

**EMPTY INK and TONER CARTRIDGES:** Please don’t throw away your empties, drop them off at the church office for recycling. We are able to turn in 20 empty cartridges per month to Staples and receive \$2.00 each in store credit.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 7PM



**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:** Edith Anderson, Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Brian Derozer, Michael Draper, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), Vicki Hutter, Karen Johnson, Susan Klein, Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Norma Regalia, Sarah Stepp (granddaughter of Al & Cindy Fox), Tim Schmidt, Don Schultz, David Stafford, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung, Sue Zinger and Ele Zorkocy.

**Pray for all military men, women and their families:** Jared Bautista, Jacob Chiles, Andrew Geib, Daniel Gross, Michael Hanson, Brian Miller, Kevin Schleicher, Stephen Volpei, Lucas Wentland, Henry Andermann, Avery Chapman and Adam Volpei.