Peace Lutheran Church "Peace Through Christ"

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 18, 2022

As we gather. The parable in today's Gospel has one main point: how generous the master is to his very core. He has a reputation for generosity. When his unjust steward discounts everyone's bills, he doesn't assert his legal right to reverse the steward's actions; instead, he stays consistent with his reputation and generously forgives the debts. So it is with our Master, the Lord God. He is generous, providing each of us with "body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses . . . clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have." We rejoice in the generosity of God. In our joy, we hear God's call to use whatever wealth He entrusts to us for extending His reign—providing for the poor and supporting Gospel mission and ministry.

Attention Visitors We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion this morning. This holy meal is intended for Christians who acknowledge their need of God's forgiveness in their lives. The Bible teaches that Christ's body and blood are received with the elements of bread and wine and that Christians need to examine themselves before receiving this holy meal. (1Cor. 10 & 11). This meal further expresses a unity of faith as we gather at one table to receive the assurance of God's forgiveness through the body and blood of our Lord in the sacrament. We welcome baptized Christians to commune with us, those who believe and confess this same faith and understanding of the sacrament and of the Christian life. Persons who desire to receive grape juice select from the darker glasses. If you have any further questions concerning the sacrament, please ask to speak to a Pastor.

<u>Hearing aids and large print bulletins are available.</u> If you would like a hearing aid or large print bulletin please see an usher.

<u>A special welcome to those with young children</u> If needed, a cry room is located near the church entryway complete with a window and sound so you may fully participate in worship. If you need guidance please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL PRELUDE WELCOME

+PREPARATION+

OPENING HYMN





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INVOCATION

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

People: Amen

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 113:1–3, 7–8

Pastor: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

praise the name of the LORD!

People: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth

and forevermore!

Pastor: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the

LORD is to be praised!

People: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy

from the ash heap,

Pastor: to make them sit with princes, with the princes of His

people.

People: Praise the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 Timothy 2:5

Pastor: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess

our sin to You.

People: Captive to sin, we have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought,

word, and deed.

Pastor: When we have ignored the plight of the poor,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and

deed.

Pastor: When our happiness is dependent upon our possessions

and our wealth,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and

deed.

Pastor: When we have failed to be generous to others as You

have been generous to us,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and

deed.

Pastor: When we have been foolish with the resources You entrust to us, instead of

using them to further Your Kingdom,

People: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins, those of which we are

aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us.

Pastor: There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the

man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"You Are the Way; through You Alone"



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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord God, Your generosity exceeds our understanding. Guide Your people to practice generosity wisely and abundantly, so that the world may catch a glimpse of Your unfathomable generosity through us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+THE WORD OF GOD+

(A word to those who trample on the needy.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Pray for all people, for God desires all to be saved.)

(After the Reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE





HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 16:1-15

(God is generous and desires us to use the wealth He entrusts to us for the Work of His kingdom.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

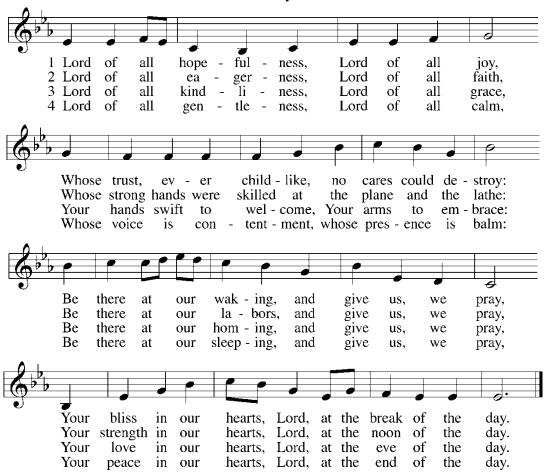
(After the Gospel is read)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord of All Hopefulness"



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MESSAGE

Gaining God's Confidence By The Right Use Of The Wrong Thing:

A Lesson From The Dark Side

Luke 16:1-15

Pastor Rob Rebensal

CONFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

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 worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

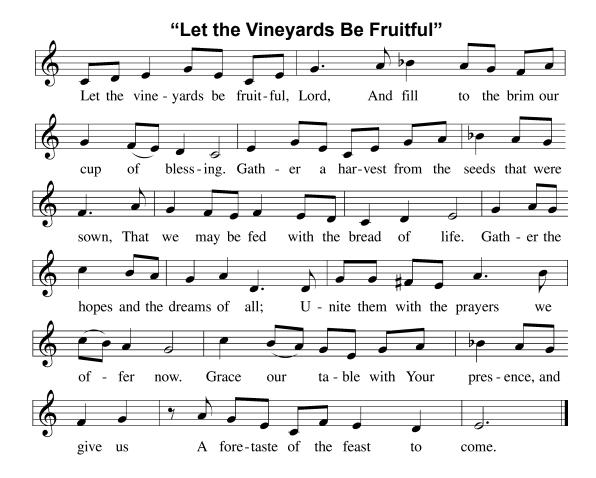
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of
the world to come. Amen

OFFERING

(Please sign the red fellowship book located at the aisle seat in each row and pass it down your pew. When finished, pass it back down your pew to the center aisle seat and the ushers will pick it up after the service.)

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

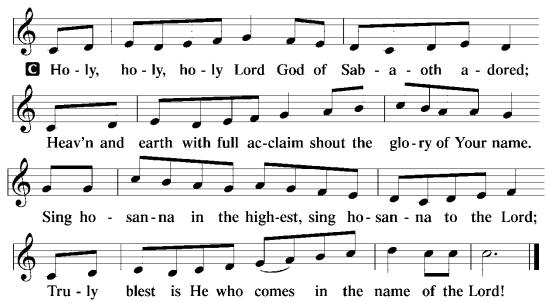
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor:

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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



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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor:

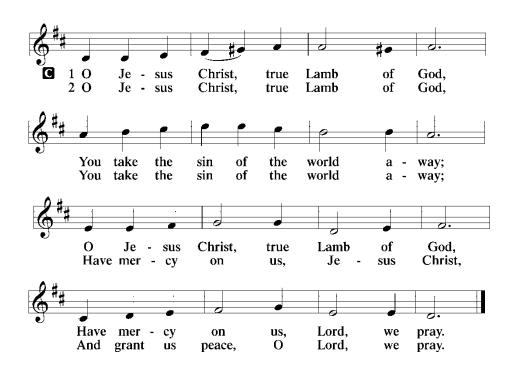
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is My + blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI



(Please be seated)

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION

"Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"



5 Creator, humbly I implore You
To listen to my earthly song
Until that day when I adore You,
Together with the angel throng
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
Eternal anthems to my King.

"By Grace I'm Saved"

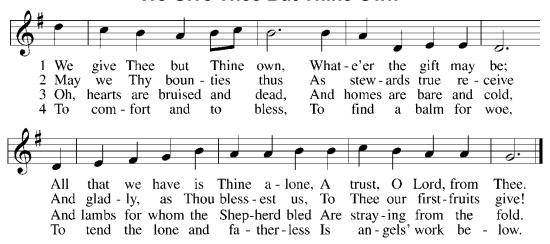


By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?



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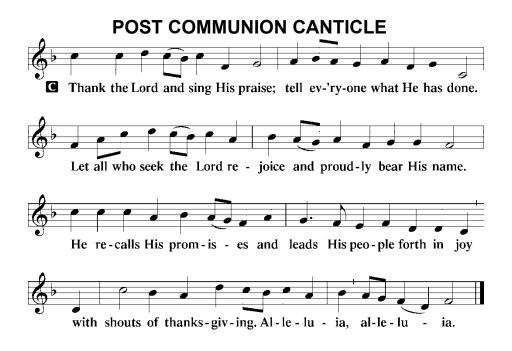
"We Give Thee But Thine Own"



5 The captive to release,To God the lost to bring,To teach the way of life and peace,It is a Christ-like thing.

6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be: Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

His face shine upon you and be gracious onto You. The Lord look upon You with favor and + give you

His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN





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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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<u>Altar Flowers:</u> Given to the glory of God by Ken Anderson in memory of Jan Anderson. Also given by Dave Schmidt in celebration of his granddaughter Isabel's birthday.

<u>Attendance on 9/11/22</u>: 9:00- **84** 11:00- **34** Total: 118 Sunday School- **10**

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY September 18, 2022

9:00 am <u>11:00 am</u>

Elder: Al Bosman Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton

Greeters: Luci Pommers

Readers: Steve Herman Jeff Magill

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Mike McCracken
Tom La Jeunesse

Rick Poore

Altar Care: Nancy Fitch/Sonja Manzer Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Organist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US NEXT SUNDAY September 25, 2022

9:00 am <u>11:00 am</u>

Elder: Al Bosman Dave Hutter/Phil Hamilton

Greeters: Charlo Stuart

Readers: Bob Hutchison Craig Frye

Acolyte: Michelle Ullerick
Ushers: Scott Klittich
Steve Rusch

Mike Elbert

Altar Care: Linda Young/Iren Hutchison Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Organist: Karen Foote

THIS WEEK AT PEACE September 18, 2022

Today: 9:00 am Traditional Communion Service

11:00 am Praise Service (FH) 9:20 am Sunday School

10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse)1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship2:00 PM Voters Meeting (Zoom)

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study(Coffeehouse)

Wednesday: 10:00 am Luther's Attic Volunteers

6:00 pm High School Bible Study

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

Thursday: 6:45 am Men's Bible Study

9:30 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 10:00 am LifeLight Bible Study via Zoom

5:45 pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday: +++++++++++
Saturday: +++++++++++

9/25 Sunday: 9:00 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Praise Communion Service (FH)

9:20 am Sunday School

10:00 am Adult Bible Study (Coffeehouse) 1:30 pm New Life Christian Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 18, 2022

<u>TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> will resume Tuesday, 9/6 with our study of Daniel. For more info, contact Connie @ 805-987-5116.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- This study is on "Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi Return to the Lord" on Thursdays, 6:45am with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Join us. For more info, call Dave Hutter @ (805)386-7007.

<u>THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY</u> we are doing a 9 week Zoom series which is held 8/11 - 9/16, a Video Walking with God in the Desert by Ray Vander Laan. If you would like to join this study, please contact Diana Wanke at: (805)490-8212.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets @ 9:30AM in rotating homes, with a study of the Gospel of John. If you have any questions please call Dave *Schmidt at:* 805-482-3867.

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

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is in the Narthex. Sign up for the Sunday(s) of your choice. Arrangements are \$40.00 each. A check or money can be placed in the offering plate. Please note on the check or on the envelope that it is designated for "Flowers". Following the 9:00 service, you may take your arrangement home.

<u>THE FOOD BANK-</u> Donations for the food pantry at St. Columba's Episcopal Church can be put in the donation box in the narthex. Donations are taken to the pantry weekly. Shelf stable milk, cereal, canned vegetables, tuna, and peanut butter are always needed, but all non-perishable, unexpired donations are appreciated. The pantry serves our Camarillo seniors and families that need a helping hand. We thank you for your continued support.

DOOR OFFERING TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL GOSPEL MINISTRY - In April 2021, Rev. Paul was our guest Pastor. Paul and Gena Nelson are serving in Indonesia, based in Medan. In this role, Paul works closely with the Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church and helps train and mentor local pastors and lay leaders. Please pray for Paul and Gena as they serve in Indonesia. We will be collecting a door offering **September 18th** to help support their work. The latest copy of his newsletter is posted on the Peace Happenings Board. Thank you for your generosity.

MAKE MUSIC A PART OF YOUR LIFE... JOIN A CHOIR OR 2! The choirs will begin September 22nd rehearsing on Thursday nights. The Handbell choir will meet at 5:45pm each week and the Adult Choir will follow at 7pm. For more info contact Linda La Jeunesse at 805-443-3527 or Lindalaj@aol.com.

<u>FALL BLOOD DRIVE</u> - The Fall Blood Drive is here...... next Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not signed up to donate, do it now. See Linda Young after each service to add your name to the list. If you miss the opportunity to sign up at church, you can contact her during the week by phone at 805 236-4820 or by email next Saturday,

Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Carolyn Cooper, Brian Derozer, Melissa Dupuis, Bob Foote, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Sean Jakubowski, Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, Anna Peloso, Ann Marie Ramirez (friend of Carol Yung), Mike Reuter, Toni Rizer, Lil Rodriguez (Luther's Attic worker), Tim Schmidt, Shane Sheldon (relative of Melissa Hamilton), Don Schultz, Dale Sieber, David Stafford, Gertrude Stenke, Leslie Stenke, Ashley Stephen, Lara Tate, Bev Toro, Dusty Urban, Sandy Williamson, Lisa (Cassidy) Wright, Carol Yung and Ele Zorkocy.

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

VOTERS MEETING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022, 2:00 PM

You are invited to attend the Zoom Voters Meeting at 2:00 PM . The purpose of the meeting is to review the previous year financial information for both the Congregation and the Preschool, to review and to approve the 2022 – 2023 Spending Plans for both the Congregation and the Preschool, to approve officers and committee members for the year, and to review changes in the church's Policy Manual. You will also hear an update from your Elders and your Pastors.

You may join the meeting on your computer or by conference call. The access information is noted below.

If you submitted the "blue card" requesting to join the Voters Assembly, your request will be reviewed at the end of the meeting. You must be in attendance to be approved. If you requested to change your status from "Inactive" to "Active" this will be reviewed at the beginning of the meeting.

Craig Frye is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://rsjcpa.zoom.us/j/91623674329?pwd=VVV4bVJrdVg0NEJwVWF6ZzlCN0VPdz09

Meeting ID: 916 2367 4329

Passcode: 191065

For Telephone Conference Call:

669 900 6833

877 853 5247 US Toll-free

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The site will be open at 1:45 PM. Please log in or call in prior to 2:00 PM so the meeting can begin at 2:00. If you have difficulty getting into the meeting, contact Craig Frye at 818 461-0600 or Dave Hutter at 805 660-9340 for assistance.