Peace Lutheran Church

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022



As We Gather There are many things that seek our attention in this life: family, friends, favorite hobbies, jobs, and the obsessions that all too often accompany life on this side of heaven. As with all blessings from God, Satan often twists their purpose and uses them to distract us from our relationship with the Giver of all good gifts. Instead of trusting in the promises that God gives us in His Word, we often put our trust in our own abilities and possessions. We risk hardening our hearts and being led away from God instead of being strengthened and steadfast in the one true faith. As God's people, we receive many and varied material things in this life, but the greater blessing is what awaits us in the life of faith, eternal life. The apostle Paul reminds us, "There is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out" (1 Timothy 6:6-7).

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

<u>Welcome Children-</u> A room for parents with small children is located near the church entryway if needed. If you need guidance please see an usher.

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

"Across the Lands"



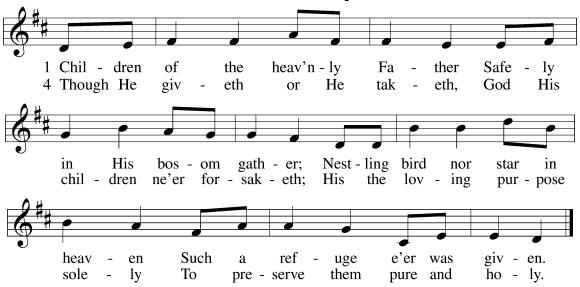


SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

James Walker Loft and Scarlett Grace Loft

BAPTISMAL HYMN

"Children of the Heavenly Father"



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OPENING VERSICLES

Pastor: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no

salvation.

People: When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Pastor: Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

People: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, asking for forgiveness in

Jesus' name.

(Silence for personal confession)

Pastor: Almighty God and Father,

All: we confess to You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You and one another. We cling to the things of this world for meaning. We search for security in things that are here today and gone tomorrow. We crave things that are physical and ignore the eternal, as well as the needs of those around us. O God, for Jesus' sake, forgive us for our failures and faithlessness. Renew and restore us by the power of Your Spirit, leading us to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, and gentleness.

Pastor: People of God, we come into this world with nothing, and we leave it in the same way. Everything we have in this life is a gift from God, especially God's forgiveness and acceptance which brings us here today. Let the Good News ring out across the lands. God has redeemed us through Jesus Christ His son. All your sins have been forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. Thanks be to the author of our salvation.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; 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+

(Warning of God's Judgment)

(After the reading)

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. 8But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, 14to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. 17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

* "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



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HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 16:19-31 (*The Gospel records Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus*.)

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

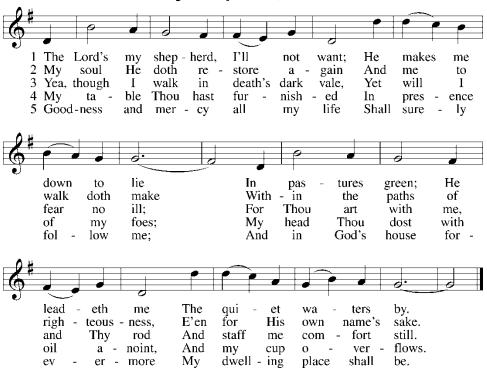
(After the reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day





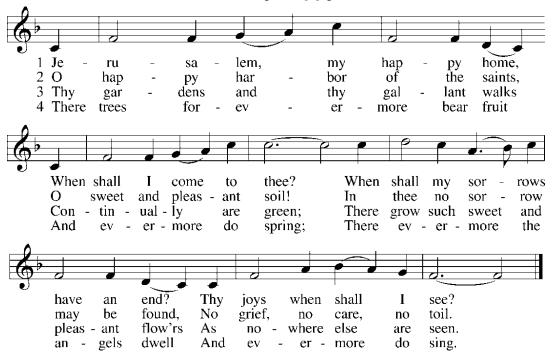
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MESSAGE

If I Could Wake Before I Die: Getting Ready For The Big Sleep By Waking Up And Seeing
The World With Eyes Of Love
Luke 16:19-31
Pastor Rob Rebensal

HYMN

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"



6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

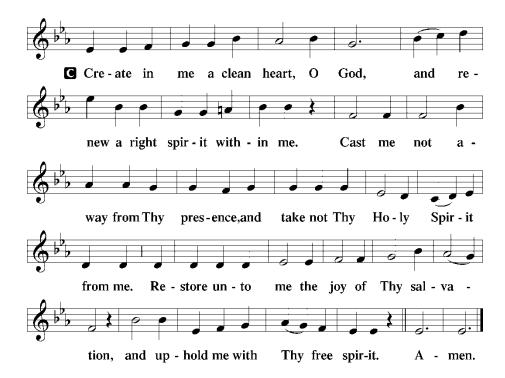
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OFFERING

(Please sign and fill out the fellowship book 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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine

on you and be gracious unto You. The Lord look upon You with

favor and + give you His peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN





5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall never, Like earth's proud empires, pass away; Thy kingdom stands and grows forever, Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

<u>Altar Flowers:</u> Given to the glory of God by Elisabeth Pohl in loving memory of her father.

Attendance on 9/18/22: 9:00-79 11:00-27 Total:106 Sunday School- 10

THOSE WHO SERVE US TODAY 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

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

Organist: Karen Foote

THOSE WHO SERVE US **NEXT** SUNDAY **October 2**, 2022

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

Elder: Bob Hutchison Tom Waddell/Bob Weaver

Greeters: Connie Morris

Readers: Dave Schmidt Tom Waddell

Acolyte: Lucas Williamson
Ushers: Blaine Wanke
Henry Andermann

Todd Harter

Altar Care: Bill & Linda Young Rachael Ylizaliturri & Jane Morici

Organist: Karen Foote

THIS WEEK AT PEACE September 25, 2022

Today: 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)

Monday: Office Closed

Tuesday: 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm Council Meeting

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: +++ ++++++++

10/2 Sunday: 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 Fellowship

4:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF September 25, 2022

<u>TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY</u> will meet at 10am. Our study has resumed and will be on 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.

THE LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY If you would like to join this study, please contact Diana Wanke at: (805)490-8212.

<u>THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY</u> 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. <u>PRAYER CHAIN-</u> If you have a prayer request please call *Sandi Stepp* at: 805-625-0479 or e-mail: <u>footstepps@verizon.net</u>.

<u>THE 2022 FLOWER CHART</u> 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.

THE FOOD BANK- 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.

MAKE MUSIC A PART OF YOUR LIFE... JOIN A CHOIR OR 2!

The choirs began September 22nd rehearsing on Thursday nights. The Handbell choir meets 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 <u>Lindalaj@aol.com</u>.

Remember in your Prayers:

HEALTH AND HEALING: Ashley (Sandi Stepp's niece), Brandee Brand, Terry Breckinridge, Carolyn Cooper, Brian Derozer, Mike Elbert, Bruce Fraser, Beverly Gandy, Helen (friend of Carol Yung), Damon Hermann (friend of Greg Olewiler), John Hollenbeck (friend of Eunice Harter), Karen Johnson, Judy (friend of Schultze family), Mrs. Mai, (friend of Greg Olewiler), Carol Marker, Ryan Scott Morrison, Gene O'Neal, Jim Pedersen, 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, David Stafford, 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.

Also pray for comfort and peace for Dick Mahlke in the loss of his son, Rick and for the Stenke family in the loss of Gertrud Stenke.