

# Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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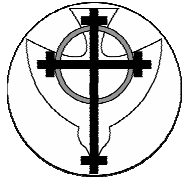
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# Thanksgiving Eve

21 November Anno ✝ Domini 2007

## Welcome

Welcome to the Lord's House this evening for Divine Service. Rejoice, for the Lord comes to you here in this place to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through His precious means of grace – His Holy Word and Sacraments. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive these Divine gifts. Please take the time to fill out the **Record of Fellowship form** that is in the pew. If you are visiting with us this evening, we want you to know that we are overjoyed that you are here. Please make your visit known to us by introducing yourself to us after the Service and by signing the guest book that is in the hallway on the left as you leave the sanctuary. The Lord be with us in Divine Service this evening!

## Holy Communion Practice

- The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. In preparation for receiving this blessed Sacrament, you may refer to Martin Luther's "Christian Questions with Their Answers" found on pages 329-330 in *LSB*.
- Communicants at this altar are to be in full confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the LCMS are asked, out of love and Christian responsibility, to refrain from partaking with us this morning. If you have any questions regarding Holy Communion, you are invited and encouraged to speak with the pastor before or after the Service.
- See Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

## Our Mission Statement

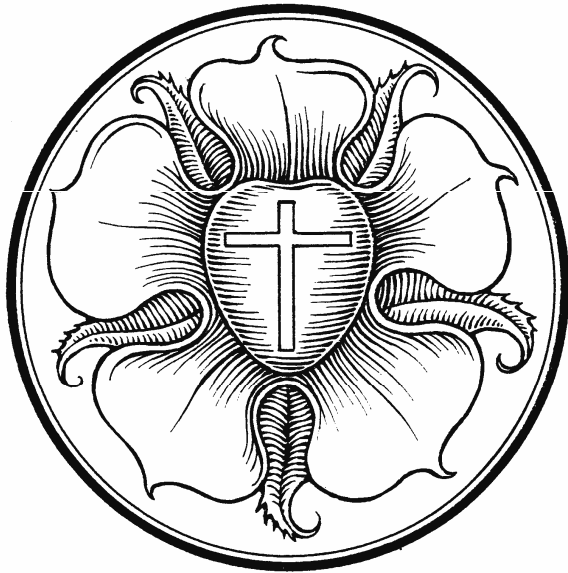
The mission of Peace Lutheran Church is to welcome all people into the fellowship of God's love by proclaiming the forgiveness of sins through Jesus Christ and to nurture our members with God's Holy Word and Sacraments.



*"Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." (Ps. 107:1)*

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### The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

#### **Preparatory Prayers**

*Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

#### **The Prelude and Ringing of the Bells**

**The Opening Hymn:** 892 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**The Confession and Absolution** (p. 151)

#### **Distribution Hymns**

617 “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

785 “We Praise You, O God”

894 “For the Fruits of His Creation”

806 “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

**The Post-Communion Cantic:** Thank the Lord (p. 164)

**The Post-Communion Collect** (p. 166)

**The Benediction** (p. 166)

**The Closing Hymn:** 813 “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”

**The Postlude**

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

### ***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (LSB 892)***

*Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First, the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home,  
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away,  
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide;  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.*

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

**The Hymn of the Day:** 895 “Now Thank We All Our God”

**The Sermon:** “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (Psalm 103)

**The Nicene Creed** (p. 158)

**The Prayer of the Church** (p. 159)

**The Offering** is gathered for the Lord’s work (p. 159)

**The Offertory** (pp. 159-160)

## The Service of the Sacrament

*(Please read the statement regarding Holy Communion on the back of the bulletin)*

**The Preface and Proper Preface** (pp. 160-161)

**The Sanctus** (p. 161)

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** (p. 161)

**The Lord’s Prayer** (p. 162)

**The Words of Our Lord** (p. 162)

**The Pax Domini** (p. 163)

**The Agnus Dei** (p. 163)

**Communicants are invited to pray the following:**

**Before receiving the Sacrament:**

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:**

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

## The Service of the Word

*Psalm 103*

### The Psalm



Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***  
**and forget not all his | benefits,**  
who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,  
**who redeems your life | from the pit,\***  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**  
who satisfies | you with good\*  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle’s.

**The LORD works | righteousness\***  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
his acts to the people of | Israel.  
**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\***  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**  
He will not | always chide,\*  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.  
**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\***  
**nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.**  
For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;  
**as far as the east is | from the west,\***  
**so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.**  
As a father shows compassion to his | children,\*  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.

**For he | knows our frame;\***  
**he remembers that | we are dust.**  
As for man, his days | are like grass;\*  
he flourishes like a flower | of the field;  
**for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,\***  
**and its place knows | it no more.**

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on  
those who | fear him,\*  
and his righteousness to children’s | children,  
**to those who keep his | covenant\***  
**and remember to do his com- | mandments.**

The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,\*  
and his kingdom rules | over all.

**Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\*  
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!**

Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*  
his ministers, who | do his will!

**Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\***

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

**Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\***

**and forget not all his | benefits.**

**The Kyrie** (pp. 152-153)

**The Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast** (p. 155)

**The Salutation and Collect of the Day** (p. 156)

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**The Old Testament Reading**

*Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. <sup>2</sup>And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. <sup>3</sup>And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. <sup>4</sup>Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. <sup>5</sup>Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. <sup>6</sup>So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. <sup>7</sup>For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will

lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. <sup>10</sup>And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land he has given you.

**The Gradual**

*Ps. 145:15-16; 118:1*

The eyes of all look to | you, [O Lord,]\*

and you give them their food in due | season.

**You o- | pen Your hand\***

**and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.**

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for | he is good,\*

his steadfast love endures for- | ever.

**The Epistle**

*Philippians 4:6-20*

<sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

<sup>14</sup>Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. <sup>15</sup>And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. <sup>16</sup>Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. <sup>17</sup>Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. <sup>18</sup>I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**The Alleluia and Verse** (Common - p. 156)

**The Holy Gospel**

*Luke 17:11-19*

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”